

**SHURDINGTON
Saturday 22nd May 2010**

- Pre-school held a Family Fun Day last Saturday 15th May, on a glorious sunny day, in the Millennium Hall and garden. Attractions included a bouncy castle, face painting, a fire engine and its crew, games and challenges, lots of stalls, a barbeque and much more. It was good to see so many families and young children visiting the Funday and taking part in just about everything going. I understand they raised about £500 which will be used for enhancing the fun and learning the young children already receive in their daily trips to Pre-school. I had the opportunity of taking some photographs of the event and these are now on our Village Website. Well done Louise Walby and team, and Pre-school Leaders for a great event.
- The recent Shurdington Parish Walk took place on Wed 5 May. Twenty-seven people and three dogs enjoyed the best walking weather of the week. They all met on the village green and started by crossing the fields to Chargrove Lane, all turning yellow from rape pollen. They then crossed Sunnyfield Lane and on to Cold Pool Lane. They proceeded alongside Ham Brook giving lovely views of nearby Churchdown Hill. Having looped back to Badgeworth Church they supported the Bell Appeal, buying marmalade and a geranium. Unfortunately the Geranium was nibbled by a very large horse as they crossed the stream on the footpath back to Shurdington. The five mile walk was all on the flat. Over half the route was within Shurdington Parish. There was lots of kissing gates but not many stiles. Everyone enjoyed the morning and about half the walkers concluded with a lunch at The Cheese Rollers. They are now proposing to organise the next walk, mainly on our local parish paths, in October. Details will be announced in the Autumn Parish Council News Letter. Photos on our website.
- Today Saturday 22nd May will be worth a visit to Montpellier Gardens. There you will find the annual Cheltenham District Scouts Fete & Funday. It all starts at 10.30am with lots of stalls about both for adults and children, games for families, games and challenges for Beavers Cubs and Scouts, and an excellent raffle. There is also a bbq stall and drinks. It all goes on till 4pm and promises to be a good afternoon. Our Group will also have its own fund raising stall.
- The Cotswold Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society, who regularly meet in the village, will be holding their 41st Pelargonium Show in Shurdington's Social Centre next Saturday 29th May from noon till 4pm. Entry is just £1.00. There will be plants for sale, a raffle, tombola and Refreshments. Please call 01242 523740 for more details.
- Tuesday 1st June there will be the Health Visitor in the Century Hall from 10am to noon. Please do call in if you need some advice or come in for a chat and a cup of tea. It's all free.
- In less than a month's time Shurdington Festival Weekend will be upon us. The weekend of 11th to 13th June will consist of a Flower Festival all weekend with refreshments in the Church Hall, a Magic Evening in the Social Centre on Friday 11th at 7.30 pm, with magicians from the Magic Circle, supper and a glass of wine. All for £6. Tickets from Barry Woods 01242 862024 plus a "grand" auction on the night of such items as a free MOT, Meal for Two at the Greenway, Full Car Service, a Hairdo or a free Round of Golf. The weekend ends with the annual Fete on the Village Green on Sunday 13th starting from 2pm with all the usual attractions; stalls, games, raffle, races, bouncy castle, hot dogs, ice cream and much more. Not to be missed.