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OC Squadrons

END OF AN ERA – CLOSURE OF WING ELAN VALLEY ADV TRG CENTRE

1. It is with the deepest regret that I am required to inform all units of the

IMMEDIATE CLOSURE

of the Wing Elan Valley Centre.

2. As a result of the Elan Valley Trust deciding not to extend our lease, and the prohibitive costs of replacing a toilet block for such a short time, the Wing Executive Committee agreed at their latest meeting to surrender the lease to the centre. This was accepted by Elan Valley Trust and as of 23 Nov 09, we no longer have the lease to the centre. They are intending to develop the site with a community centre – which will have accommodation and catering facilities and we will be invited to use it when completed. I will update you as I know more.

3. Arrangements are now in hand for all inventory and non inventory items to be disposed off appropriately.

4. I will be entering discussions with HQ Army Wales and Defence Estates, to see if we can have all our previously block cleared routes retained on their system for future use. There are 2 camp sites (with showers / toilets) at Rhayader, and I will write again shortly informing you of these and the routes. (They are Army bivi sites so the Army will pay the site fees).

5. The Wing has had the use of this facility for almost 10 years, and I would like to thank all the staff who have helped maintain the centre and to all those who used it, enabling us to keep it going so long. In the end it was through circumstances beyond our control that we now bid farewell to an old friend.

6. I will do an update at the next OC's conference and if any of you have any queries then please feel free to contact me.

Original Signed

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