

# *Castle News*

Summer 2021



Quarterly Newsletter

### **A note from the Editor.....**

If anyone would like a paper copy of the newsletter delivered or would like an electronic version emailed to them, please let me know.

If you have any stories, photos or information that you would like to include in the next issue of the Castle News please get in touch with me via my email amyshanahan27@hotmail.com.

As always I would like to thank our team of contributors for all their quarterly updates, and a special thank you to Brenda Brown and her team for the printing.

Amy



### **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

We are considering setting up a community speed watch group and are looking for volunteers to join us. We have been told that we may be able to have use of a community speed gun to deter speeding motorists in our village, but to do this we need people to step forward and volunteer.

There is a requirement for volunteers to undergo a vetting process and to be trained.

If this is something you are interested in please contact Carys on [castleclerk1@gmail.com](mailto:castleclerk1@gmail.com) or 07739 187402 and we will forward you an application form.

# **Proposed closure of the Castle Caereinion Church in Wales** **School**

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

**12th July 2021**

**5.30pm at the Community Centre**

A meeting has been arranged with Cllr Phyl Davies, who is the portfolio head for the consultation of school closures in Powys.

The meeting is being held under the current Welsh government guidelines and if more than 30 people attend, it will be moved outside.

We request all those that attend wear masks and adhere to social distancing measures and all times.

As mentioned below, the cabinet meeting is being held on the 13th July so it's vital our community comes together, the closure would effect the community hall and our community as a whole.

### **Important dates:**

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – The 200-page Consultation response document will be published and a link provided for people to access it.
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – The Consultation response report will be sent to Scrutiny.
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – The report will be presented to Cabinet for a decision to be made.

If Cabinet agree for the proposal to be upheld, then a Statutory Notice will be published in September 2021. There will then be a period of 28 days for any objections to be made, with the final closure announcement made towards the end of Autumn term 2021.

## **CASTLE CAEREINION GOLF SOCIETY 2021**

Welcome to the Castle Caereinion Golf Society 2021 summer report.

Firstly, we hope you and your families are keeping safe and well in these difficult times and let us hope with the success of the vaccination rollout and other preventive measures we can turn a corner and say goodbye to covid.

Not a lot to report this summer because the covid lockdown seen us through to end of March with restrictions to play golf in the following weeks thereafter.

The first round of the Chairman's Cup competition seen 12 players play at Llangollen Golf Club on the 28th of May. A nice golf course with some very challenging holes.

The Chairman's Cup second round on Thursday 24th of June, 10 players had a great day playing golf at Maesdu Golf Club near Llandudno. This was a lovely golf course with a stunning view of the sea on a couple of the holes.

We are now looking forward to our away weekend at The Vale Golf and Country Club in Glamorgan (the training ground of the Wales rugby team). 20 players have signed up to play on the 18th and 19th of July with a further 16 players from Crew Green Golf Society. This will be our annual match with Crew Green Golf Society and a match we need to win, it has been many years since we last won the cup, some Castle Caereinion Golf Society members can not even remember what the cup looks like.

Further events will be organized as we proceed through the year but as always the safety of the Golf Society members is priority.

We are now about half way through the fixtures of the DPD Challenge Cup. A 9 hole competition run on a Thursday evening all through the summer. This has been very well supported with on average about 14 players turning up to each round. The scores are very close and at the moment it could be anyone's.

### **2021 EVENT FIXTURES**

The "David P Dowling Challenge Cup" (Thursday evening competition) starts

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on the 1st of April playing golf at Lakeside Golf Club, followed by Llanymynech Golf Club and Welshpool Golf Club on a three-week rotation and finishes on the 9th of September. The games are played over 9 holes at each club. We are hoping we can play 8 rounds at each club, totaling 24 rounds in all. The best 4 scores from each round will count to winning the competition.

Sunday 18th July...Away Weekend...The Vale Hotel, Golf & Country Club  
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Thursday 9th September...Finish of Thursday Competition...Welshpool Golf Club

Castle Caereinion Golf Society would like to wish everyone all the best through 2021, keep safe and keep well.

We always welcome new members (it does not matter how good or bad you are). If you are interested, speak to Joan or Richard at the Red Lion or give one of the following a ring: - Scott Theobald...850430 Clive Jones...850264 Jon Pierce...850381

## **CASTLE WI**

It was lovely for 15 members to finally meet up in the Community Hall in May, catching up with the news and how everyone had coped during the last few months of such challenging times.

We were able to take a short walk in the Dyfnant Forest in June and afterwards enjoy a wonderful afternoon tea at the Dyffryn Restaurant Edward Parry will be joining us at the 14th July meeting at 7pm in the Hall, and will speak about Timber framed houses in Montgomeryshire, which should prove most interesting.

We shall then go from month to month depending on the restrictions at the time, but hopefully will be meeting up on a regular basis.

Meryl Evans



## Castle Caereinion Church in Wales School Ysgol Castell Caereinion

We have had a wonderful Summer term so far, with lots of fun and interesting topics and projects going on within school. The children have absolutely loved completing our whole school theme of Green, where they have been learning about everything green, from the colour itself through to the environmental impact and their own global footprints. We are certainly becoming much, more eco-friendly!

We have also been fortunate enough to be able to introduce Forest Schools to our school! This has been so exciting for the children. They have thoroughly enjoyed donning their wellington boots to go out into the great outdoors and experience a huge variety of outdoor skills such as building swings, cooking on an open fire, making models, being aware of the wildlife out there and a vast amount of exciting linked learning experiences. As you can imagine all of our pupils have thrived with this new initiative, which we hope we can continue in the Autumn.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions rules placed on us we have been unable to organise a whole school visit anywhere offsite, we are therefore planning a "Party Day" for the last day of the school term. We will treat the children to a day of fun activities, party food and to top it off a visit from PJ the Showman, which will be a show full of laughter for all. We can't wait!

At this time sadly, we still await the consultation process result with a view to closing our lovely school, it remains unclear as to when we will hear any official notification of the outcome but have been made aware that our case will be put to PCC Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 13th July. Please continue to support us in any way you can, we really do appreciate it.

We have just waved a temporary goodbye to Miss Molly Evans who has taken maternity leave, we wish her and her partner Matt the very best of wishes, and will expect Miss. Evans to return to school with us in 2022. We will be having other staff changes too, as I will leave at the end of the Summer term to take up a position with the PCC ALN Team, I would like to

thank the whole community for their welcome and support throughout my time at Castle Caereinion, I have enjoyed it immensely and am so grateful that I was given this opportunity.

I wish you all the very best of wishes,

Sarah Brian  
Headteacher

## **Book swap**

Do you or your family enjoy reading? Are you unable to get new books – because of lack of time or money or because you're shielding?

Help is at hand!

The Recreation Association is starting a book swap, which means that you can get something new to read in just 3 easy steps:

1. Contact Jo to find out what books are available – a good range of fiction, for adults, young adults and children
2. If there's a book you'd like to read, Jo will get it to you (delivering it to your door if you can't get out) and collect a swap if you have one
3. Contact Jo when you've finished – and swap again!

All books donated to the book swap are quarantined before they're made available for swapping.

The Recreation Association can also help you to access the library, if it's not in lockdown. If you have a library card but don't use a computer, Jo can order library books for you online, then collect them and deliver them to you.

If you're interested, please contact Jo:  
CCbookswap@yahoo.com or [jomussen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jomussen@yahoo.co.uk)  
or on 07833-902197

## **ST GARMONS**

These last months, some of Sunday services have been held. With social distancing , wearing masks and no singing . None the less they have been joyful gatherings with everyone there happy to get back to a little normal behaviour and meet again. As soon as cases reduce locally we sing again too, which will be great. At the moment we need to book our seats in advance by phoning Clive and Viv on 01938 850507, and all are welcome.

New weatherproofing repairs for the spire has met a set back and the challenge of finding a new specialist steeple jack is being sought.

The Churchyard grass is being kept beautifully by our merry band of mowers. So many thanks to them for giving their time and energy.

### **Revd Steve Willson**

It was with sadness that the village said goodbye to our local Vicar, Revd Steve Willson, at his last service at St Garmon's on 13 June. Steve will be well known to many of you in his role as Vicar, School Governor, Conductor at the Red Lion Carol Services and in generally being around the community, visiting, and enjoying the occasional pint in the local as well as all the other churchy things that help make our community tick!

Steve had been our Vicar for 10 years and whilst that is a good length of service for any Vicar in one place it is also an opportunity to move back to his roots in the Cardiff area. Steve accepted a new role in the Diocese of Llandaff and his last service in Welshpool was on 4 July.

Steve writes: it has been both a privilege and a joy to have been Mission Area Leader here and to have been Vicar to the churches in my care. I do however believe that now is a good time to be moving on and for family reasons we will be returning to South Wales. We will be working with the churches in NW Cardiff, based in Tongwynlais. Archdeacon Barry and I have already been working closely to plan for the future."

In the interim period before a new Vicar is formally appointed, the Revd

*St Garmons Cont'd .....*

Alexis Smith will be our main clergy person here in Castle. Alexis was with us for a couple of years some 2 or 3 years ago and has responsibility for other churches in our area. Alexis and Scott will no doubt be seen around the church and community and it would be good to welcome her back when you see her or Scott.

For any updates on this, please keep an eye on our Facebook page for the Pool Mission Area where you can also find details of our online services.

Colin

## **HATHA YOGA**

We have restarted classes on Thursday evenings. Hopefully this will be allowed to continue. The classes are by booking only as numbers are restricted. If you are interested please phone me on 07583079423.

The classes are as before. 6.30pm - 8.00pm every Thursday In the community hall.

More news soon but look for posters in the village.  
Ring for more information.

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## **CASTLE CAEREINION RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

Join Us! - It takes all sorts to make up a village and more to make a thriving community.

The Castle Caereinion Recreation Association (CCRA) meets for regular monthly meetings in the Community Hall. The association currently consists of eight trustees; all resident Castle volunteers who give their time to support the Castle community. We would be delighted if you would like to join us – meetings are once a month on Mondays at 7.30pm (no meetings in August and December).

As the world moves into a new post pandemic phase, being together has never felt so important. Community events may be slightly hindered right now but dealing with change and challenges can bring out the best in us. An open mind and diverse outlook is vital to ensure that the CCRA can facilitate appealing events and initiatives that engage with the community and meet differing needs across the generations. Current trustees represent various aspects of Castle village including: St Garmon's Church, the WI, Castle Film Club and the Community Council.

If you would like to join the team, please contact Ann Jones on 01938 850266. We would particularly like to hear from members of the community that are willing to focus on ideas for the youth of Castle community. For example, these volunteers could be (but are not restricted to), young people aged 18 yrs+, parents of children in education or people with experience in youthwork, youth clubs etc.

We re-opened the community centre for clubs in early May in line with Welsh Government Covid guidelines and will let you know when it re-opens for private events. If you have any enquiries about booking the hall, please contact Margaret Evans on 01938 805377.

If Welsh Government continues to reduce Covid restrictions in Wales, we will re-start the Film Club in September.

For more information on the Community Centre please have a look at our new updated Castle website <https://www.castlecaereinion.org.uk/>

PUBLIC MEETING

MEMORIAL FOR MICHAEL ROGERS

WEDNESDAY, 28th JULY AT 7PM

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

We are planning on holding a public meeting on Wednesday 28th July at 7:00pm in the school playground at Castle Caereinion school to discuss a fitting tribute for the late Michael Rogers.

We ask everyone to please come along to this meeting so we can talk about a suitable memorial for Michael.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## CASTLE CAEREINION COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Castle Caereinion Facebook Group

Have you joined the Castle Caereinion Community Group on Facebook? We are at 171 members, please let people know about the group as it is a great place to share community news and information with each other.

### Community Councillor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for 1 community councillor, please get in touch if you would like to join our group - we are a friendly bunch, it is nothing like the Handforth Parish Council!!

### Council Meetings

We have re-started our council meetings, which take place on the last Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the community centre, the first 10 minutes are for residents to raise any concern they may have, so please do come along if you would like to bring something to our attention, alternatively you can speak to one of our community councillors or the Clerk, details are below:

Clerk: [carys.evans12@btinternet.com](mailto:carys.evans12@btinternet.com) 07739 187402

### Councillors:

Clr Nigel Bowen (Chairman) 07703 193381

Clr Gareth Davies 07811 538485

Clr Clive Jones [cjones3@aol.com](mailto:cjones3@aol.com) 07803 379244

Clr Joan Wyatt [redlioninn@aol.com](mailto:redlioninn@aol.com) 01938 850233

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Clr Michele Humberstone [cllrmhumberstone@gmail.com](mailto:cllrmhumberstone@gmail.com)

The County Councillor for our Ward is Clr David Jones

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# ***It's Not So Hard To Stay In The Know!***



Castle Caereinion  
Community

## **Visit The Castle Caereinion Community website for:**

- Up-to-date Community News/Council News
- St Garmon's Church News and Service Information
  - Clubs and Society Details  
and More...

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**Calling All Castle Club and Society Organisers!** If you currently run a club or society in Castle Caereinion, please provide details and contact information for publication on the community website. Alternatively, you may wish to advertise a new club, or establish levels of interest in new community ventures. Email Michele at the address below.

### **Coming Soon!**

#### **Local Business Directory -**

The first phase of the directory is underway -

If you run a business in Castle or live in Castle and own a business and would like to be added to the directory please email the following information to Michele at the address below:

- Logo
- Brief description of your business
- Contact details

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michele@greenshedcreative.co.uk

There have been a few postings on the Community Facebook page relating to dog fouling around the village recently, as per **The Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996**, it's an offence to let a dog in your control foul on 'designated land', if you don't clean up immediately afterwards. 'Designated land' includes the following:

- Pavements
- Verges and land next to highways with speed limit of 40 mph or lower
- All publicly owned land accessible to the public in towns and villages
- Playing fields, parks, playgrounds, recreation grounds, holiday camps, caravan sites, car parks, picnic sites, churchyards and cemeteries
- Public footpaths and bridleways where 'No Fouling' signs are displayed
- All play, recreation and picnic areas at pubs and hotels.

If a dog has fouled in these areas, the council may issue a fixed penalty notice or begin a prosecution. If you fail to clean up then you could be issued with a £75 fixed penalty notice of face prosecution. (Larger fines may be applicable at their discretion or for repeat offences)

**Please also be aware that dog faeces can also be extremely dangerous to livestock**, if a landowner has given permission to walk on their land, please ensure that all dog excrement is bagged and disposed of in the appropriate bins around the village.

The two diseases of particular concern that can be present as a result of faeces on farmland are neosporosis and sarcocystosis.

Neosporosis can cause abortions in cattle and is thought to be responsible for the highest percentage of all cattle abortions reported in the UK.

Neospora eggs are produced by infected dogs and excreted in their faeces. Cattle will then become infected if they eat food, i.e. grass, or drink water contaminated with the eggs.

Sarcocystosis is also caused by parasites, which can use dogs as intermediate hosts, and similarly the eggs are produced and excreted in faeces.

In terms of both these diseases, faeces from infected dogs can contaminate pasture and animal feed, water or bedding. There is currently no licensed vaccine or drugs available for these diseases.