

SHURDINGTON

Saturday 23rd August 2008

- It is with great sadness we heard last week of the passing away of Barbara Clapton at Cranham Scouting Centre. Barbara and her husband Ken, together with their family, have run Cranham for many years bringing with them fresh activities, an improved facility and a constant welcome to whoever camped there or used the site for activities. Our sincere condolences to Ken, Nicki, Gill, John and Ian at this time of great sorrow.
- Work has begun on trying to improve the acoustics of the Century Hall.
- I recently had an interesting enquiry from a Derek Jones who is researching the death of Charles Lowe who died in the Gloster Aircraft Company. The factory was bombed on 21st October 1940 together with another four men working there. Thanks to Rev Mitchell the grave was traced together with some of his family who I understand still reside in Shurdington. I am putting together a short story and will publish something on our website. I understand Derek intends to write a book on the Gloster Aircraft Company which will include the history of its wartime activities here
- First weekend in September some of our Scouts are going to Defford Airport for a weekend learning all about flying, weather, navigation and so forth. This is their annual Air Camp. All things being equal and the weather being fine they will also get a chance of a flight in a two-seater in the vicinity of the Malvern Hill. A team from our Group will also be providing the catering for the event, which some 60 Scouts, adults and pilots will be attending.
- Any news for this column will be appreciated.

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