

## NEW WEBSITE ON THE WAY [www.gdt.org.uk](http://www.gdt.org.uk)

Look out for the Gorseinon Development Trust's new Website which should be up and running by the end of June. It will feature all the recent news and events as well as photos and updates on the progress of the new Centre.

## Visit the Grand Theatre Swansea and Benefit the Community

Did you know that The Trust is an official Grand Theatre Ticket Agency ?

*Purchasing a theatre ticket at the Trust Office in West Street will see a contribution of 10% of the cost of your tickets being put back into the community—and it does'nt cost you anything!*

You pay the same price for your theatre tickets at Gorseinon Development Trust as you would at the Grand's Box Office, but as a ticket Agency, the Trust will receive 10% of all ticket sales from the Grand. So why don't you treat yourself to an outing at the theatre, which has shows to cater for all tastes coming up in the next few months.

## DO YOU NEED A ROOM TO HOLD A MEETING?

*The Development Office has a room available for hire for groups who may be looking for a place to hold a meeting, or meet with a client, etc. The Offices are in a convenient location in West Street, Gorseinon, and charges for the room are £7 per hour. Please telephone 01792 896128 for more information or call in between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm to see the facilities.*

## Meet the Staff

### Kelvin Jones—Trust Manager



Kelvin Jones

Kelvin joined GDT from Ebbw Vale and District Development Trust where he had worked as Manager and Chief Executive for over 5 years, helping to grow a small community organisation into one which employed over 30 staff and run many social enterprises. Kelvin has a background in community environmental management having worked for Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) and Rodbaston Agricultural College in Staffordshire, the RSPB and Gwent Wildlife Trust in Wales on a number of community environmental programmes.

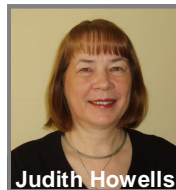
### Cath Collins—Finance Administrator



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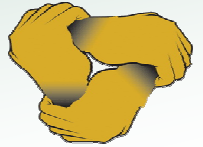
Catherine, who lives locally, joined the Trust in March 2007. She is a Business Studies Graduate of Bournemouth University and experienced Accounts and Payroll Clerk. Cath gained much of this experience working in Walkers Snack Foods, Fforestfach and Huntsman Corporation in Bynea.

### Judith Howells—Administrative Officer



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Judith joined the Trust in April 2007 bringing a wealth of administrative experience to the organisation. With a background in Marketing and IT, Judith also has a First Class Honours Degree in Business Information Technology.



## Canolfan Gorseinon Centre

Work begins on the new £4.6 million Gorseinon Centre with an official turf cutting ceremony.

*At a well attended ceremony on Thursday, 26 April 2007, Cllr Chris Holley, Lord Mayor of Swansea, together with Mr Andrew Donald, Chairman of the Trust, cut the first turf for the start of work for a centre for the development and support of local enterprises.*



The Centre will also be the base for the Gorseinon Development Trust when completed.

## Gorseinon Info Shop Launch



A new one-stop information shop for Gorseinon.

The Gorseinon Development Trust offices at West Street has now become an information source for a wide variety of services available to the people of Gorseinon. The staff at the Info Shop can provide leaflets and advice as to which organisations can provide assistance for your particular needs as well as details of local events. Various organisations have attended the offices to give the Trust Staff details of the services that they offer in order that the best advice is available to you locally. The Gorseinon Town Council will also be running a monthly surgery from the offices, commencing on Saturday, 30 June 2007 from 11 am—12 noon.

## Community Projects

Carl Britton, Gwalia Community Development Worker, is based at our West Street Offices and has been working with various community groups and helping the GDT to develop a community strategy. Carl works with all groups in the Gorseinon area—if you have a project or idea contact him at 12 West Street.



## Gorseinon Game of Skate



A Free Skate event was held at Parc Melin Mynach on the afternoon of Friday, 1st June 2007, organised by Street Sports Swansea together with the City & County of Swansea Parks Department.

Ramps were erected and there was plenty



of music. With competitions and prizes to be won for the best skateboarders, inline skaters and BMX bikers, the event was a big success with the young people of Gorseinon.



The weather was excellent, which resulted in a very good attendance.

The photograph shows Cllr Gill Evans, Town Mayor together with Street Sports Swansea representatives with some of the competitors from the event.

## Litter Picks



A litter pick was organised for Parc Melin Mynach on 31st May 2007. The weather remained fine enabling an amazing amount of rubbish to be removed from the Park, making it a far more pleasant place to visit.

It is intended that this litter pick is the first of many to be held every 4-6 weeks with everyone welcome to join in.

The photographs show Carl with some of the volunteers displaying some of the bags full of rubbish that they had removed from the Park.

Another litter pick, organised by the Parks Department involved members of the Adult Learning Centre in Fforest Fach and took place on Monday 11 June 2007.



## Get Involved!

**Become part of the effort to enhance the Gorseinon area and community.**

There are many ways that you can participate in events and projects in Gorseinon. If you are interested in volunteering for any of our programmes, please contact Kelvin Jones at the Trust Office in West Street.

**Are you interested in preserving Parc Melin Mynach and gaining a qualification at the same time?** BTCV are looking for dedicated volunteers to help with spraying Japanese Knotweed. In return you will receive full training and a two-day training course which will give you an OCN. If you are interested speak to Charlotte at BTCV on 01792 465224.

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