

## **Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live'**

### **SHURDINGTON Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

- Today sees the Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre's Jumble Sale in the Social Centre at 2 pm, 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
- I was greatly saddened by news of the death of Brian Grinnell, after a term of illness, last weekend. My sincerest condolences to his wife Cherilyn Grinnell, daughter Helen and her husband Mark. Cherie and Helen have looked after our Cub Section at Shurdington Scout Group for many years, In fact Cherie, fondly known as Akela, was running Cubs when I settled in the village in 1987.
- Today we celebrate Earth Hour, when it is hoped millions of people all over the world will switch off their lights between 8.30pm and 9.30pm this evening to save energy and thus substantially reduce global warming. There is a website where you can register or do so via our village website. Last Monday our Scouts observed Earth Hour 1 week early, saw a video of what it is all about, and ended the evening playing games in the dark using their torches only. They were not bothered, thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and it took me back to wartime when blackouts were a daily occurrence. Join in tonight and perhaps sit in the garden watching the stars instead of TV.
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Mature Movers, due to end their current term last Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, have decided to fill in two more days during the holidays. They will repeat their regular meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April. Following their Easter break they will then re-start their regular sessions on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- 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.

With thanks and regards.

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