

Day 3:

RAIN! A lazy breakfast, even lazier getting dressed time whilst we decided what to do. Half opted for more Cludo, whilst, Kayleigh, Sam, Craig and I went to Oxwich to have a look at the manor house castle, and hopefully a look at the prehistoric forest that lines the Oxwich end of the beach. Woops, high water again; so not a glimpse; however, a walk in the rain, a drink or ice cream helped with the obvious disappointment.

The evening meal was prepared and cooked by the girls amongst much discussion of how, who and what should be done. The rest of us waited patiently until the metaphorical gong sounded and we tucked into wonderful home made Pizzas. More cludo, connect four, reading and joke telling followed until that bewitching hour came for us to reflect, review and pray; then bed.



A touch of too much sun



Ha, Ha Robert the Peel



There really is life after starvation

The boys and the old man waiting for Pizza; Craig had given up and went for 40 winks

Day 4:

RAIN! Another lazy breakfast, some shopping and a walk around Mumbles. By lunchtime, we decided to begin to pack up as the weather was not going to clear.



Sam outside Oystermouth Castle

With duvets, sheets and bags packed, the vacuum cleaner appeared and the cottage was restored to its original state.

We loaded up and set off with a merry amount of humour and leg pulling. 9 conversations all going on at the same time became quite confusing but it allowed everyone to pick and choose which one to add to.

We arrived back at about 6.30 to relieved parents, **THEY HAD SURVIVED!**

Looking back, I was and am so pleased with the way the whole trip went. The whole group interacted, planned, and took responsibility for themselves, but more importantly for the group and how individuals were feeling and coping.

I am very proud of the STAND yg, We are all sorry that Claire could not be with us, but I am sure there will be another trip to be planned, and based on this one, it can only be a team building and personal skill experience.

Well done to them and a very large thank you to the congregations who supported the cream teas and BBQs that made it possible for them to go, but most of all, we thanks you for your prayers.



THE END

Every blessing and hope you all had a wonderful summer. JON

We all thought the trip to Mumbles was great, the best part of the week was probably the beaches because we all just chilled out on the sand and in the sea (which was very cold). We also enjoyed the walks which we went on when it was a bit wet or when we weren't going to go anywhere. Wednesday was probably the worst day. It wasn't so much bad but a bit dull because we spent the whole day inside because of the weather, but it was still a good day.

From Laura, Katherine & Robert Stagg