

Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live '

SHURDINGTON Saturday 4th July 2009

- Some of you may have noticed the unpleasant smell in the corner of Church Lane and Bishop Road which appears to be seepage of foul water. This is now being investigated by the Environment Authority in conjunction with the Social Centre Management and a coloured dye has been introduced into the toilets at the Centre to see where the foul water was originating. More on this when I have some news.
- Busy weekend for our Scout group last week. Weekend we had Cubs camping from Friday to Sunday at Croft Farm near Tewkesbury in what turned out to be a very successful water weekend camp. About a dozen Cubs attended. With thanks to Cherie, Helen and Sally for a very successful summer camp. In the meantime thirteen Scouts under the watchful eye of Steve and Marie attended this year's Malvern Challenge near Cleeve hill. They all had a superb time and took part in most of the challenges. Again thanks to Steve and Marie for organising our Patrol to join over 3,000 other Scouts from all over the UK. Photos of both events should be on our website.
- Last Monday some 60 members of our Group spent the evening in The Grove of Cranham Scouting Centre for their annual Water Party from 6pm to 8pm. Children, and I dare say some parents, had great fun in the stream and playing with water pistols and the majority went home rather in a muddy state; great fun was had by all and also enjoyed a hot dog or two. This was the day when the Leonard Trainer Trophy was presented to one of our young members for regular attendance, progress in badge work, being smart and punctual, being helpful to others and generally showing progress. Fitting the bill this term was Cub Scout Tessa Harris and she was presented with the trophy by ACSL Sally Graff. Tessa will retain the trophy till Christmas time when a Scout will be chosen.
- Today our Group will also be attending Stumps Cross near Toddington to take charge of Checkpoint Two for the Annual Sun Run. Help is needed from any parents, Explorers or older Scouts. 6pm start this evening and please do call me on my mobile 07770 480272 if you can help.
- Recycling is a subject dear to many of you nowadays. Kate Fenwick collects stamps, old UK coins, and foreign coins and notes, watches, jewellery, inkjet cartridges, mobile phones, keys and postcards. She sells them to donate money to charities and can be contacted on 01452 855229. Please do get in touch.
- A reminder that the library van is now making plans to park in the Social Centre car park. More on this later.