

Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live '

**SHURDINGTON
Saturday 31st October 2009**

- The Cobalt Appeal Fund is renowned for selling high quality re-cycled greetings and Christmas cards. They have a great variety on sale at their headquarters, at Linton House, Thirlestaine Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7AS. When you are next in Cheltenham why not pop in from Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm. They also have a selection of crafts and gifts to tempt you. Don't forget they accept your old greetings cards for re-cycling throughout the year, but Christmas cards in January only please. For more information Tel: 01242 535900 or take a look at their website on www.cobaltappeal.co.uk/fundraising
- Some of our Scouts and Explorers are at Cranham Scouting Centre today and tomorrow undergoing a gruelling weekend of tests for the next world Jamboree in Sweden in 2011. Some 100 Scouts in all from Gloucestershire will be on site and out of them will be picked to best 30 to represent Gloucestershire at the World Jamboree. Good luck to our team.
- Today at the Century Hall will be the National Fancy Rat Society. This is an open show in the morning afternoon and visitors will be welcome.
- I was pleased to hear from a representative of the Parish Council that the Iron Gate by the Bell Inn Public House has now been repaired and restored to its former glory. Well done. It is worth looking after.
- Anyone interested in the ever popular Social Centre here in Shurdington is invited to attend their Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Millennium Hall on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served after the meeting.
- On Sunday 8th November everyone is invited to join the congregation to take part in the Remembrance Day service in St Paul's church here in the village. The service starts at 9.30am and our Scouts will line up by the church yard at 9.15am to form a guard of honour. As I often remind our Scouts remembrance day is not just for the two World Wars but the ongoing conflicts at which our servicemen and women are involved, especially at the moment Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Some weeks to go yet but if you have any jumble or a few hours free to help, the MS Fayre is taking place on Saturday 21st November. Contact Hazel Chapman for further information.

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