

# Weekend sale in aid of disaster

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A COMMUNITY venture has adapted its first birthday celebrations this weekend to do its bit to help the relief operation in Haiti

Y Felin Sgwrsio, in Y Felinheli, run by volunteers, had planned a series of events to mark the anniversary.

But, bearing in mind the scale of the on-going human tragedy in Haiti, committee members have changed tack, and the focus of Saturday's events will now be on raising money for the stricken country.

Last week, a devastating earthquake tore apart the Caribbean island's capital Port-au-Prince leaving tens, possibly hundreds of thousands people dead.

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) launched an appeal for aid to help the survivors and in the wake of that sombre backdrop Y Felin Sgwrsio members wanted to do what they could to support the victims of the disaster.

Chairman Aled G Jôb said: "Our secretary, Eswyllt Vaughan, had the idea of using the day to raise money towards the appeal effort in Haiti.

"As a committee, we felt it was appropriate to switch the emphasis from what we are doing as Y Felin Sgwrsio to raising awareness about the plight of people in Haiti after the earthquake last week."



**HAITI:** Eswyllt Fôn and Sian Gwennlian collecting for the fund.

## Villagers launch appeal for Haiti

To that end a sale will be held in the Church House from 2pm on Saturday, with all sorts of stalls, from homemade

cakes to bric a brac.

Cllr Sian Gwennlian said: "Everyone wants to do something to help.

"Please come along to the Felin Sgwrsio and Church House on Saturday. Any donations you have can be left at Y Felin Sgwrsio on Thursday or Friday morning, or phone Eswyllt Vaughan on 07967163276 to arrange a collection. The Church Hall will also be open 11am-1pm on Saturday for you to bring your items.

"Caffi Plant will be open at Y Felin Sgwrsio between 12.30pm and 1.30pm when members of Clwb Capel Bethania will be serving fresh milkshakes. There will be a toy and children's book stall and tea and coffee from 10am onwards, organised by the Felin Sgwrsio committee.

Please support in whatever way you can."

Although the focus of the weekend will be on fundraising, people will be able to look back at last year's successes.

The morning will feature a presentation of prizes to the winners of the Felin Fi photography competition for local school pupils. The pupils have been working with local photographer Phil Stead on the project, and the winner will receive a new digital camera provided by Cwmni Da.

"We have had a successful first year with Y Felin Sgwrsio as we have nine projects currently on-going at the venture. We also have a couple of new ideas for projects during the coming months, including a Memory Club, aiming to boost people's memory and brain functioning, using new multi-sensory techniques," Mr Jôb said.