

Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live '

SHURDINGTON Saturday 18th July 2009

- The Cotswold Fuchsia & Pelargonium Society are having their monthly meeting on Monday 27th July in the Century hall at 7.30pm. For this event visitors will be very welcome to listen to a talk by Mr Brian White on the subject of Scented Pelargoniums. Entry for visitors is £1.
- Most of the children's clubs and groups, including Preschool, Junior Covenanters and Scouts have now broken up for the summer holidays and will reconvene at the beginning of September. Beavers and Cubs spent their last evening this term having fun at Ballyhoo. Scouts hiked up to Crickley Hill Country Park.
- The Scout Troop has one more Monday to go; they will be heading for South Cerney on Monday evening to enjoy some water sports before they break up for summer holidays.
- Last Saturday the Junior Covenanters held their farewell party for the end of term at the Millennium Hall. Yesterday also the Preschool leaders said farewell to their 'Class of 2009'. I hope to have some photos on the website soon of the children in their 'graduation' gear.
- Some 70 Scouts, Explorers and Leaders from Gloucestershire, including some from Shurdington, converged on the Social Centre last Monday evening to await 2 coaches which turned up a 3 o'clock Tuesday morning to transport them to Denmark for their 10 day Bla Sommer Jamboree experience. It was quite a task for the Leaders to book them all in, make sure all their necessary kit was packed, passports available and up to date, health certificates handy, and medications recorded and packed. All this took some tremendous organisation and the small team of adults have been working on it since the end of last year; this is not quite a local weekend camp near the beach. I hope to have some information and photographs if technology from their Danish campsite allows.
- I have heard from Tewkesbury Borough Council that local businesses will benefit from a new small business grant scheme aimed at helping businesses across the Borough during the economic downturn. The funding for this scheme comes from the extra income received from the recent reduction in VAT and other savings made by the Council. Therefore Tewkesbury Borough Council has developed this scheme to help small businesses market and promote themselves. It's been designed to enable flexibility in its delivery and support as many businesses as possible. To be eligible for a grant a business must have ten employees or less and be located within Tewkesbury Borough or relocating into the Borough. Please contact Katie Power, Economic Development Officer on: 01684 272249 to obtain a copy of the application form or to find out more about the scheme.
- Tai Chi is on again Monday afternoon in the Century hall. Please call in to enrol. Their last meeting for the term is Monday 27th July.
- The saga of the drain blockage at the corner of Church Lane and Bishop Road, which has been causing a bit of a whiff, has finally come to an end. Severn Trent introduces a remote camera and found that the roots of the tree in the corner verge had penetrated the drain and caused the blockage. They will be clearing it soon.