

Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live'

SHURDINGTON Saturday 2nd May 2009

- St George's Day parade proved an excellent turnout of all ages at Pittville Park last Sunday, helped by the warm sunny weather. Quite a few hundred Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Leaders and proud families walked from Central Cross Drive to the Pump Rooms. Flag bearers presented their flags then lined up for the short ceremony. Explorers, who will be heading for Uganda this summer, presented a short play helped by the young Beavers who sang and danced to Move It, a song from the film Madagascar. Madagascar was their original destination but due to the unrest there they have switched to Uganda. There are lots of photographs on our village website and also links to two videos on YouTube of the play and the gathering.
- Today Saturday 2nd May there will be a Jumble Sale in the Century Hall in aid of LINC Charity. Further information from Kath Acton on 863054. Please attend and give generously.
- Cotswold Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society will be holding their 40th Annual Open Pelargonium and Flower Show on Saturday 30th May at the Social Centre in Shurdington from 12 noon to 4pm Entrance is £1 and accompanied children go free. The show attracts exhibits from a wide area, Cornwall, The West County, the Midlands and the south as well as local members. Plants will be for sale, plus a raffle, tombola and tea and cakes. Further information can be obtained from the Show Secretary on 10242 523740.
- Gloucestershire Plant Heritage is taking part in the NGS Open Gardens at Eastcombe, Bussage and Brownhill near Stroud on Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th May. The NCCPG Plant stall will be situated in the village hall at Eastcombe; tea and refreshments will be available. There are still some places available on the coach trip to two private gardens in Oxfordshire on Thursday 18th June, Broughton Castle with its spacious moat, set in a secluded valley and Broughton Grange with 25 acres of formal and informal plantings. If interested please contact Cathie Crocker on 01452 886708.
- Last Monday seven new Beaver Scouts were invested round a campfire into our ever poplar Beaver Colony in Shurdington. Cubs were at Brizen Farm undergoing their cycle proficiency badge, while Scouts enjoyed a wonderful DIY evening. Explorer Scouts went to the Bath Road for the annual Fish & Chip survey, finding out which chippie won their fancy. The Scouts' DIY evening was organised by ASL Steve Hanks who prepared patterns and wood with intention of making some camp chairs. Well, four teams of Scouts successfully made four folding unhinged self-supporting chairs and had a great evening using their skills and tools. Photos of these wonderful chairs are on the website.

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