

'Blooming Marvellous' Festival Weekend

THE RECENT Flower Festival weekend (20/21 May) at Christ Church with St Philip, Worcester Park was judged "a huge success" by the organiser, Isobel Penny and the many who visited.

The whole church was a mass of flowers with displays by organisations associated with the church and those who meet in the halls as well as Cheam Common School.

"The Festival was not about making money but about bringing people into the church to see the beauty of our earth and also to show them our plans for Future Links, the redevelopment of our halls and the building of a link joining the halls to the church" said Brian Lambourne, Future Links Fundraising co-ordinator.



...and let's not forget.. The 'Big Toddle'

AS PART of the Festival, nineteen 'Under 5's' from Christ Church and St Philip's, supported by brothers and sisters, mums and dads and a few grandparents, took part in a 'Big Toddle' around the old St Philip's churchyard on the Saturday afternoon (left).

They braved wind and rain to complete a half-mile sponsored toddle in aid of Barnardo's and the parish's Future Links project. Each toddler completed three laps, collecting stickers, hats and balloons and finishing with a drink and a biscuit - after which everyone went to the Flower Festival at the church to dry out!

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Putney Women's Fun Run

Two Putney churches, St Mary's and All Saints staged a Women's Fun Run on Sunday 21 May. Covering a distance of 5K from Putney Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge and back, 180 runners aged between six and sixty completed the course - in the rain! The event raised money for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, a charity committed to fighting breast cancer through research, education and awareness.

Winners all round in Wimbledon

THE SPIRE of St Mary's, Wimbledon famously looks out over the annual tennis tournament but on Sunday 21 May it provided the backdrop for a very different match.

Football teams from the two Youth Groups of St Mary's and St Mark's in the Wimbledon team battled it out for the local 'bragging rights'. In a keenly fought match, the younger all boys team from St Mark's beat the older, mixed team of St Mary's 9-4.

St Mary's recently appointed Youth Worker, Catherine Parkes said: "The match was a great success and despite a lot of rain around that day, the weather held out for the game itself".

Catherine hopes that further joint events will be possible between the two Youth Groups especially since St Mary's are eager to take swift revenge for their defeat.



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