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SHURDINGTON Saturday 24th January 2009

- The next Alan Pilbeam lecture is on Tuesday February 10th at 7pm at The Chapel. All proceeds to the Tear Funs. Everyone welcome.
- The Senior Citizen tea party last Sunday turned out to be an excellent event with over 40 guests attending plus our own Scouts. This event was started in 1991 as a gesture of thanks by our Scouts to the community in Shurdington. I was unable to attend this year unfortunately and the event was organised by Mrs Louise Slee our Scout Leader and a wonderful team of helpers from the Scout Group, and Mrs Jo Sobey, chair of the Parish Council and an equally wonderful team from the Council. The table layout was set differently this year which allowed youngsters to mix better with their elders. About forty young members of our Scout Group also attended as hosts and helpers. Tea, sandwiches and cakes were served and games of bingo played. Rev Richard Mitchell opened the proceedings. Bongo caller this year was Rick Moran one of our Scout Leaders. A huge thank you to everyone who helped prepare the event, parents who transported the less agile to and from the hall, and especially those guests who accepted our invitation. I hope to have some photos on the website soon. Tony Hanks who will be going to Madagascar this August on an Explorer Belt Expedition organised a raffle and managed to raise some money for the trip. This is a ten day expedition during which they will complete projects, meet amazing new people, learn to understand their culture and gain memories that you will keep for the rest of their life. Well done all.
- There is a Cheltenham Dog Club match in the Century Hall on Sunday 1st February from noon to 6pm.
- Yesterday our Scouts and Explorers headed for Youlbury in Oxfordshire for their annual 3 day Polar Camp. If the weather doesn't change soon it certainly will be a mite polar. I hope to have some news and photos from them for the website as again I will not be able to be with them.
- Many thanks for the wonderful response we had for a freezer for our Young Leaders for their den at the Millennium hall. Sorry to let some people who offered us one down. They have only place for one freezer. Thank you all who offered.
- Playgroup held their AGM last Thursday so I may have some news about what went on next weekend.
- Last Monday Beavers and Scouts had the pleasure of the company of Elliott Prince, coach with Cheltenham Harriers. They went through some very interesting training which was in the form of challenges. All children seem to like a challenge so the training went down rather well. Cubs in turn had the pleasure of the company of Hannah Gray who is Waste Education Officer with Gloucestershire County Council. They, and us adults too, learned a lot about recycling, and the evening finished with the Cubs making paper out of pulp. Helen is available to visit schools so Shurdington Primary may think of this one. It was a really interesting hands-on experience.
- Saturday 31st January sees Snowdrops and Candles in St Pauls Church starting at 10am and again at 2pm. Teas, raffle and bric-a-brac on the programme.

With thanks and regards.

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