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MOELFRE'S NEW LIFEBOAT HOUSE



The existing
lifeboat house



The proposed
new building

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In order to meet the needs of a new Tamar class all-weather lifeboat the RNLI is proposing to rebuild the existing lifeboat house and slipway at Moelfre.

After several years of studies and design development and discussions with the local planning authority a planning application has been prepared and will be submitted shortly, but which could lead to further consultation and alterations.

A public exhibition of the proposed plans was held at Moelfre Church Hall on Wednesday 23 June 2010 between 4.00pm and 8.00pm where representatives of the RNLI and their designers were present to explain and discuss the proposals.

It was an opportunity for individuals from within the community to be well informed should anyone wish to comment upon the planning application.

Over a 100 people attended the open evening and viewed the plans, and questioned RNLI representatives – information from the evening showed that funding is fully in place to implement the project if planning is secured.

The role of the RNLI is integral to all of Moelfre's maritime history and traditions – individuals who served the RNLI over the years have shaped this fantastic community we live in – this project deserves our overwhelming support.

David Evans Nant Bychan Farm, Moelfre

It is with sadness that we record the loss of **David Evans**, Nant Bychan, Moelfre, on Saturday 5th September 2009 following a lengthy illness.

We commiserate with his wife Eirys, sons Dewi, Emlyn, Ieuan and family for their loss – a farmer, who valued family life, he was a caring husband, a proud father, brother, father in law, and doting grandfather to Menna and Beca.

Dafydd as he used to be known was a pillar of community life, who took an active interest in many of its activities. Born in Penysarn, he moved to Moelfre when 6 weeks old. He was a long standing member of Moelfre Community Council, and a valued member of Moelfre Partnership.

A private person, his support, advice and friendship on a personal and community level is missed by many of us, not least on the farm at Nant Bychan.

Goodbye to the Craggy Grassholm by Robin Evans

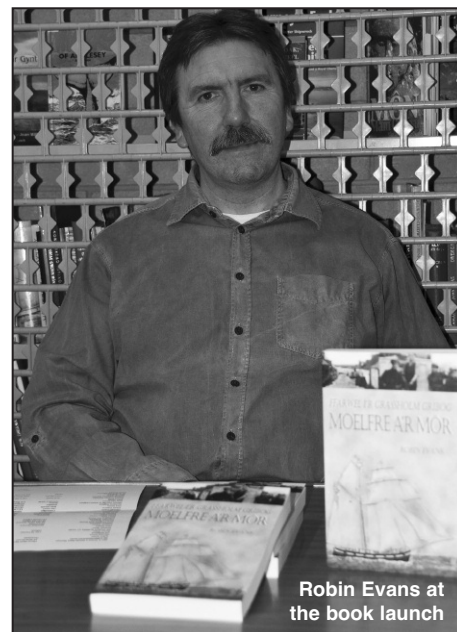
A book, *Moelfre and the Sea: 'Goodbye to the Craggy Grassholm'* by one of Moelfre's own, **Robin Evans**, was launched on Monday 30 November 2009 at Moelfre Community School.

Over a 100 supporters attended this very special occasion, many from Moelfre, Benllech and Bodedern present showing their support and appreciation to Robin.

In the book a number of articles and manuscripts were collected introducing aspects of Moelfre and Llanallgo's maritime history during the period 1750 – 1950, but the story is not a parochial one, for the experiences and history of Moelfre and its people introduce us to the maritime history of many small coastal villages of Wales and beyond.

The book was published by Carreg Gwalch Press, Llanrwst, and the 166 page publication (in Welsh) is on sale at local bookshops for the price of £12.00.

Our thanks to Robin for recording the fruits of his knowledge and research in this factual, interesting and important publication on the maritime history of Moelfre, Anglesey and Wales.



Robin Evans at the book launch

Robin was inspired by a number of special personal circumstances in publishing the book, amongst them the enthusiasm and support of Moelfre's local history class, arranged by Robin Evans and County Councillor **Derlwyn Hughes** in partnership with Coleg Menai.

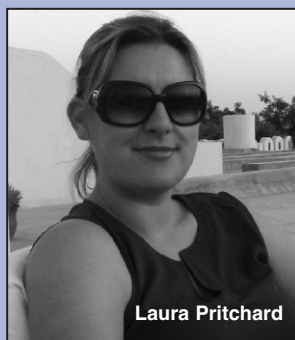
Moelfre Community Council News

Laura Pritchard was co-opted on to Moelfre Community Council following the loss of Mrs Nerys Thomas 'Consuello'. She runs numerous successful local businesses in the area – 'Y Caban' and Ann's Pantry Moelfre, as well as owning the shop and café at Pentraeth Garden Centre. She also makes and sells silver jewellery on an internet site.

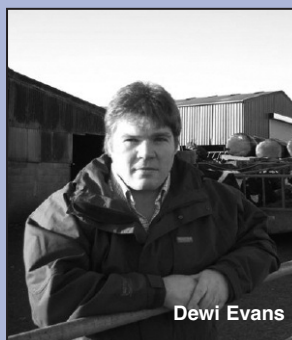
Laura likes walking and running to keep fit – she has a special interest in travelling, in particular what other areas do regarding tourism and businesses.

She has an interest in Moelfre over 50's Club and Moelfre Art and Play and of the impact they have on the lives of older people and children. She believes the coastal path to be of importance to the area – locals and visitors, and she would like the good work in keeping the streets litter free, and the sea and beach area clean continue.

DAVID ARBONNE OWENS, 9 Ffordd Eleth, Moelfre, was elected Chair of Moelfre Community Council for 2010 /



Laura Pritchard



Dewi Evans

2011 and Dafydd Evans 'Glan Helen' Llanallgo appointed as Vice-Chair. Davey Arbonne takes a special interest in all aspects historical, maritime, in particular the Moelfre R.N.L.I – his father Evan Owen was mechanic on Moelfre Lifeboat for a number of years involved with numerous rescues. Davey is President of Moelfre Rowing Club and a valued member of Moelfre Partnership.

DAFYDD EVANS is involved with numerous organisations locally – in particular Llanallgo Church. He is also Chair of Moelfre Community School Governors, where his past experience as deputy

headmaster of Treborth School greatly assists us locally.

42 year old **DEWI EVANS** won the Moelfre Community Council by-election held in November 2009 and will represent the community on Moelfre Council.

Dewi lives with his wife Rhian and daughter Menna at Tyddyn y Ffrwd Moelfre. Born and bred at Nant Bychan Farm and with his daughter attending and enjoying Moelfre Community School, his roots are firmly embedded within the community.

He wishes to contribute to community life, its event and activities, and be involved in decision making at a community level - we wish him well!

Dewi succeeds his late father David Evans who served on the Community Council for over thirty five years.

Moelfre's Young People

As a community we take great pride in hearing or witnessing the educational or Vocational achievements of our young people and it is even more rewarding when we hear of their involvement in volunteering particularly with local community groups or clubs.

LOWRI ROBERTS

Lowri Roberts of 'Tair Ynys' Trigfa Estate, Moelfre, travelled to Zambia on 4th July 2010 to undertake voluntary work along with seven of her fellow pupils from Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones, Amlwch.

Lowri has been busy for some months now, fundraising for her trip, and she would like to thank everyone in the local community who have been so willing to support her. We look forward to hearing about your adventures Lowri, when you return home safely.



Lowri receives a cheque from Jean Raynor, Co-chair of Moelfre Over 50's

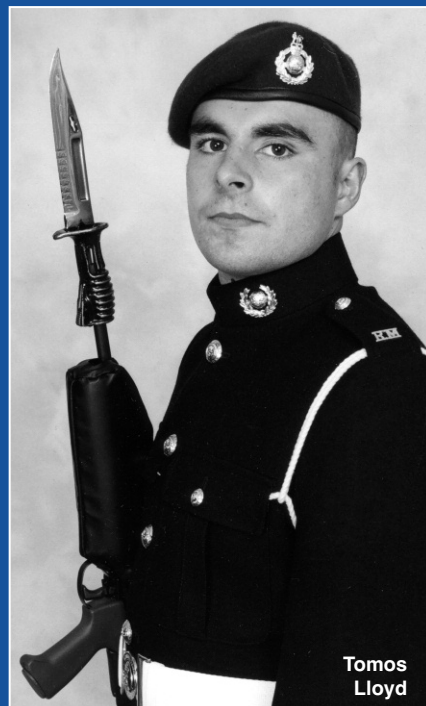
TOMOS LLOYD

Many of Moelfre's young people over the years have been involved with the Armed Forces, in particular the Royal Navy and the Army. The latest is Tomos Lloyd who was recruited with the **Royal Marines**. All those selected must attain a high level of fitness, the desire to push themselves to their full potential; and be able to work within a disciplined team.

19 year old Tomos Lloyd of 35 Ffordd Lligwy Moelfre has successfully completed his first year training in Devon and has achieved a green beret in being a Royal Commando.

He passed for duty at a ceremony on Friday 11th June 2010 – shortly he will be based in Scotland, as part of 40 Commando, but in March they will be posted to Afghanistan for 6 months. Mum Lisa, grand-mother Els Thomas and all the family are extremely proud of his achievements - well done!

We believe Tom to be the first of Moelfre's young people born in the village to be with



Tomos Lloyd

the Royal Marines. (We are aware that Bob Roberts 'Croeswion' Moelfre was with the Royal Marines but born in Brynsiencyn)

As a community all our thoughts are with Tom and all the other young people of Moelfre who are based all over the UK and the world in one of the Armed Forces and who daily risk their lives in saving others in the line of duty.

Royal Charter bronze panels

An interesting article appeared in *Sŵn y Môr*, the quarterly magazine for the Isle of Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Issue 8 Winter / Spring 2010 on unveiling **Sam Holland's** bronze panels to

mark the 150th anniversary of the shipwreck of the *Royal Charter* off the coast of Moelfre on 26th October 1859 in a severe storm.

The article notes that to mark the anniversary sculptor Sam Holland was commissioned to produce a sculpture to depict the *Royal Charter*

shipwreck. The sculpture consists of two six-foot concave panels in cold cast bronze, one illustrating the damage to the ship and the other demonstrating the bravery of Guzze Ruggier (Joe Rogers).

The panels are located outside the Seawatch Centre in Moelfre, and the commissioned work was part funded by the Anglesey AONB Sustainable Fund.



Sam Holland the sculptor with the bronze panel of Guzze Ruggier (Joe Rodgers) the Maltese seaman



Moelfre Lifeboat crew

The Ellen MacArthur Trust

The **Ellen MacArthur Trust** takes young people aged between 8-18 sailing to help them regain their confidence, on their way to recovery from cancer, leukaemia and other serious illness.

They visited Holyhead during August 2009, and following a request by Craig Hughes of Menter Môn who is involved with the Trust, Moelfre Partnership were pleased in donating a small signed Keith Shone print of the 'Wreck of the Royal Charter' that was auctioned to raise funds for this worthy cause



The auction raised £2800 on the night with the *Royal Charter* print raising a tidy sum!

Nerys Thomas, 'Consuello' Moelfre

The community were saddened and shocked following news of the sudden death of **Mrs Nerys Thomas** 'Consuello' Moelfre, Wednesday 13th January 2010.

Born and bred in Moelfre— she will be sadly missed for her enthusiasm and support to numerous groups or organisations - she was a loyal contributing member of Moelfre Partnership and Chair of Moelfre Community Council. We are also aware of her interest and support over many years to the Anglesey Show and the Women's Institute (W.I.)

We commiserate with her husband Michael, her brother Wyn and family.

SEAWATCH CENTRE MOELFRE ATTRACTS MOST VISITORS

The Museum and Culture Service Isle of Anglesey County Council manages six seasonal sites, in addition to its main parent museum and gallery – Oriel Ynys Mon.

However of the six seasonal sites the Seawatch Centre at Moelfre attracted the largest number of visitors in 2009 – 16,844 being consistent with previous numbers over the last 4 years – 17,734 visited in 2008.



11,813 visited Beaumaris Gaol, 9,193 visited Llynnon Mill at Llanddeusant, and 16,040 visited South Stack at Holyhead.

Without exception the heritage sites are experiencing falling visitor numbers and income. In order to reverse this trend, future developments of the Seawatch Centre in partnership with Isle of Anglesey's Economic Department is under consideration. These include significant improvements to the visitor experience at the centre, including the provision of toilets, rest facilities, and significant enhanced heritage interpretation.

Moelfre Partnership value the Seawatch Centre as being pivotal to the future development of the area.

However Isle of Anglesey Council is currently in consultation regarding cuts and efficiencies' with the future of all heritage sites under scrutiny - the cost of operating heritage sites, leisure centres and libraries is a small price to pay for the enjoyment they give to locals and visitors alike.

Possibly the County Council could look at reducing fees for outside consultants and staff absenteeism before reducing services!

RNLI Coastal Path Charity Walk

Beginning at 9.00am on Thursday 27th May 2010 from Moelfre Lifeboat station **Adrian Clark** successfully completed the entire 125 mile circular walk of the Anglesey Coastal Path in aid of Moelfre RNLI.

Adrian of 'Swn y Mor', Trifga Estate, Moelfre completed the walk solo and un-aided, carrying camping equipment, food supplies and only picking up water on route.

The sum collected to date is £1882 (after adding Gift Aid) with the majority earmarked for Moelfre RNLI - well done an excellent feat.

Individuals can still contribute thorough a website link until 1st September 2010

www.justgiving.com/Adrians-125mile-walk-around-Anglesey



ANGLESEY BEACHES AWARDS 2010

Congratulations are due to a number of Anglesey beaches for winning the prestigious **Keep Wales Tidy 'Seaside Awards' for 2010**.

Visitors will recognise this achievement when they see the distinctive blue and yellow flag at a beach they visit, in having attained the EU standards for bathing water quality, including the high level of cleanliness, management, including disabled access, provision of litterbins, as well as information and safety. Moelfre Community Council and Moelfre Partnership are pleased that both **Lligwy** and **Moelfre** beaches have again been awarded these high level quality awards.



Grass cutting on coastal path around Moelfre

Isle of Anglesey County Council since summer 2003, are now solely responsible through a contractual agreement for the strimming and grass-cutting of the coastal path on Anglesey.

Three cuts will be undertaken on each route / path section, and the timing is as follows during 2010:

Cut 1: between 2nd and 21st May

Cut 2: between 2nd and 21st July

Cut 3: between 1st and 14th September



Lessons learnt are continually incorporated into the programme – feedback received from walkers is generally good regarding conditions of path

Moelfre Community Council will still be responsible for all inland paths, including the playing field and new cemetery at Llanallgo – these will be maintained to the usually high standard.

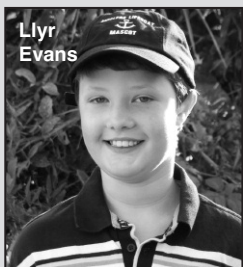
Lifeboat Day 2010

Moelfre Lifeboat Day will be held this year on **Saturday 14th August 2010**, with a 10.00am start.

The hard-working committee have been busy arranging events over the winter months for this special day – by now it is one of the largest events in the social calendar for the whole island.



Katie Massey



Llyr Evans

The Lifeboat Station will be open from 10am giving guided tours of the boat and boathouse until just before launch which will be at 1pm. There will be old favourites and new activities to keep the whole family occupied for the whole day. Join in the fun, 2010 promises to be another cracking day in raising funds for a very worthy cause.

Moelfre Lifeboat Princess for 2009 was **Katie Massey**, 'Y Wern', Moelfre, and the Mascot was **Llyr Evans**, 'Glanhelen' Llanallgo.



Music Moelfre 2010

SATURDAY: 24th JULY 2010

Aelwyd yr Ynys (Anglesey Youth Choir)

The Choir first performed at Music Moelfre in 2009, and such was the enjoyment that we invited them back for 2010.

Since re-establishing in 2004 under the leadership of Nia Evans the Choir with over 50 young people of the island meet regularly to sing and socialise, and can often be seen performing and competing in concerts, eisteddfodau and festivals across Wales.

Individual soloists will also feature as part of their repertoire

Kind-a-blue Jazz trio

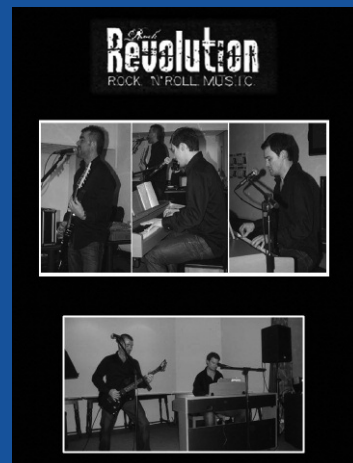
Kind-a-blue consists of three people – Mandy singing classics such as 'Mad about the Boy' and 'I've got you under my skin' Felix is the 'musical wizard' who plays jazz guitar and trumpet, also singing tracks, with Matt as the rhythm guitarist

Kind-a-blue has developed an 'All American Songbook' theme introducing a specific arrangement of some of the best jazz classics in history – not to be missed!

SATURDAY: 31st JULY 2010 - 8.00pm

Rock Revolution

Well established on the North West music scene, Liverpool based Rock Revolution is a brilliant Rock 'n Roll duo act featuring the talents of Mark and Dom consisting of lead guitar, electric piano and vocals.



The set consists of rock and pop to oldies and modern stuff, featuring songs of the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Queen and Thin Lizzie through to The Killers and The Kaiser Chiefs. Be there for a great night of entertainment – dancing or just sing along.

Free admission, but a collection in aid of Music Moelfre will be made on the nights.



Moelfre Singers

Moelfre Singers performed their latest production 'Old Time Music Hall' show held on 14th and 15th May 2010 at Moelfre Community School.

It was an enjoyable experience for all concerned – cast and audience. All members dressed up and sang popular songs from the era, with audience participation in many of the songs at the request of leader **Petra Lloyd Davies**.

120 people enjoyed the performances over both nights, with the sum of £700 being raised for Snowdonia Search and Rescue Dogs Association the chosen charity for this production

We thank the leader Petra Lloyd Davies, accompanist Mair Muir and all involved in staging two enjoyable performances – we await their next production.

Moelfre Community Council also wish to thank Moelfre Singers for their contribution of £100 towards purchasing more Christmas lights for the tree – it confirms that all within the community, regardless of age enjoy the Christmas tree and a good display of lights in December!! – it is very much appreciated.



George and Rodney performing a humorous sketch



ANGLESEY TOURISM AWARDS

Anne's Pantry, Moelfre, scoops top award

BBC presenter Rhun ap Iorwerth announced the winning nominations across 15 categories at a recent awards ceremony held at Tre-Ysgawen Hall Hotel, Capel Coch, Llangefni.

The Anglesey Tourism Awards celebrate success, exemplifying good practice and promotes all that is best in tourism in the region.

In 2008 **Ann's Pantry**, Moelfre, was featured as 'one of the of the best Top Tearoom Trails in the UK' – we congratulate Laura Pritchard and Ann's Pantry on winning another prestigious award – again it highlights the high standard and quality of facilities on offer locally (Laura is a member of Moelfre Partnership and Community Council).

Best Bistro of the Year sponsored by **Coleg Menai: Ann's Pantry Moelfre and Lastra Farm Hotel, Amlwch** – joint winners.

WINNER
ENILLYDD



The Silver winners for **Best Anglesey Produce of the Year** sponsored by Tesco were jointly won by three businesses – two being local: *Derimon Smokery*, Dulas Bay and *Y Cwt Caws*, Dulas. (Cwt Caws = Cheese Hut, Derimon = Oaks of Anglesey)



HAFAN DAY CARE MOELFRE

Due to the care of part time staff, enthusiasm of volunteers, and support of Age Concern Gwynedd and Mon, Hafan Day Care is still appreciated by users and their families.

However places are still available for those who wish to take advantage of this local facility – Day Care / Luncheon Club / Shopping Service.

All activities are held at the Hafan Day Care at Moelfre Community School. If interested please contact **Elizabeth**

Roberts on 01248 410793 for a discreet chat about your needs or those of family or friends.

All users appreciate the various activities and outings arranged regularly, and on 18th December 2009 members / staff / and friends of the Hafan enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch at the Parciau Arms Marianglas – our thanks this year to **PCSO Iona Beckman** and two young police cadets who arranged games and distributed gifts to members following a lovely lunch.



June Roberts and Betty Jones enjoying the Hafan Christmas Lunch

MOELFRE'S OVER 50's CLUB

Moelfre over 50's Club, established in 2000 in partnership with Age Concern Gwynedd and Mon, with a restricted membership of 80 members, meets on the first Wednesday of every month, at the Library Moelfre Community School at 2.00pm.

2010 saw the Club celebrating its 10th birthday with a celebratory cake made by **Gill Lloyd Williams**, whilst also publishing a very popular cookery book with all recipes written by Club members, and the sketches by club member **Josie Froggatt**.

The Club secured funding from the Allen Lane Foundation to implement their 2009 / 2010 quality balanced programme of activities. The feed-back from Club members on the varied programme of meetings - social, educational or cultural - has been excellent.



June Roberts and Trish Elford cut the birthday cake



Josie Froggatt at the launch of the cookery book

On 2nd June the Club visited Bodnant Gardens situated along the River Conwy with spectacular views across Snowdonia. With its expansive lawns, grand ponds and impressive terraces as well as awe-inspiring plant collections, it was one visit thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Although outings are extremely popular Club officers are aware that due to a variety of reasons, mainly mobility issues, some members find it difficult to support these trips.

As an additional meeting to those members, Club officers were delighted to accept Co-Chair **Trish Elford**'s kind offer in hosting an afternoon tea at Shuerrey House on 24th June 2010. Club officials assisted Trish in serving an excellent afternoon tea enjoyed in the impressive garden of Shuerrey House by all those invited to attend – a big thank you to Trish and all those who helped from all those present for a very special afternoon.

Moelfre Over 50's and Alive and Kicking, contact: **Elizabeth Hampson 410907.**

Peter Froggatt, Jean and Tony Raynor enjoy Xmas lunch at the Victoria Hotel, Menai Bridge



Barbara Shiels, Trish Elford, Eileen Mason, and in the background Doris Deakin and Lo Meredith at Shuerrey House

Alive & Kicking, part of the **Moelfre Over 50's Club**, recently benefited from a £300 Sports Council for Wales Community Chest grant to purchase gymnastic mats, equipment and also to pay for room hire of the hall.

A spokesperson for the Alive and Kicking group said 'The simplest ideas often deliver the biggest impact, this grant will enable our members to join in activities and simple exercises keeping their muscles supple and minds active'. The Club will kick start activities on Wednesday 1st September 2010 at 10.00am at Moelfre Church Hall.

We wish to thank **Elma Verrinder** for her hard work in facilitating activities on behalf of the group over a number of years, and although she will continue to be an active member **Trish Elford** will take over duties in September – our thanks to both.



Seat and Bench donated to Moelfre



Moelfre Community Council agreed to a request by Broxap Ltd who wanted to locate a seat and bench on trial for 6 months in the Moelfre area as they are made from a new eco friendly material on the outside whilst having the strength of steel on the inside.

Due to the need of replacing an old wooden bench on the coastal path, and numerous requests by grand-parents and parents to locate a seat in the playing field – both these

locations were selected.

Broxap Ltd. wanted an area where they would experience harsh weather conditions, i.e. salt and sea spray, also to experience harsh sunlight and heat.

Hence they are Black in colour which will absorb both, but when in production they can be any colour, and all are British manufactured. We are grateful to Tony Taylor, Nant Bychan, (Broxap Ltd) for the kind offer.

League and Cup success for Bro Goronwy Football Club

Congratulations to Bro Goronwy our local football Club covering the Moelfre and Benllech area in winning the Anglesey Football League, and two cups. Bro Goronwy play their home games at Caeau Gleision Moelfre. A fantastic season for the players and inspirational management duo of **Lee Potter** and **Paul Scholes** – we thank all who have been involved in this success.

Officers, committee members, supporters are all delighted at the success, and hope for another productive season in the Gwynedd League for 2010 / 2011 – the team deserve this opportunity to compete at a higher level of local football – they can only give their best.

If any individual or business would like to sponsor or assist with any aspect of running a football club contact Chairman **Gareth Parry** on 01248 410759.

Following a presentation evening at the Breeze Hill Hotel Benllech on Saturday 3rd July 2010 the following were award winners:

Players' player – Sam Carter
Manager's player – Alex Jones
Top Scorer – Steve Jones
Most improved – Richard Williams

For more information view their new website (under construction) at:
www.pitchero.com/clubs/brogoronwyfc/



Moelfre Quilters

On 25th May 2010 at Moelfre Church Room **Albert Owen M.P.** presented a Big Lottery Fund 'Awards for All Wales' cheque for £5,000 to Moelfre Quilters.

It was very well attended with members from many other groups including, **Derlwyn Hughes**, Moelfre's local County Councillor, **Mr & Mrs Hawes** from the local church committee, **Jane Edwards** who is the area representative for the Quilters Guild and **Debbie Tebbutt** from Coleg Menai, as well as many from the community.

The group originally started out as a quilting class run by Coleg Menai as part of the courses offered under the Moelfre Lifelong Learning classes, but have now progressed beyond the remit of Coleg Menai and have formed their own new successful group.

Moelfre Quilters meets at Moelfre Church Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, with usually a speaker on the fourth Tuesday and occasionally workshops on the third Tuesday.

If interested in joining contact **Carol** 01248410871 or **Joyce** 01248410595, e-mail: ifonlyhadtime@hotmail.co
 Web-site address is www.spanglefish.com/moelfrequilters.



Albert Owen M.P. presenting the cheque to Moelfre Quilters officers and members

Moelfre Art and Play Easter 2010

A quality Art, Sport, and Play provision was again provided for the village of Moelfre during the Easter holidays catering for those aged 8years and above.

Over 30 children / young people registered to the scheme, giving opportunity for safe and imaginative play. Visits included a day packed with fun and adventure at the Greenwood Forest Park, Felinheli; a craft and face-painting workshop with **Sian Owen**, Llangristiolus, swimming and 'water walkers' at Amlwch Leisure Centre.



Day out at Greenwood Forest Park

Other activities included an Easter egg treasure hunt and games

We thank all involved in arranging and supervising activities – **Ceri Jones**, **Bethan Dobson Jones**, and **Daniel Snowden**.

Thanks to 'Cymorth' Open Access Play grant Isle of Anglesey County Council administered by Medrwn Mon for their financial support.



Face-painting workshop with Sian Owen