

Icy trek aims to raise awareness

A BRISTOL-BASED polar explorer is about to set off on a 400-mile crossing of Greenland.

Alan Chambers, from Whitchurch, and fellow adventurer Peter Herbert, from Somerset, leave for their two-man expedition on Monday, April 28, from Bristol airport.

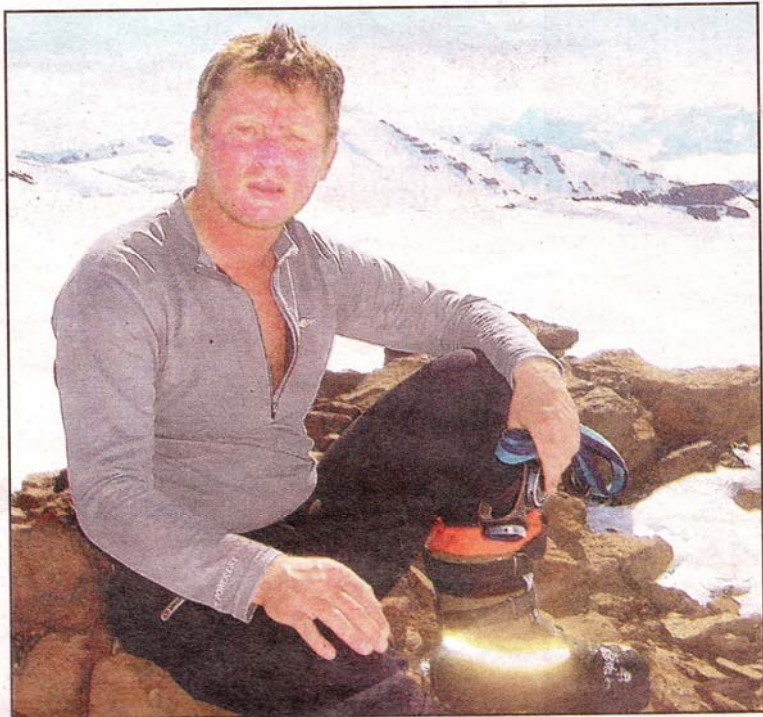
Their expedition has education at its heart as it aims to get young people involved with environmental issues.

Alan, a former Royal Marine, was awarded the MBE after leading the first British team to walk unsupported to the Geographic North Pole from Canada in 2000.

Children will be able to follow the pair across the ice on the explorers' website, through blogs, where they will answer questions throughout their journey, and via live video links and competitions.

They will learn about climate change and its impact on wildlife, the principles of sustainability, especially heat and waste management, the use of technology and the benefits of good leadership and training.

The explorers will also send scientific data to the Met Office for study, and are taking ice samples to track historic summer snowfall across Greenland for experts at the University of Bristol.



QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE: Alan Chambers is one of two men embarking on an expedition to Greenland to help educate children about environmental issues

The expedition has been arranged by Feet of Green, an organisation based in Westbury-on-Trym that links the business world with education.

For more information on The Great British Mobility Feet of Green Expedition,

log on to www.feetofgreen.com.

● In last week's *South Bristol Observer* we incorrectly published a picture of Alan Chambers with a story of another expedition. We apologise for the error.

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