

## THE WYCHWOODS SURGERY BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Congratulations to the people of the Wychwoods. The first blood donor sessions to be held in Milton Village Hall resulted in 145 people attending, with the collection of 128 units during the two sessions.

Because of the excellent attendance, the second session considerably overran its time. I hope any waiting will not deter anyone from reattending in the future. If those who could attend during the afternoon would do so, it would probably relieve the pressure on the evening session.

On a clinical note, for anyone who had a bruise on their arm, I would suggest pressure on the needle site for the full ten minutes that they rest after they have given blood.

Well done the Wychwoods!

In case you missed it, may I draw your attention to an item which appeared in one of the local papers about our wonderful midwife Grace Rawlins, and the award she received from Mothercraft Magazine. (See editorial - Ed.)

Finally, I would like to announce that provided I remain injury free, I will be running, together with Peter Earl, for whose team I will be competing, in the London Marathon on April 22nd. The main charities for which I will be seeking great sponsorship from the people of the Wychwoods will be: - The British Sports Foundation, Cancer Relief, and Shipton Church Choir Robes Fund. Sponsorship forms and information will soon be appearing in the various shops and pubs in the villages.

Dr. Gordon Scott.

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## THE WARM-HEARTED VILLAGES

The recent power cut caused by the storm, had a devastating effect upon different parts of the villages of Milton and Shipton. Some households were incapacitated for a few hours - others suffered for several days, and it was to them that so much kindness and friendship was shown. Friends came forward with paraffin heaters and equipment of all kinds. We were asked out to meals and entertainment which cut short the time we had to spend in the dark, cold house - a true indication of great thoughtfulness.

We were offered baths, our deep-freeze contents were cared for and even our washing was done for us! Another resourceful person fitted us on to a cable

which provided an electric fire! Life had its humorous side - going to bed in a hat because more heat is lost from the head than from elsewhere in the body. Trying to find some ancient bedsocks by the light of a fast failing torch. Washing up by one candle power when the flame refuses to light up the interior of a saucepan. Finding spots of candle-grease on cushions, carpets and even newly washed crockery which we had passed as clean; all this part of life's dim-lit pattern.

We should like to thank everybody for the great kindness shown to us, and to pay a tribute to the Scottish electricians who worked ceaselessly thro' wind and rain to correct the fault.

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