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- Firstly may I wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year. On second thoughts perhaps I will make one exception; the vandal who smashed up our bus stop on the A.46 and some of the glass on our phone box near the Spar shop. When are you going to grow up?
- Kids Outdoors, which was held in the Social Centre end of December, was a great success. Twenty-eight young children between the ages of 7 and 12 years spent the whole day having a really good time. They had a go at outdoor cooking on open fires, Christmas craft work, archery, rifle shooting, indoor climbing, badge making, making bracelets out of knotted twine, origami, air rockets, glass painting, making cake decorations and lots more. They also had time to have a go on large indoor games like draughts and chess, and dominos; the list of what they experienced between 8.30am and 5pm is endless. The cost for the day was just £20; a bargain for all they achieved. There are some photos on the village website. Looking forward to the next session this Spring which will probably be held at Cranham Scouting Centre.
- This year's series of 5 lectures by Alan Pilbeam will start on Tuesday 12th January at Shurdington Chapel 7 pm & will be held fortnightly.
- The Carol Service held before Christmas in the Century Hall also went very well with quite a few attending and joining in the carols.
- Tai Chi will re-convene on Monday 11th January in the afternoon.
- Preschool started last Monday 4th January, with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers starting the week after, that is Monday 11th January 2010 at the usual times.
- Keep Fit starts up again on the morning of Thursday 14th January in the Century Hall, with WI the same day in the evening in the Millennium Hall.
- Many thanks to the Social Centre committee from users of the Millennium Hall, especially Preschooll and the Scouts for the renewal of the main hall lighting which was nearing the end of its life. The new lighting is brighter, safer and cleaner, and much easier to maintain.
- A reminder please that if you have any news you wish included in this column I would appreciate either an e-mail or a note through my letterbox. If you have had a function or some fund raising I would appreciate some news as to how it went and how much was raised.

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