JENNIFER SHOWS OFF HER COUNTRY STYLE IN COMPETITION

Line dance accolade

EE HA! Jennifer Moss-Ellis and her line dancing team took top honours in a competition held to celebrate a CD launch.

Jennifer, who is team manager at the Caernarfon Call Centre, attends three classes every week with her three colleagues in the Llanberis-based K'Jan Kickers.

Along with other competitors, dancers and country fans they attended the launch of the first ever Welsh line dance disc, Dewch i Ddawnsio, by Recordiau Sain, at the Glan Gwna holiday site.

While there they pitched their dancing skills against five other teams, and scooped the £50 first prize for performing the popular dance known as Black Coffee to a track from the CD.

Wearing T-shirts carrying their logo of a stetson and cowboy boots, they caused a sensation with their exceptional style and co-ordination.

Adjudicator Jill Owen said: "The K'Jan Kickers moved well together with great certainty about their stepping." Afterwards Jennifer paid tribute to her partners in the team and Royal Hotel, and by the end of



Manweb's Jennifer Moss-Ellis, second from the right, with other members of the K'Jan Kickers line dancing team.

how much we enjoyed the dancing element of the sequences."

Recently Jennifer invited some of her Manweb colleagues to her 50th birthday party at the Celtic

said: "We showed the audience the evening had them all stepping out. She said: "Line dancing is a wonderful way of socialising. People think you have to dress like John Wayne but that isn't the case. It is in-expensive and a great night out.'



Special Easter storytelling sessions for youngsters

A PROFESSIONAL storyteller will be visiting Manweb's offices in Prenton, Warrington and Wrexham during the school Easter Holidays - and employees' children are invited to come along.

Storyteller Michael Harvey will visit on Monday April 9 and Tuesday April 10, in a project run by Clwyd Theatr Cymru and funded by Arts and Business New Partners

The sessions are aimed at children aged 5-11 and will include exciting animal tales. A free Easter egg, storytelling book and tape will be provided for each child attending.

All children must be accompanied during the session by an adult, and staff will be Tuesday April 10 invited to join the last half hour of each

NEW PARTNERS session to enjoy the stories produced by the children. A half day session will take place

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at each office. The schedule is as follows: Monday April 9 Wrexham (Farndon Room): 9.45 -12.30

Prenton (Conference Room): 14.30-16.30

Warrington (Maple Room): 9.45-12.30

and 14.30-16.30 (depending on demand for

Please fill in the coupon below and return to your local organiser: Karen Bloor/Bev Parker/Jane Hall to reserve your place. Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. For further information contact Jan Cahill on 800 2091.

STORYTELLING RESERVATION COUPON Employee name: Contact number: Number of places required: ... Child/ren's name and age/s: Name of accompanying adult:

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NEWSLETTER FOR MANWEB PEOPLE

March 2001



Fundraising is the bottom line

CALL centre operators wear their pants with pride as part of Manweb's support for Comic Relief. Pictured left to right colourfully demonstrating this year's fundraising slogan "Say Pants to Poverty" are Jo Bright, Sonya Henshaw, Kate Naylor and Jo Heyes.

Manweb employees from all areas of the business throughout the North West and Wales staffed telephones at the Warrington gas call centre to take cash pledges from the public for the annual nationwide charity

For a full report and pictures - see centre

UPILS who were challenged by Manweb to design a bird-scaring device have scooped an award with their ingenious and costeffective invention.

The teenagers at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd in Wrexham were asked to find a solution to the problem of starlings perched on pylons fouling adjacent houses, as part of their Engineering Education Scheme Wales (EESW) project.

Taking the lead from a number of helpful suggestions from Manweb substation section leader Steve Chantler. the pupils came up with a pneumatic vibrator which won the prize for most effective presentation at the EESW Assessment and Presentation Day held at BAE Systems Airbus in Broughton.

A prototype of the £500 device, which vibrates the pylon sending the birds to roost elsewhere, has been field tested and is likely to be adopted for use in a slightly modified form by Manweb.

It is the third year running that the school has been involved in a partnership with the company. Two years ago a team of sixth formers at Morgan short timescale.

BIRD SCARER WINS AWARD

Llwyd developed a safety device for linesmen that is in regular use, while the pupils' device for securing generators developed last year is being looked into by ScottishPower's standards sec-

Manweb's Scott Manfredi, who was the contact engineer for the pupils aged 16 and 17 and liaised with the school, said:"The youngsters at this school are very gifted and we are fortunate to be able to link up with them.

"Ysgol Morgan Llwyd has superb resources and is very forward-looking."

"The students have been extremely resourceful in finding a workable solution in a very



Manweb staff examine the birdscarer along with pupils from Morgan Llwvd school.

one which we had previously

The team consisted of A-level

"The pneumatic angle wasn't design and technology pupils Rebecca Scott, Nefyn Davies, Eirian Ensor and Gina Subacchi.



MP joins in **RuralCare** tree planting

CLWYD South MP Martyn Jones made a special visit to view a tree planting scheme which is set to transform the surroundings at Ysgol Dinas Bran in Llangollen.

Manweb's RuralCare team has replanted 18 trees which it took down near the school as part of the project to improve the security of power lines, and has also donated further specimens for planting.

In another RuralCare initiative, the team has joined forces with Halton **Borough Council to replace felled trees** and introduce a lost species of heather to Daresbury Firs.

 Pictured at the tree planting are, left to right, Lajla Walker, of Forest Enterprise, Marilyn Raine, Head Teacher of Ysgol Dinas Bran, Martyn Jones MP for South CLwyd, Andy Miley of RuralCare, and schoolchildren Ben Williams, Katie Wooding and Carl Thornton.

Demolition starts at Sealand Road

CONTRACTORS have begun the task of demolishing the former Manweb building in Sealand Road, Chester, which has stood empty for almost four

The demolition work is expected to take about 14 weeks, and an application for a non-food retail development on the site has been given the goahead by planners.

Busy volunteers create toy store

RINCE'S Trust Volunteers in Wrexham have created new facilities including a themed toy store for special needs people at a drop-in centre.

The seven team members led by Guy Shapland, a Manweb cable jointer on secondment from his job in Warrington, spent three weeks out of their 12-week programme at the Dynamic Centre for Children and Young People in Oteley

They renovated an outbuilding, fitting new walls and ceilings and repainting, to provide a storage area for paints and tools plus a playroom where younger members of the centre can stash their toys. A highlight of the work was a specially-designed coloured mural in four panels for the toyroom featuring the four seasons, with drawings done by PTV member Nathan Thomas.

Team member Lee Swallow, aged 17, said: "There's been a good team spirit at Oteley House. It's been an interesting project, and working with others has helped build up my confidence."

Shaun Rowlands, aged 25, said: "Like the rest of the PTV programme, the work at Oteley House has been enjoyable. I will especially benefit from the First Aid course as I want to be a paramedic."

Emma Drewitt, aged 23, who was on the course in parallel with her job at the DVLA, said: "We achieved a lot at Oteley House in a short time. The PTV programme in and I especially enjoyed the rock climbing."

Perrie Owen, aged 19, said: "I enrolled on the course under New Deal. It has helped me with gaining confidence, and communication skills."

Team leader Guy Shapland was pleased with his team's performance in renovating the outbuilding.



Trust Volunteer Nathan Thomas, aged 17. filling gaps in the toy room ceiling.

develop my confidence and gain management skills," he said. "I have learned a lot and I have had to make a few tough decisions over discipline. When I go back to my job in Warrington I hope to further my career in ScottishPower.'

The Manager at Dynamic, Pat Jones, said: "The PTV team have been absolutely fantastic, working in freezing temperatures and always remaining cheerful.

"We are a charity for people with a general has helped improve my confidence, disability aged between eight and 25. The youngsters come to us after school for fun and friendship - and they will really appreciate the new facilities."

• A PTV community project is also underway at the Melrose Community Centre in Shotton where the Deeside group is creating a sensory garden. The Caernarfon group is currently considering a "I myself applied to be team leader to variety of options for a community scheme.



Whitewasher workers... volunteers Emma Drewitt. aged 23, and Shaun Rolands, 25,



Having a drilling time is volunteer Lee Swallow, aged 17.



Wales Region staff wear the commemorative T shirts being sent out to mark the region's milestone of one year without a lost time accident in 2000.

Reward scheme for safe working

UNIQUE charity scheme to reward Wales systems and personal safety standards." Region staff for completing a year without a with community groups set to receive the first

In recognition of the staff's achievement in the Millennium Year, Power Systems has contributed £2,500 in cash and £1,600 in hotel vouchers so that they can sponsor community activities of

The employees are being informed about the fund, which goes under the name of the Wales Safety Achievement Award Scheme (SAAS), in a letter from Don McRae, the Chairman of the Wales Health and Safety Committee. He is also sending them commemorative Polo Shirts to mark this first time that Wales Region has ever reached the "holy grail" of safe working for an entire year.

Don said: "Their magnificent achievement in effort to improve both our safety management and a special needs school.

A key requirement of the fund is that spolost time accident is now up and running nsorship must go to a local initiative to support a community activity. For example, the money could go to the local sports team, an outing for a disadvantaged group or a holiday for someone with special needs.

> Don added: "Manweb has a strong tradition of community involvement and I am pleased that we now have this additional facility to give some financial support for staff who become involved in their local community.

> "To go a year without a significant lost time or reportable accident is a fantastic start to the Millennium. I recognise just how difficult this is to achieve in this industry with the variety of day-today pressures and sites and weather conditions which are outside our control."

 Mold Depot has earmarked a list of deserving 2000 is the culmination of a number of years of recipients including a scout group, a playgroup

Promoting change

MANWEB has teamed up with 104.5 Century FM with a new promotion going out over the airwaves at the moment.

Between 11am and 1pm every day people have the chance to ring up and choose records and 'change' the playlist on the station's iukebox segment.

This is part of the ongoing promotion of the Manweb ScottishPower name linked with the idea of 'change' but it will also work as a partnership between Century and Manweb - so watch out for exciting staff events over the next few months.

Sponsored snogathon

THREE Manweb Business Collections staff raised £300 for charity with a sponsored snogathon.

Customer Services Representative Julie Croft and Team Manager Lucy Shennan both "snogged" Pentre Bychan colleague. **Customer Services Repre**sentative Kevin Gee, in aid of the Wrexham Maelor Hospital Shooting Stars Appeal.

Diary date

THE date for the annual It's A Knockout competition has been fixed for July 14. Watch out for more details in forthcoming editions of Contact or e-mail: jane.hall@manweb.co.uk

Energy Minister and MP visit Manweb House

MINISTER for Energy Peter Hain MP together with Chester MP Christine Russell visited Manweb House for a meeting with Managing Director Stewart Saunders.

During the visit Mr Hain was introduced to Ted Jones, the 1,000th unemployed person helped by ScottishPower Learning.

He said: "I congratulate Manweb and ScottishPower Learning for their wholehearted involvement in the Skillseeker programme. If Ted is a representative of the young people recruited through the scheme, the company will benefit from their contribution for years

• Pictured outside Manweb House are, left to right, Stewart Saunders, Peter Hain and Christine Russell.



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Manweb played a key role on Comic Relief Day by agreeing to become one of the charity appeal's official call centres receiving pledges from the public. Contact went along to Warrington office to see how our employees from all over the North West and Wales helped the nation to say "Pants to Poverty" by staffing 60 lines.



Call Centre Operator Barbara Davies brought along her son Colin, aged 14, to join in the fun.



Hanging their pants on the line are Cell Centre Operators Gill Edmonds, left, and Claire Twist.



Clowning around for charity are Warrington Call Centre Manager Sue Reece and Regional Call Centre Director Ann Marie Stagg.



Three lovely ladybirds fly in - left to right, Jan Cahill, Anne Benson and Wendy Ellison Manweb Corporate Communications.



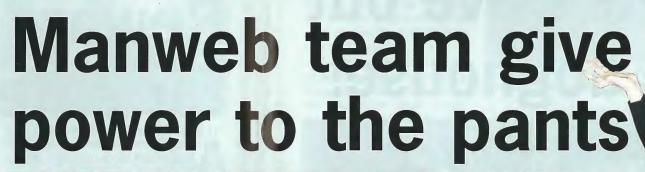
Sign on the bottom line - Warrington Wolves rugby league player Dave Alstead gives his autograph to Call Centre Operator Jo Heyes.



sentative Julie McCartney were made Blue wig and red nose - a colourful combination from Call Centre



Operator Denise Warner.





Graffiti Classics perform a charity concert in Chester City Centre.



Power Systems Maintenance Co-ordinator Iwan Huw Roberts raised £88 (to be match funded by PowerPartners) for Comic Relief and PowerPartners by diving into the freezing River Seiont which runs at the back of the Caernarfon offices. A First Aider was on standby and precautions were taken in case Iwan got into difficulties in the spring tides. Four Managers in Caernarfon sat in baths of red gunk to raise money for the charity appeal.

Γ was 8pm on March 16 when the cry went up, piercing the general hubbub in the Warrington gas call

The first £1,000 Comic Relief pledge had been received from a member of the public - and cheers followed swiftly as the 150 phone volunteers took in the news that one of their colleagues had registered a "big one."

Less than half an hour later a message was flashed up on the walls of the centre announcing that the 1,000th pledge call had been received by the staff who had given their own pledge to act as one of Comic Relief's telephone nerve centres.

Both moments of excitement were typical of an evening that was both unpredictable - step forward Warrington Wolves mascot Wolfie - and extremely heartwarming, as everyone concerned experienced at first hand the famous generosity of the British

In all 6,511 calls were taken and a total of £185,000 was pledged.

Manweb staff themselves had given freely of their time to prepare a series of eye-catching costumes for the evening on the twin Comic Relief themes of red noses and "Pants to Poverty," and a rolling programme of colourful attractions was planned to make sure the evening went with a swing.

To remind participants of this year's slogan, an assortment of embroidered pants had been slung from a clothes line across the centre.

Graffiti Classics, the group of classical instrumentalists sponsored by Manweb, struck up an overture to the proceedings with a rousing routine. They had earlier given concerts in Chester City Centre and around the taking a £200 pledge. He said: "I



Call Centre Operator Catherine McKeown won a Manweb brolly for taking the most calls.

Comic Relief and PowerPartners.

Ladybirds (Corporate Communications trio Anne Benson, Jan Cahill and Wendy Ellison) and Cavaliers (Andrew Cronshaw, from Credit Management at Pentre Bychan and David Roberts, Pentre Bychan call centre repre- organised into teams with prizes on sentative) sported some of the more offer for those to take the highest unusual costumes of the night.

Saunders took to the telephones himself and won a bottle of wine for

staff put in a terrific effort and there was a marvellous mood of enthusiasm. "I took pledges ranging from £5 to

£200 and I had a good chat to the members of the public. I have worked in a call centre before - during the power crisis in the 1970s, in Scotland."

The centre became a hive of activity as the call takers, runners, checkers and sorters all went about their allotted tasks. The call takers were single pledges, calls from people with Managing Director Stewart the same names as celebrities, and calls from people with a title.

As the evening wore on a series of prize presentations organised by Manweb offices, raising £826 for enjoyed taking part in the occasion - Warrington customer services repre-

to the recipients of milestone calls -Warrington call centre representative Catherine McKeown won a ScottishPower umbrella for taking a £500 pledge from somebody in Henley-on-Thames.

Some staff brought family along to the red nose extravaganza. Warrington customer services representative Jackie Murphy said: "It was lovely to be able to bring my 11-year-old daughter Natalie. We both had great fun."

A sporting flavour was contributed by Warrington Wolves rugby players Iamie Stenhouse and Dave Alstead, who gave out free tickets for the forthcoming match against Hull, and distributed fixture lists.

Prizes galore included CDs and Tshirts donated by 105.4 Century FM. The station also managed to get hold of 200 tickets for a preview of the new film Miss Congeniality in Liverpool.

Manweb's efforts at Warrington were matched by 100 employees at Cathcart who also manned the virtual call centre for Comic Relief. Call Centre Director Ann-Marie Stagg, herself wearing a clown's costume for the occasion at the Warrington centre, paid tribute to the generosity of all involved.

She said: "I knew staff would love to give up their spare time for this worthy



Manweb MDStewart Sanders concentrates hard while taking calls.



Warrington Wolves mascot Wolfie made a guest appearance along with players Jamie Stanhouse, left, and Dave Alstead.

Power **Systems** staff travel north to give blizzard support

MORE than 100 Power Systems staff from throughout Manweb travelled north to Scotland to help out during the blizzards at the end of February.

The Manweb employees gave assistance in the Borders region around **Dumfries, Berwick and** Galashiels where snowy conditions resulted in extensive power cuts.

It was the second time this year that Power Systems responded to a severe weather SOS from ScottishPower. **Engineers went out in** deep snow on damage assessment trips. getting intelligence on the scale of the damage so that resources could be allocated and organised.

A number of Manweb staff also helped in the offices managing the emergency situation, while engineers carried out construction work on overhead lines.

Heavy winds and blizzard conditions had resulted in broken poles, with conductors hit by ice loading.

A Manweb emergency centre was set up at **Prenton by Mersey Network Manager Phil Currie and Wales Network Manager Don** McRae travelled north with a team of managers to help coordinate at the Berwick office.

"Our staff remained in Scotland until well into a second week,' said Don. "They did a fantastic job which was certainly appreciated. Our engineers carried out vital work, and installed generators in remote areas."

Solar power system lights up school

THE first solar power system to be used by a school in North and Mid Wales is being sponsored by Manweb.

The Alun School in Mold is the first in the area to have a photovoltaic (PV) system installed through the Scolar Programme, a collaboration between the Government and UK experts in solar electricity.

The school was made aware of the programme by Peter Thomas, who is a senior project engineer with Manweb and also a Governor at the school.

 Pupils David Hoppe and Jenny Norris of Alun School look at information on the solar panels on a school computer, with Manweb Network Manager Wales Region Don McRae and School Governnor Pete Thomas, a Senior Project Engineer at Manweb.



AVE Dreyfus was in the doghouse when he announced he wanted to spend Valentines Day travelling to Rome to watch his team play football.

But his wife Nicola found it easier to put up with being left behind when he revealed that he had won a brand new car in a special EEIBA promotion and that it had her name on it!

The £7,500 Nissan Micra, which was the star prize in the draw, was presented to the couple at a special hand-over on St David's Day outside the Edison Mission Energy offices at Ewloe.

Dave, aged 34, a Manweb Financial Assistant at Pentre Bychan, has been contributing to the Electrical and Electronics Industries Benevolent Association (EEIBA) every month via his payroll since 1987.

He said: "Over the years I have had a few windfalls via the charity's regular prize draw. But I was shocked when I was contacted with the news of the car. It certainly was a great way to pacify Nicola about me going to watch Liverpool. I went with a clear conscience in the end."

Nicola, aged 26, said: "I was getting a bit narky over Dave's trip but his announcement the day before he travelled that he had won a car for me was a

Car gets Dave out of the doghouse!

really nice surprise and it helped me to forgive him."

Chris Shepherd, branch treasurer of the EEIBA on Merseyside, Cheshire and North Wales and treasurer of the Prize Draw Club, said: "We wanted to boost our contributions via payroll giving, and decided that the incentive of winning a car would encourage new people to take out prize draw numbers and existing participants to choose extra ones.

Chance

"Under payroll giving people contribute £1 per month to help the EEIBA provide assistance to those who have hit hard times. while at the same time putting themselves in with a chance of winning up to £300."

The car promotion, which was assisted by Edison Mission Energy's First Hydro company and Paragon Car Finance. attracted 900 new members, of whom 800 work in Manweb. Information on payroll giving



Janet Norbury, acting Regional Manager of EEIBA North West, hands over the keys to the prize car to winner Dave Dreyfus with his wife Nicola looking on.

Shepherd on 01925-756050 or Bychan; £30 P.McLean, Janet Norbury, acting Regional Manager of EEIBA North West, retd, L.K.Aldridge, retd, on 0161-257 4781.

• The following are the winners retd, G.Willcock, Macon Way, of the EEIBA prize draw for B.Thomas, retd, D. Friar, Boul-December 2000: £300 I.De La ting Group: £25 W.H.Gittins. Roche, retd; £200 T.C.Jones, retd, G.R.Jones, retd, F.Thomas, EEIBA member: £100 I.I.L. retd. D.L.Jones. Redwither. Pritchard, retd; £75 H.J.Parker, W.V.Callcott, retd, D.W.Hughes. can be obtained from Chris retd; £50 M.P.Jones, Pentre retd, M.Dodd, retd.

Boulting Group, J.I.Heptonstall, C.A.Griffiths, retd, G.C.Abel,

A DINNER dance at the prestigious De Vere St David's Park Hotel in Ewloe is set to bring back the days of the memorable balls held at the old Manweb building.

Open to all members and non-members of Manweb (Chester) Sports and Social Club, the dance band event takes place on June 8 and there are 230 table places up for grabs at the special price for a four-course meal of £15 per person.

Dinner dance set to revive tradition

The event is being organised by the Chester club and £15 drinks vouchers will be available to members of the club. Smart dress is requested - black tie optional.

"The dance will be an ideal place for groups of friends to meet up and for people to catch up with their former colleagues," said Nigel Jones, committee member. People can book a table and there is also a preferential rate for those who want to stay the night at the hotel.

For more information or to book tickets please contact Jacqui Hughes on 01978-

George, 90, tells story of his life

ORMER Manweb engineer George Currie has written his autobiography - and he used his 90th birthday party to distribute it among his past colleagues.

George, who began his job as commercial engineer at Runcorn in 1953, has set down his varied - and often amusing reminscences over 329 pages in which he details not only his time in the electrical industry but also his experiences in the early days of the Mid Cheshire retirees association.

Current members of the association were invited to the special birthday celebration at the Wincham Hall Hotel, Northwich, in the town where George lives.

Old times

"It was a surprise to see that so many of my former colleagues and friends who were invited could actually turn up," said George, who is originally from Mersevside.

"I had a really good time talking over old times with them, and it was a great opportunity to let them have copies of

The autobiography tells how



George Currie and his wife Ella, seated, surrounded by former Manweb colleagues at the 90th birthday party.

George became chairman of the retirees association in 1976. He often enlivened trips in his own distinct style - returning home from a visit to Port Sunlight and the Lady Lever Art Gallery he took the microphone on the coach and gave a commentary on the Queensway Tunnel and the Liverpool suburbs, with a few of his father's "cabbie" tales thrown in.

"I think some of our members gained a view of Liverpool somewhat different from the usual media presentation," he

writes amusingly of the episode in his book.

George also ran evening courses associated with his job, one of which was education on electrical matters together with a seminar on matters that might interest a bride-to-be. He decided to "liven things up" on one of those evenings by dressing up a washer woman complete with wig.

Copies of the autobiography can be obtained from George's son Malcolm, telephone 0121-

Corfu holiday discount offer

CORFU. the Emerald Island in the Ionian Sea off Greece, has a number of hidden areas away from the tourist trail - and Contact readers have the chance to discover one of them from just £269 with a money-saving offer from Travelsmith.

The beautiful resort of Arillas on the north-west coast, reached through peaceful hillside villages and pine forests, nestles between cliff tops with spectacular views of the turquoise sea.

The offer for seven or 14 nights in a self-catering apartment or studio with private shower 800 metres from the beach includes return flights, private transfers to Arillas and other discounts.

The offer price per person, flying from Gatwick, is: for seven nights: May 7-June 11 and September 10-October 22, £269 (four sharing apt); £299 (three sharing apt or two sharing studio): £349 (two sharing apt.) June 18-September 3, £329

(four sharing apt); £359 (three sharing apt or two sharing studio); £429 (two sharing apt). Prices for 14 nights within the same time spans are slightly higher.

Some flights from Manchester are available at no extra cost.

To book your Corfu holiday telephone the Travelsmith reservations line on 0870-748-1000 or 01621-784666 and quote reference C24MW to qualify for the special rates.

The holiday is arranged by ABTA-registered Travelsmith Limited.

Slow boat to Skipton

CANAL MANIA is the name given to the period in the early 18th century when the canal-building boom took place in Britain - but it also applies to the members of the North Wirral retirees association.

Not satisfied with last vear's trip down the Skipton-Farnhill Woods branch of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal, they are to travel by narrow boat down the adjoining Skipton-Holmebridge branch in search of even more canal history.

Merry time in Sherwood

ROBIN HOOD country beckons for the members of the Gwynedd retirees association who have arranged a holiday at the Warner hotel at Thoresby Hall in Sherwood

"We enjoyed our stay at a Warner hotel in Herefordshire so much last year that we decided to visit another," said Jean Jones, who is the new secretary of the association.

Tribute to ex-colleague

FORMER COLLEAGUES are paying tribute to John Roberts of Bontnewydd who has died aged 83. After working for Manweb for 30 years he enjoyed an eventful retirement.

John, who often entertained members of the Gwynedd retirees association with slides of his extensive travels in places like China and Russia, was a valued member of the committee.

Hand over

ALBERT Roberts is to hand over the chairmanship of the Dee Valley retirees association to Emyr Gilpin. Albert is currently recovering from a triple-heart by-pass operat-