

Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live '

SHURDINGTON Saturday 8th May 2010

- It was with great sadness that I heard last Tuesday that our Scout Leader Louise Slee's dad had passed away. Our sincerest condolences to Louise, Richard, Kate, Emma and James.
- Last Friday Pre-school children were invited to Church Lane Farm to see the new born lambs. As well as their usual climb on the farm vehicles and jumping in the hay barn the children were able to stroke, feed and name a 1 week old lamb – he's now called Tim. I never cease to be amazed by the care the young children receive at our Pre-school here in Shurdington. They are given all the time and affection which young children need to grow up with a solid foundation and do hope the memory stays with them into adulthood.
- Pre-school are also holding a Family Fun Day on Saturday 15th May from noon to 3pm in the Millennium Hall. Attractions include a bouncy castle, face painting, ice-creams and hopefully a fire engine. All are welcome to join this happy group.
- Some of our Scouts and Leaders were involved in the Centenary celebrations of our Gloucester County Guides at Cowley. Last Friday a marquee was put up for them to accommodate some of the 350 Guides on camp there and hold activities. On the Sunday we were up there from 9am till 4pm helping to provide some exciting and fun challenges to while the day away. We provided a fishing game, water rockets, walking A-Frames, a forever popular challenge, and two large catapults. With thanks to Marie, Ollie and Alex for being there all day to both set up the challenges and help the young Guides have a thoroughly good time. Marquee came down last Monday in the dry despite the torrential rain we had in Shurdington.
- St Paul's Church Fete and Flower Festival this year are on the weekend of June 12/13. To get everyone in the mood for the weekend there is to be a Magic Night in Shurdington Social Centre on Friday June 11 from 7.30pm. Barry Woods, the organiser said. 'Come and enjoy an evening of magic and fun in the company of magicians from the Cotswold Magic Society. There will be Close-up and cabaret Magic performed by members of the club, amongst which there are professional and semi-professional magicians, mentalists and deceptionists. It should be a great night and is probably a first for Shurdington'. Tickets for the event are £6, which includes supper and a glass of wine and these can be obtained from Barry Woods, 01242 862024 or Kate Thompson on 01242 862467. Space is limited because people will be sitting around tables, so be sure of getting a ticket by ringing one of the telephone numbers soon.
- The Borzoi Club had a very successful meeting in the Century Hall last week.
- The Scout Association are today holding a duke of Edinburgh Course at the Millennium Hall. This is by application only.
- W.I will be having their monthly meeting in the Millennium Hall on Thursday 15th May in the evening.

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