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Official Opening of Cae'r Gors

Welcome to Cae'r Gors, Kate Roberts' old home.

"I visited my old home on a fine June day. By now there's no roof on the house and it is being repaired so that it will be possible to retain the kernel so to speak. Standing in the middle of the kitchen floor my whole childhood loomed before me. I wasn't born here in Cae'r Gors, I was four years old when we moved here to live. But it was here that I spent my entire childhood, the period that leaves the deepest impression on everybody's life"

Kate Roberts

'Cae'r Gors', Kate Roberts Heritage Centre was opened by Megan Williams, Kate Roberts' niece on Wednesday, 16th of May, 2007. Norman Williams said a word, John Ogwen and Maureen Rhys gave a presentation, and Gwyn Thomas read his poem about the occasion.

We would like to thank our main



www.caergors.org

sponsors who helped to make it all possible:

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It has been a hard struggle for ten years to realise our dream. Thanks are due to Cyfeillion Cae'r Gors, Sharon Owen our Project Officer, Sian our Manager and Gwenllian for their hard work.

Now it is up to you the people of Gwynedd and beyond to support us and help us keep the dream alive.

"We never saw wealth, but we had a wealth that nobody could take away from us, the wealth of language and culture. It was on the hearth that we obtained it, which was part of the community that I described."

Kate Roberts

race for life

On 12th May 2007 in Caernarfon, the team at Mantell Gwynedd took part in the UK's largest women-only fundraising event - 'Race for Life'. They were being sponsored to either run, jog or walk the 5Km distance in

aid of Cancer Research UK's - one of the UK's leading charities dedicated to cancer research.

For further information on 'Race for Life' visit their website on:



www.raceforlife.org

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**A note from the
Chief Officer...**

The team at Mantell Gwynedd are all recovering after taking part in the 'Race for Life' in Caernarfon on Sunday 13th May. Staff from the Caernarfon office were all successful in completing the race, raising a good sum of money between them for a worthwhile cause. We have all agreed to train in order to run the race next year!! Thank you to all of you who sponsored us.

We welcome a new member of staff into our midst this month, Mirain Fflur Roberts. Mirain hails from Dyffryn Nantlle and will be working as the new Youth Volunteering Officer in the Volunteering Centre within Mantell Gwynedd. This post will concentrate on encouraging young people from Gwynedd to take up volunteering. The post, which is partly funded by the Russell Commission and partly by the Gwynedd 14-19 Learning Network, shows how important and positive the shift is within the sector in investing in volunteering and young people. We welcome Mirain as part of the Mantell team and we hope that she will be very happy amongst us.

Below is an article on electing new members on to the Gwynedd Council and Voluntary Sector Liaison Group. I would like to encourage every reader to nominate a person to work as members/representatives for the sector. This is an excellent opportunity to maximise the input of the voluntary sector on strategic planning within the Council. Therefore if you are interested in contributing or know of anyone who might be interested, please nominate them.

That's all from me this month due to limited space. Mantell is fuller than usual therefore I had to be brief. Enjoy the newsletter and I hope you will find information that is useful for yourself or your organisation.

Until Next Time

Bethan



ELECT NEW MEMBERS ON THE Gwynedd Council Liaison / Scrutiny Working Groups

It's time once more to elect 7 new members to the Gwynedd Council and Voluntary Sector Liaison Group. For the first time this year the members elected will have the opportunity to take part in Scrutiny Committee working groups. We are keen to maximise the voluntary sector's input into policy discussions especially the more in-depth work carried out in the Improvement Working Groups.

We are therefore looking for people able to represent the voluntary sector and scrutinise the following fields:

- **Care**

Includes housing and homeless, care of the elderly, disabled, mental health, welfare rights and carers
- *at least 2 representatives*

- **Environment**

Includes planning, waste, transport and environment
- *at least 1 representative*

- **Development**

Includes economy and regeneration, life long learning, arts, museums and sport
- *at least 2 representatives*

- **Children and Young People**

Includes social work, education and youth

- *at least 1 representative*

- **Resources**

Estate, public protection, licensing, e.government, procurement
- *at least 1 representative*

We would not expect the representative to be present in all the Scrutiny committees regularly but this is an opportunity to input the Improvement working groups (where the in depth discussions take place) The voluntary sector member would be an expert witness able to provide invaluable input into the specific area of discussion.

We hope that this arrangement will enable the Sector to express its views at the start of the planning process. Training and travel allowance will be provided for this work

Support for Young Volunteers - Welcome Mirain!

The Gwynedd Volunteer Bureau as part of Mantell Gwynedd is always looking for volunteers from every age range. Volunteering amongst young people is an area that is fast developing. The benefit of volunteering for young people and to the organisations that they support is invaluable.

Mirain Roberts has been recently appointed as a Youth Volunteering Officer with Mantell Gwynedd, in order to develop volunteering amongst young people and to give information about the numerous volunteering opportunities available for young people in Gwynedd.

"I am looking forward to finding new opportunities for young people, and for them to see the value in volunteering. It's very beneficial for the young person to gain new experiences and to feel that they are making a difference."

Mirain will be available to promote volunteering amongst young people and



give support and guidance to the

young people who are thinking of volunteering, or who are already giving their time to volunteer.

The theme for the next **Volunteering Organisers' Network Meeting** will be the recent developments in youth volunteering. **The meeting will be held on the 22nd of May, in the Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon at 10.00am.** Guest speakers will include Leah Doherty (WCVA), Millennium Volunteer Scheme, Judith Bevan - for the National Assembly, and Catrin James - Urdd Gobaith Cymru.

Can you speak Welsh?

Home Start Bangor are looking to recruit some Welsh speaking volunteers to join our team, as some of the families we support are Welsh speaking.

They are also currently looking for people to become Trustees of Home-Start Bangor. The trustees are those who direct and advise the scheme and staff for the benefit of the families and volunteers and ensure that the resources in the charity are used effectively. They are particularly keen to hear from people with business or personnel management, fundraising, financial or legal expert-

ise to complete our dedicated team.

If you feel that you could make a difference to a family in the Bangor area and give something back to your local community then please contact them on **01248 672673** or **info@home-start-bangor.com** we are waiting to hear from you!

Home-Start Bangor aim to help families during stressful times by offering them support, practical help and friendship.



Rooms for Hire

Cil De Gwynedd in Porthmadog offer the hiring of their Conference Room to organisations at a very competitive rate of £20 per half day - morning or afternoon. Also available is an IT Training Suite with up to 10 computers for £45 per day. For further information please contact Diane Durant on **01766 514249**



Prince's Trust CYMRU

Prince's Trust CYMRU had a team programme starting in Caernarfon in May, and another will be held in Bangor later in the year. They are looking for projects to give young people the opportunity to make a difference. If your group or organisation has an office/building that needs painting, a garden that needs weeding, a site that needs clearing or if you can think of a project that would be useful for a group of young people to gain the chance of team building - contact Kerry Yale on 07764 960085.

Rural Housing Facilitator

Affordable homes will soon be built in Dyffryn Arudwy and Llanuwchllyn and Arfon Hughes the Affordable Housing Officer is to be thanked for his contribution to the work. Mantell Gwynedd recently carried out an evaluation into the Rural Housing Facilitator project and the Community Councils who played a major part in the planning process were thankful for all the work undertaken. It is hopeful that the project will continue and that it will be a means to meet housing needs in other areas in the future. The project is the fruit of collaboration between Tai Clwyd and Tai Eryri Associations, Gwynedd Council, Snowdonia National Park, The Forestry Commission and Mantell Gwynedd. For further information, contact Arfon Hughes on 01766 833018.

The deadline for information or articles to be included in the next edition of Mantell is **17th August, 2007**. Please send or email any information to Beryl Norgrove in Dolgellau: **beryl@mantellgwynedd.com** • Tel: **01341 422575**

THE MORGAN FOUNDATION 'making a difference'

Supporting charities across North Wales, Merseyside, West Cheshire and North Shropshire, the Foundation has recently expanded its grant-giving programme to £1million per year.

The Morgan Foundation specialises in supporting organisations helping children and families and will consider any work which has a positive effect on their welfare, or which expands the opportunities and life choices for young people in this region.

Areas of support to date have includ-

ed physical and learning disability, physical and mental health, plus social challenge and deprivation. The Foundation will also consider helping charities meeting other needs, provided they meet its main objective of being able to 'make a difference'.

Further information can be obtained from www.morganfoundation.co.uk, or for an informal discussion contact Jane Harris (Administrator) 01829 782800.

Clare Duffield Foundation Performing Arts Awards

The Foundation offers grants to registered charities, schools, voluntary organisations and professional and amateur arts organisations in the UK for projects that provide young people [aged 0-18 years] with the opportunity to experience performing arts education.

Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available for performing arts-related educational projects.

The funding is available for new projects rather than extensions or repetitions of existing ones.

The deadline for the remaining round in 2007 is **12th, September, 2007**. Application forms are available from the Foundation's website - www.clareduffield.org.uk or contact tel (0207) 351 6061



SPORTLOT Community Chest Gwynedd

Community Chest is a grant by the Sports Council for Wales which is funded by the National Lottery.

It is designed to encourage more people to become more physically active. The maximum grant awarded is £1000 and can be used to support various projects, including:

- walking and cycling projects

- projects which encourage employees to become more physically active
- projects which encourage physical activities in the natural environment
- recruitment and development of volunteers, leaders and coaches

For an application pack please contact:

Jane Eade on (01758) 704010

'Lets Walk Cymru'

Grants Scheme

'Let's Walk Cymru' is a new Wales-wide initiative aimed at increasing the number of people undertaking walking as a regular health benefiting activity. The scheme focuses on targeting the inactive population and aims to extend traditional health walks programmes - the grant will support these but will also focus on developing projects to provide further opportunities. Grants of up to £10,000 per annum will be awarded. There is provision to apply for a larger grant of £30,000 where the application is for a multi-faceted project. The closing date for the second round of funding is the beginning of November 2007, with grants being awarded in January 2008. For further information, contact your Senior Active Communities Officer: North 08450 450908 or Shana Thomas, Senior Officer for Walking on 08450 450906 or shana.thomas@scw.co.uk.

Galluogi Gwynedd

2007 - 2008

Galluogi Gwynedd fund is about to finish for the time being and there's only limited funding left for applications under £1,000. Groups can apply for a grant up to a £1,000 at any time - there isn't a formal closing date. So first come, first serve...

For an application form or to discuss any potential projects and ideas please contact Delyth Vaughan on 01286 672 626 or delyth@mantellgwynedd.com

Child and Family Support Grant

2007 - 08

This fund provides support to groups who provide a care and educational service for children under 11 years of age. This is an annual fund which supports groups like Cylchoedd Meithrin, Cylchoedd Ti a Fi, PPA groups, Mother and Toddler group etc. Groups can apply for up to £500 capital grant and £500 revenue grant. The closing date for this year's fund is on **Friday, June 15th, 2007 at 5.00 pm**. For an application pack or further information please contact Delyth Vaughan, Grants and Support Officer on 01286 672 626 or delyth@mantellgwynedd.com

Recently organised events

Emergency First Aid Training for Young Volunteers

Caernarfon, 16th February



modate these changes and can create roles that respond to the needs of their volunteers.

15 representatives from various organisations in Gwynedd attended the morning workshop, and they all felt that they had an educational and useful session in Adam May's company.

Working Together as One Barmouth, 22nd March



The Bureau and Communities First in Barmouth worked closely to organise the 'Working Together as One' event which was staged at the Dragon Theatre Thursday 22nd March. Six organisations were present, but the public attendance was a little disappointing.

If you were unable to attend but feel you would like to give a little help in the community, then remember that your local Volunteer Bureau is available throughout the year to assist you in any way - why not give them a call 01341 422 575 or 01286 672626.

Training for Volunteers 'Developing Problem Solving Skills'

Caernarfon, 11th May

A very enjoyable day was had by all who attended this one day training session facilitated by Dr Ioan Rees. The listening skills learnt during the day will be useful for their own benefit and others. The course was delivered in a relaxed and happy manner. "I enjoyed the course greatly. I learnt loads to take me forward" was the comments left by one attendee.

Volunteering Workshop with Adam May

Porthmadog, 16th March

'Creating Volunteer Roles that Excite and Motivate'.

The Gwynedd Volunteers' Organisers Network meets regularly three times a year, and the first meeting of 2007 was a volunteering workshop led by Adam May. The title of the Workshop was 'Creating Volunteer Roles that excite and motivate' with the aim of helping Volunteer Managers to recruit, retain and motivate volunteers.

During the workshop, the following points were discussed:

- i) 'Volunteer Role descriptions'.
- ii) Motivating Volunteers - In general, people are motivated by:
 - Affiliation - or social contact
 - Autonomy - or the desire to be independent
 - Achievement - the desire to have something to show for their volunteering.
- iii) 'Role enrichment and role enlargement'. A good way is to involve volunteers themselves in developing their role - this will help them to feel that their expertise and views are valued.
- iv) The changing patterns of volunteering - increasing numbers of people want to volunteer for specific, time limited, project-based activities rather than make a regular open-ended, ongoing commitment.

Successful volunteer managers can accom-

A Date for your Diary - VOLUNTEERING FAIR

Coma along to the Ganolfan in Porthmadog on Friday, 28th September 2007.

ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO BRING INFORMATION STALLS !

A warm welcome is extended to the public to call in at any time between 10.30am and 3.30pm.

Volunteers' Week 2007

1st - 7th June

The first week in June is well established as Volunteers' Week nationally. By the time this issue of Mantell is published, the 23rd Volunteers Week will have been celebrated throughout the country. The three 'Rs' summarises the aims of the week in that it hopes to:

- ◆ Recognise
- ◆ Reward
- ◆ Recruit Volunteers

In Gwynedd, the Bureau staff:

- Manned volunteering information stalls at Dolgellau, Bangor and Pwllheli in order to attract publicity and to raise awareness of volunteering in general.
- Organised a celebration Tea at Plas Glyn y Weddw Gallery in Llanbedrog on 7th June.
- Visited organisation that involve volunteers in their activities in order to strengthen the connection, and update information.

We look forward to publish photographs of the Week's activities in the next issue of Mantell!!!

Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards 2007

During the "Celebration Tea" at Plas Glyn y Weddw, the following volunteers from Gwynedd were presented with the "Wales Volunteer of the Year 2007" certificates to mark their commitment to volunteering

- Manon Evans
- Xanthe Larcombe
- Laurence Charles Mort
- Griff Roberts
- Gwenfor Roberts
- Harold Toone

Cyswllt - the Deaf Children Society was also nominated under the 'Group Category'

Congratulations to them all !

Mantell forthcoming events:

JUNE 2007

Village Halls and VAT

8th June

9.30am - 11.30am

Training Room, Mantell Gwynedd, Caernarfon

Cost: - £10 Mantell Gwynedd Members - £15 Non Members Voluntary Sector - £40 Private & Statutory Sector.

Trainer: David Ormesher

Are you on a Village Hall Committee? Are you doing any building work on the Hall? Are you renovating your Hall? Confused about VAT?

This is an information session about all VAT issues revolving around village halls. This is an opportunity for your questions to be answered by a VAT expert.

VAT Issues facing the voluntary sector

June: Time and venue to be confirmed

Cost: - £10 Mantell Gwynedd Members - £15 Non Members Voluntary Sector - £40 Private & Statutory Sector.

Trainer: David Ormesher

Would you be interested in coming to an information session discussing VAT issues facing your voluntary group? Have you any specific issues you would like to ask a VAT expert about? If this is the case this could be the session for you to attend.

Trustees Responsibilities

26th June

10.00am - 4.00pm

Plas Tan y Bwlch, Maentwrog

Cost: - £10 Mantell Gwynedd Members - £15 Non Members Voluntary Sector - £40 Private & Statutory Sector.

Trainer: Bethan Russell Owen

Are you a TRUSTEE or on the verge of becoming a trustee?

This session will explore the real roles and responsibilities of trusteeship and asking the question "What make a good trustee?" Above all we will be asking the question "What are trustee responsibilities when things go wrong in an organisation?"

For more information on the above contact Lindsey Ellis, Training Officer, Mantell Gwynedd, Yr Hen Orsaf Heddlu, Y Lawnt, Dolgellau. Tel: 01341 422575



FUNDERS FAIR

Looking for funding?

Call by to chat to the funders face to face:

Children in Need ● The Big Lottery Fund
Night Out ● Galluogi Gwynedd
Institute of Fundraising ● Gwynedd Council
Mantell Gwynedd

Also:

VOLUNTARY SECTOR MEETING

Chance for voluntary organisations to network and discuss how they are represented on strategic partnerships - 10.00am

As well as:

Launching Mantell Gwynedd's New Website

All of this at

Glaslyn Lesiure Centre, Porthmadog

Tuesday, July 10th

10.00am - 3.30pm

WCVA Training and Events

Training - Grants - Fit for Funding

Thursday, 12 July, 2007

Venue: Llandudno

Cost: £10

The course will examine all aspects of preparing a funding application and will provide a practical insight into identifying the most appropriate sources of funding for your organisation. The course will also provide an overview of the current funding climate in Wales and assist you in understanding what influences funders.

Training - Earning

Thursday, 13 September, 2007

Venue: Ruthin

Cost: £10

The course is intended to provide an overview of the routes involved in developing an income generated idea. The course is intended for those with a responsibility for strategic direction and fundraising.

Conference - Volunteers and the law

Thursday, 13 September, 2007

10am - 4pm

Venue: Riverfront Arts Centre, Newport

Conference fees (inc. VAT)

£70 Voluntary organisations; £80 Others

The conference provides an opportunity to obtain up to date information about aspects of the law which affect volunteers, and to discuss implications for our working practice.

The conference has been aimed at Volunteer managers and others who have an interest in the management and development of volunteer programmes.

The day will also be valuable for trustees who want to find out more about their responsibilities toward volunteers.

Four workshops will be arranged for the day and delegates will be given the opportunity to take part in two.

For further information on WCVA training go to www.wcva.org.uk/training or email training@wcva.org.uk.

For further information on WCVA events contact Mel Knights on: Tel: 029 2043 1724, Fax: 029 2043 1701 or email: eventsadmin@wcva.org.uk

Establishing a Long Term Conditions Group in South Gwynedd

A meeting is to be held at the **Glan Wnion Leisure Centre, Dolgellau, Monday June 11 at 10:30am until 12:30pm** aimed at organisations, carers and service users who work or are involved in any way with long term conditions in the South of Gwynedd. The purpose of this initial meeting is to explore and discuss the viability of forming a group and how organisations and individuals can work together i.e. share

resources etc. A similar alliance has already been formed for Anglesey and the North of Gwynedd; it is also important that the South of the County has a voice

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who has an interest. Lunch will be provided!

For more information please contact Sioned at Mantell Gwynedd on: 01286 672626.

Training Notice

Business Continuity Training

Monday, 18 June 2007 - 10:00am-12:00pm

Plas Menai, Caernarfon *or*

Tuesday, 19 June 2007 - 10:00am-12:00pm

Glan Wnion Leisure Centre, Dolgellau

Purpose of session:

This training session will enable Voluntary Organisations to **plan a response** to incidents which cannot be dealt with as part of normal day to day activity. Incidents such as power failure, flood or theft affect a single business but regional or **national incidents such as strikes or Flu pandemics** require service providers, local authorities and the LHB to work together to ensure continued delivery of essential services.

This course will assist organisations in **identifying risks** and **documenting** their plans. It will also be an opportunity to **share experiences and concerns** and how we can work together to address these issues.

If you want to book a place on one of these sessions please contact Sioned at Mantell Gwynedd on 01286 672626.

The session will finish at 12:15 and lunch will be provided.

Conference

Connect for Health 2007, 20 - 21 June 2007

Venue: Holland House Hotel, Cardiff

This year's themes:

- Modes of Working
- 'Ganging-up' on the wicked issues
- Local Strategies: Tangible Outcomes

- New legislation: New Opportunities

To book a place log on to **www.ssiacymru.org.uk/c4hbookingform** or email Ashley Gould on: **ashley.gould@wlg.gov.uk**

Recent Publications

Dementia UK Report:

The Alzheimer's Society has published 'Dementia UK': a report into the prevalence and cost of dementia, which is a major study on the social and economic impact of dementia in the UK. The report shows that as the UK's population ages the number of people with dementia will grow substantially. Dementia currently costs the UK £17 billion a year.

For more information and a copy of the report, visit the Alzheimers Society's website via the following link: http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/News_and_Campaigns/Campaigning/PDF/Dementia_UK_Summary.pdf

Expert Patient Programme - Porthmadog Area

'New approach to self-management for people with long-term health conditions'

Venue: Porthmadog Arts Centre, High Street, Porthmadog, Gwynedd LL49 9LU

Time: Friday 13.00 - 16.30

Dates: 8/6/07, 15/6/07, 22/6/07, 29/6/07, 6/7/07, 13/7/07

The programme will run for six consecutive weeks:

For more information please telephone **01286 674236**



MANTAIS Project

The Mantais Project is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government, and part financed by the European Union Structural Funds. It aims to engage young people living in areas of North Wales which have been identified by the Welsh Government's Communities First programme as being disadvantaged.

The project will offer 16 to 24 year olds the chance to take part in environmental, personal development, community and activity programmes which will improve their access to education and employment. It will also offer outdoor qualification training to volunteer youth workers.

As part of the new project, the participant will gain valuable skills without even realizing it. These include outdoor, social and technical qualifications, which could improve the chances of getting jobs the participants want.

Some of the exciting activities and challenges on offer include:

- Mountain biking
- Climbing
- Canoeing
- Gorge walking
- High Ropes Course
- Abseiling
- Sea Kayaking

The Mantais Project offers participants the chance to make a difference to communities through their energy and ideas. Either setting up new projects or helping existing projects.

If you are aged 16 to 24 and would like to take part in the Mantais Project, please direct all questions to your Communities First Co-ordinator in your area. If you are unclear who this is, please contact the Outlook Community team on 01286-871888 who will be happy to help answer any questions, or alternatively email us at info@outlook-community.com.

Important! Update on Gwraidd!

The Gwraidd scheme for new and developing community groups is coming to an end during 2007. All the money distributed in the scheme has to be spent by June 2008, so all applications must be received in 2007. We are looking at making some changes to maximise the benefit that small groups can receive from this fund, which has become increasingly popular as more and more groups and part-

nerships hear about it, and we'll let you know about these as soon as possible through the bulletin and the website. Some eligible areas have made no applications at all to the scheme yet so please make sure groups in your areas don't lose out!

Contact the Communities First helpline for more information on 0800 5878898 or email: enquiries@communitiesfirst.info.

Communities First Trust Fund

From the 1st April 2007 the Communities First Trust Fund re opened for applications from voluntary groups and organisations in the seven Communities First areas in Gwynedd.

The aim of the fund is to support any activity which will benefit the community, including local people through the medium of small local organisations.

For more information and to check that your group/organisation is eligible to apply or to request an application pack, contact the Communities First Helpline on 0800 587 8898 or go to www.communitiesfirst.info or contact your local Co-ordinator:

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Leah Pitts
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Barmouth Ward

Martin Williams
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Pen Llyn - Wards

Aberdaron, Botwnnog and Tudweiliog

Rhys Evans
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**Closing date for applications for this financial year is:
31st January 2008.**