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SHURDINGTON Saturday 30th May 2009

- Well, that was quite a bank holiday break, with the weather being its kindest ever; if you enjoy the sun that is. Coupled with half term the past week must have been a good break for school children. Some of our Scouts attended a long weekend Survival Course at Miserden Park camping with some 25 other Scouts from Gloucestershire. They learnt to survive in the wild, skinning and cooking a rabbit and also had to cook it using cabbage leaves rather than utensils. With the recent appointment of Bear Grylls as the youngest ever Chief Scout and a well known adventurer appearing on TV, our Scouts had much to live up to. They did very well. Bear Grylls will be taking on the post in July this year when Peter Duncan completes his five year tenure.
- Cotswold Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society will be holding their 40th Annual Open Pelargonium and Flower Show today 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.
- The Scouts' Marquee at Witcombe, which they erected to help the Acorns Children's Trust fund raising event, was brought down on Monday, nice and dry. Many thanks to Marie, Melanie, Jason, Ollie, Kevin and William, John, Mark and Paul. Our next marquee and party tent hire is on Thursday 25th June at Tewkesbury Rugby Ground for the Steam Fair. Help will be needed and perhaps anyone from the Scout Group available could put this date in their diary please.
- On Monday 1st June teams from Cheltenham District will converge at the Millennium Hall to take part in Cheltenham District Air Rifle contest hosted by our Group. Two teams of 3 Scouts may enter the competition and will be allowed 5 shots per target each turn.
- Sue Ryder Care will be organising several fund raising events including Cotswold Male Voice Choir 60th Anniversary Gala Concert tomorrow 31st May, Cheltenham Circular Challenge on 14th June and Ride for Ryder on 28th June. Anyone wish to help please contact 01242 230199.
- Soon upon us also is our annual Church Fete which this year is being held next Sunday 7th June in the Century Hall and the village green. Lets all pray for some drier weather that we have been having lately.
- A reminder to those eligible to vote that Elections are being held in the Century Hall of the Social Centre all day on Thursday 4th June. Those who attend Martial Arts on Thursdays please note they will not be meeting that day.

With thanks and regards.
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