

Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live'

SHURDINGTON Saturday 21st March 2009

- Driving down the A46, isn't the show of daffodils beautiful this year. The part especially by Chargrove Lane and the Cricket ground is a sea of yellow; perhaps eventually they will spread all the way down the road making an enviable show.
- The Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre are holding a Jumble Sale in the Shurdington Social Centre at 2 pm next Saturday 28th March, where there will also be bric-a-brac, books, nearly new, a raffle and refreshments. Admission will be 20p. For more information please ring 01242 862221 or 01452 419246
- The annual, much awaited, Pilbeam Lectures are now over. Organisers at Shurdington Chapel would like to thank Alan & Monica Pilbeam for another successful series at Shurdington Chapel which raised a healthy £650. This has been donated to Tear Fund. Thanks also for everyone's support & the Social Centre Committee for the loan of the extra chairs.
- In 1991 the Scout Association changed their long standing rules to accept girls into its membership. This is, at times, a little known fact. Shurdington Scout Group was one of the first in Gloucestershire to enrol girls as Scouts. Our first here was Helen, invested in 1991 as a Scout, and is now a Cub Leader with our Group. We are currently recruiting new members and would very much like to hear from any girls in the village or near about between the ages of just less than 6 years to 18 years, who would like to experience the fun the rest of our members have in Scouting. Joining could not be simpler; there is no long term commitment. Just come and see us on Monday evening after 5pm and give it a try. Many have, and many stayed on passing through all the sections from Beavers to Explorers and Young Leaders. Scouting is great fun, and as a benefit one always leaves our meeting place in the Millennium Hall having learnt something new.
- Today the Cheltenham Historical Society is meeting in the Millennium Hall. I understand this is a private gathering. Stroud College are meeting in the Century Hall at the same time.
- The Sunday 22nd March there is a private Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration in both halls of the Social Centre.
- Quite a few local youngsters attended the opening in the Century Hall of the new club run by Gloucester Martial Arts. Anyone interested sessions run from 5pm to 8pm. Further information available from either Alan or Martin on the day or via their website, and there are also some posters outside the hall.
- Start saving your pennies! Shurdington Youth Club will again be attempting their mile of pennies to raise funds for their club. This will be held on the 11th April from 8.30am to 11.30am in the century Hall. They will no doubt come up with some appropriate design as they did last year. Don't let your pocket get weighed down with copper; help build their mile of pennies.
- Many thanks to the kind person who left me some Times of Malta newspapers outside my front door. They made avid reading. Thank you.
- News of items of interest to the village would be appreciated either by e-mail, phone call or note posted to my address. Best to phone my mobile 07770 480272. If you leave a message please do repeat your contact telephone number clearly.

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