



New Year Newsletter 2006

Open Evening and our 120th Anniversary

Shaftesbury Youth Club was founded on January 15th 1886 by William Arthur Norrish. 2006 marks our 120th anniversary. Generations of boys, and latterly girls, have belonged to the Club, which has continued through different periods of social and economic change to fulfil its central aim of "Inspiring Young People to fulfil their Potential".

Our Open Evening on **Thursday 26th January 2006** will celebrate and commemorate the Club's foundation and underline the need for its continuing existence and success.

This is a great opportunity for parents, Friends and donors to see the Club in action on a typical evening. The evening will include displays such as dancing and craft work as well as several ongoing sporting activities. ***Please make every effort to attend and support the young people and staff who will have been working hard to put on the event.***

The Club will be open to visitors between **6.30pm to 8.30pm**. There will be a formal welcome at approximately 7.00pm. Refreshments will be provided.

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Dr G Hare

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P Nugent

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Residential Weekend

Phil, Darren and Katrina took 12 boys and girls to Cwm Dreiniog Outdoor Pursuits Centre near Bettws y Coed for a residential weekend on 25th November. The Centre has no electricity or running water and the only heating comes from an open fire.



The group arrived late on Friday evening and at one point had to dig their way out of an icy stretch (with no street lighting) on the 3 mile track up to the Centre in the forest. The setbacks only added to the strengthening of the team skills and the deepening of the relationships within the group, which result from such activities.

Goodbye to Norman Couche



Norman Couche and the Lord Mayor

Norman Couche retired as a member of Shaftesbury Council in October and was warmly thanked by the Council and presented with a token of our appreciation by Chris Meaden, the Mayor of Wirral. Norman and his father before him served the Club for a total of 100 years! Shaftesbury attracts loyalty and has a long history of commitment through different generations within one family; no one exemplifies this tradition more than Norman, who gave 46 years of dedicated service.