

Grenville House O.E.C 2008

Another One Bites The Dust!



- The end of an Era -

At the end of this year we will see three key members of our team leave us.

After putting off retirement more times than Sir Alex Ferguson Roy Williams the Charity Secretary has finally decided to hang up his boots. After over a decade at Grenville House, where he has been instrumental in ensuring the financial stability of the Centre, he will be seeking new challenges in the years to come. Hopefully he will also spend more of his time travelling and walking and watching his beloved Wales Rugby team.

Patricia Watton our longest serving member of the team after almost 14 yrs in the office has decided to retire and will spend more quality time with her grandchildren and partner Danny.

Finally we also have to say goodbye to Brent Weeks who for reasons beyond his control has to return to the South East. After almost two years as part of the Instructor team he will be greatly missed. However he may well be back in the future possibly on a freelance basis.

As ever it is always a time of mixed emotions as we wish them all the best for the future and welcome their successors into the fold.

- The start of a new one -

On the 5th of January 2009 Miss Athina Savva takes over the reigns of General Secretary and Mrs Patricia Brown will be the new voice on the end of the telephone as our Office Secretary/Administrator.

What went down in 2008?

- The 4th Creativity Festival saw this event grow yet again.
- The second staff bathroom was refurbished
- New curtains were fitted in all Dormitories
- New Buoyancy Aids, Waterproofs & Breathable Cagoules were purchased.
- The Resident and Non-resident changing rooms were refurbished
- The Bouldering wall was completed in the Chapel

and has proved to be a positive addition to the Climbing provision.

- A Kiwi 2 was donated to the fleet providing another option for less confident/mobile individuals to access the Kayaking/Canoeing experience.

What's in store for 2009?

- ♦ The Kayak fleet will be extended to make it more user friendly
- ♦ The Mountain Bike fleet will be upgraded
- ♦ The Minibus and trailer will have their own dedicated parking spaces on the last bit of unused

Once again from all at Grenville House OEC -thank you for your continued support.
Have a very Merry Christmas and a 'Safe and Healthy' New Year.