

Gloucestershire Echo, 'Where I Live '

SHURDINGTON Saturday 30th January 2010

- Last weekend a massive 45 members of our Scout Group took part in our annual Polar Camp on Boar's Hill, at Youlbury near Oxford. To show its popularity all eleven Explorer Scouts attended and only two of the Scout Troop were unable to attend. Also eight Leaders were on site plus two Leaders from Swindon Village Scouts came to help and experience the whole event. They had, after all, very kindly lent us their minibus. The weekend started last Friday in pouring rain and thick fog around Oxford. Despite this after settling down in their HQ Building accommodation Scouts went out for a night hike at 10.30pm and returned after 1am. Bedtime was quite short; from 2.30am to 6.30m. Saturday following breakfast they were out and about visiting the local unique Scouting Museum, took part in adventurous activities such as the Leap of Faith and Jacob's Ladder, and then off to Oxford Ice rink for a 2-hour ice skate. Next was a shopping trip to the local Arcade, and finally the highlight of the Polar Camp experience, a meal at EAMAYL restaurant, literally Eat As Much As You Like. We certainly all did and could have gone back for more. Back to camp for games and a campfire. Sunday was spent going round several bases with challenge and outdoor games, and parents turned up to help clear up both the Scouts' and Explorers' accommodation. I have to say a huge thanks to the Leaders who organised the event and worked so hard during the weekend, Scouts and Explorers for attending and having fun, and parents who came to help. Time to book Polar Camp 2011.
- The Family clinic will be at the Century Hall again Tuesday 2nd February from 10am to noon. Please do attend if you feel you need some medical advice; it's all free.
- Looking ahead to February a reminder of the W.I. Jumble Sale which is due to take place in the century Hall on Saturday 27th February. If you have any items you wish to donate please do contact any member of the WI.
- Tomorrow the Cheltenham District Scouts Cooking Competition will take place in the Millennium Hall, the winners of which will take part in the County Competition taking place in the Century hall on Sunday 14th February, followed by the South West Region cooking contest in the Century Hall on Sunday 28th March. Good luck to our team.