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**SHURDINGTON
Saturday 12th December 2009**

- Shurdington Pre-school's Race Night Christmas Fundraiser last weekend went well; a bit low on numbers but all went according to plan and was fun and enjoyable for those who attended.
- Preschool children also had a trip to the Bacon Theatre which was in their words brilliant. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and a big thank you to Gardner's Lane Children's Centre for helping with transport.
- On Saturday 12th December from 9am to noon you will be able to feast your eyes, and hopefully empty your wallets, at the St Paul's Church Christmas Bazaar. More details from Kate Thompson.
- This will be followed immediately by Plant Heritage who are meeting at the Century Hall Shurdington 2pm today. Jill Almond will give an illustrated talk on Digital Photography. Visitors welcome.
- Last Monday Beavers and Scouts had an absolute riot of an evening. They built and decorated a ginger bread house each with the help of Leaders and their parents. I have to say that the smoke alarms in the Millennium Hall do work. The houses come pre-cut in boxes and Scouts decorate them. The pieces are stuck together with melted sugar which does produce a certain amount of smoke as proved in the photographs on the village website. Gluing is done by adults because of the risk. The results were really phenomenal and as you can see on the website, some rather imaginative Christmas houses were built. Sincere thanks to Leaders, Explorers and parents, but especially to ASL Steve Hanks who purchased over 40 kits from Coventry, plus sweets, sugar and icing sugar for decoration, and spent the whole evening leaning over a hot and smoky pan full of burnt sugar.
- Another reminder for any residents who bought King George's Field raffle tickets, to get the stubs and cash to any parish councillor or the Pavilion at King George field by 14 December because the draw will take place on the 18 December; and good luck!
- The Astronomical Society is meeting tonight at the Century Hall.
- This weekend our Cub Scouts are at Cranham Scouting Centre enjoying their 3-day annual Christmas camp.

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