



## Happy Campers relaxed with Welsh language

Menter Iaith Môn arranged a camping weekend to encourage families to socialise and relax through the medium of Welsh language.

Twelve families with caravans in tow pitched up at the White Lodge Caravan Park near Newborough on a surprisingly sunny May weekend. Children, parents and even grandparents soon got to know each other as Dawnsywyr Môn (Anglesey Dancers) lead an hour of folk dancing on the Friday evening followed by a BBQ at the Marram Grass Café.



On Saturday everyone made their way to Llanddwyn where a guided walk had been arranged around Newborough Forest. After lunch the group made their way to Tacla Taid, a fascinating museum with a display of renovated farm machinery and cars dating back to 1900. The day ended back at the campsite with a quiz on the Welsh language.

Non ap Gwyn arranged the weekend explained “The aim of the weekend is to provide families of all language abilities with an opportunity to use the Welsh language in a relaxed atmosphere. I am



often approached by learners frustrated at the lack of opportunity to practice their Welsh. Hopefully this type of weekend goes some way to tackling this.”

Melangell Gruffydd, a mother of three young girls from Caernarfon, was one of those camping “It was a brilliant weekend and I am always amazed at the way children make friends almost immediately. We are first language Welsh however I was aware that others were learners and therefore we made an effort to encourage them to use the language, but without any pressure”.

Asked if she would come again she replied “Definitely, and I would encourage anybody who is eager to practice their Welsh and also see the language being used in a social context to book.”

The Camping Weekend is one of many activities arranged by Menter Iaith Môn. Among other activities are Wellie Walks, weekends at Glanllyn Activity Centre, Pram Walks and Nature Walks. For information on all the activities why not follow them on [www.facebook.com/menteriaithmon](http://www.facebook.com/menteriaithmon)