

STAND yg Summer trip to the Gower 18th – 31st July 2008



As you can see, ‘The magnificent 9 + the old man’ ready to pile into the ‘rattle bus’ at Warden Hill on the Monday at 9.30.

The old man, Anna-Marie, Luke, Robert, Craig, Katherine, Kayleigh, Laura, Sam, and Jo, unfortunately we were missing Claire due to family holiday commitments.

And were are off!

After a brief convenience stop near Bridgend we arrived at 12.30 and unloaded our kit into the cottage. The stairs have never before suffered so much running up and down, the girls being in the attic conversion, much to their joy, the boys on the middle floor.

The chaos to be sorted out later and straight to Langland Bay for some time on the beach whilst I spent 45 minutes driving around trying to find somewhere to park the rattle bus.

Back to the cottage which looks out on to Oystermouth Castle for the first of the chores; the dreaded shopping list and shopping!!



View from the cottage

I must admit, I have never taken 8 teenagers shopping before and it proved interesting to say the least, however what seemed like hours later and quite a few added luxury items later we staggered up the hill back the cottage. (A mule would have been a good addition to aid us as one or two were not used to carry shopping).

In the evening we split up, some of us walked to the pier head at Mumbles point whilst the others had their take-away from a local eatery.



The view to the pier head and us at the end of the pier

We had our first communal time of thought and reflection of the day and after prayers it was as Zebedee said; 'Time for bed'.

Bed time on the first night, especially sleeping was rather extended affair, a little like a mass sleep-over!