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- Firstly apologies for missing any news last week. I was busy and away part of the time, and my laptop decided to catch swine flu and had to go to an IT hospital. Fully recovered now and back on my lap.
- One item I missed was the Atherton Residents jumble sale which I visited last Saturday. There certainly was a mountain of stuff for sale and thanks to Pete Smith it all got put out on time for the 2pm opening. Not sure how much they raised. Sharon Oliver will have this information if someone wishes to find out.
- The annual flu jabs are again getting very near. These will be held in the Century Hall on Saturday 3rd October in the morning, and also Thursday 8th October in the afternoon. Those eligible should by now have received a letter of appointment. Speaking from experience here as I got mine last week.
- Last weekend four of our Scouts attended the annual Cheltenham District Scouts camping and cooking competition, held this year at Youlbury Scouting Centre. Due to circumstances none of our Leaders here could attend this camp and our Patrol was looked after but other Groups' leaders on site. We were therefore more than just pleased to see our four Scouts, Lawrence, Ollie, Will and Alex, in no particular order, come back home on the Sunday not only with the Cooking competition trophy, but also placing a close 2nd in the whole weekend camping contest. Well done Scouts for 'going it alone', cooking a winning dinner, and also working together so well. Well done also the absent Leaders for the good training they imparted to our Scouts.
- On Tuesday 29th September there is a Police Community Road Show in the Century Hall in the evening.
- Way ahead yet but on Saturday 17th October there will be a Women's Institute jumble sale in the Century Hall. Timing as usual and no doubt there will be notices on the newly refurbished notice boards outside the Social Centre.
- Cobalt Appeal is holding a Coffee Morning between 10am and noon today Saturday 26th September, at the Sacred Heart Hall in Moorend Road, Charlton Kings to raise funds. There will also be cards, crafts, plants, a raffle, coffee, and delicious home-made cakes. This will also see the launce of the 2009 Christmas card appeal. Everyone welcome.

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