

Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live'

SHURDINGTON Saturday 21ST February 2009

- I trust everyone has enjoyed their half term holiday this week. Back to normal for most next Monday, including Beavers Cubs Scouts and Explorers who will be meeting at their usual times.
- Have you ever considered a career in the sport of cricket? I heard from Richard Jones that Shurdington Cricket Club commences preparation for the forthcoming season with indoor nets at Bournside School tomorrow Sunday 22nd February. Junior players start at 3.45pm followed by the Seniors at 4.45pm. They have a flourishing family club in the village with three Senior sides and Juniors at under 13 and under 15 levels. New players are always most welcome and encouraged, whatever their ability. For more details please do contact Lee Baldwin on 07837 264936.
- The Cobalt Appeal Fund coffee mornings are starting again and they would like to invite you all to the first one of 2009 at Linton House, Thirlestaine Road. It's on Saturday, February 28th between 10am and 12noon and there will be lots of tea and coffee, homemade cakes, plants and even a raffle for you to try your luck. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier, so please go along and see them and take a look at how they change your old Christmas cards into new ones.
- Well, with the snow having cleared from the village green one can see now the mess it is in after the red and blue cars churned it all up a couple of weeks ago. Not a very safe place to walk young children now and as a couple of parents said to me both young and old can easily break a leg in the ruts. This should cost some money to put right, and put right it must be. I hope it stays on someone's conscience for a long while. Do they say in the theatre world 'break a leg' is good luck?
- The Lions Club of Cheltenham is in urgent need of good quality books for sale at their Charity Book sales. If you have any books you wish to dispose of please contact Lions Club member David Green on 01242 862225, who will gladly arrange collection. All proceeds of the sale go to local charitable work; the most recent sales have produced £6,500 for flood relief and £3,000 towards the upkeep of their caravan for disabled people at Burnham on Sea.
- The County Scouts' Cooking Competition took place last Sunday and 10 teams of four Scouts from Gloucestershire battled it out. Cooking started at 10.30am and by noon judging started. Well done all the teams for a tremendous standard in both preparation and cooking and a very high standard in presentation and table laying. To top it all the food was excellent in most cases. Congratulations to the team from Twinning who won first place, closely followed by Fairford who placed second. There are plenty of photographs of the event on our village website. Next in line is the Regional contest with teams from all over the South West of England converging at our Social Centre on Sunday 8th March 2009.
- The Evening Fellowship, which was set up to unite all in fellowship and in the Love of God, will be having a lecture by Rev Richard Mitchell, titled "Musical Journey through Lent". This is taking place at the church hall on 25th February starting at 7.30pm.
- News of items of interest to the village would be appreciated either by e-mail, phone call or note posted to my address.