

**SHURDINGTON
Saturday 20th March 2010**

- It's here at last - Ted's Coffee Break is on today. Very popular and worth supporting, this is being held in the Century Hall. Please do support this very important fund-raising for the Meningitis Trust.
- It will be followed by the Multiple sclerosis jumble Sale in the Social Centre on Saturday 27th March. Usual items for sale, refreshments and raffle. Your attendance and help as usual would be appreciated.
- Last Monday the Social Centre heaved with Scouts buying and selling all sorts of things during this year's District Trading Post challenge. Shurdington started Trading Post in 1992 and some years ago opened it up as a District Challenge. The object of the game is for teams of four Scouts to buy say a piece of paper and a pencil, with fake money, and sell a drawing or such like for a profit. Ideas ranging from turning a carrot into a sculpture of a gold fish, making a sandwich or building a sedan chair, to sending messages by Morse code, kept them busy for over an hour. The winners were a team called The Four Bournsiders. Well done all who traded successfully.
- Beavers also had a go at a minimarket Trading Post, and Cubs spent the evening learning about different kinds of communication and also learning navigation skills, using map and compass. Explorers kindly helped at Trading Post.
- Sunday 28th March sees this year's Regional Cooking Competition again in the Social Centre. Scouts in the SW of England, from as far as Dorset will descend on us here and in teams of four will endeavour to produce a meal of all meals. Four Scouts from Shurdington will also be sharpening their knives; they won both the District and County competitions last February thus securing a place in the final contest. Good luck to them. Stoves will be lit at 10.30am, and visitors will be most welcome. Just ask for me and I will show you round.
- So the blue recycle bins have arrived; please note though that they have not started being collected yet. Bide your time. According to the Tewkesbury Borough Council website "We are asking residents to continue to use their current recycling boxes until the scheme starts on 12th April - and the blue bin can be used to store plastic bottles and cardboard until then."
- On Wednesday 7th April, our Scout Group will be helping at Kids Outdoors, a very successful gathering of young children at Cranham scouting Centre. Fun and challenges are on the cards.
- Any news you wish to spread about events and dates for the future please do let me know both for this column and the village website. Saves them getting stale.