



*Serving the Communities of Castleton and Marshfield*  
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## Summer Newsletter 2022

**Welcome** to the first newsletter from Marshfield Community Council (MCC) and we hope that you enjoy reading it. At present your council is made up of seven councillors who are Cath Davis, Sue Davies, Gary Doubler, Patrick Legge, Christine Roberts, Sally Simpson and Linda Southworth-Stevens. There are four vacancies on the council so anyone wishing to join and has a few hours a month to spare please contact Gerry our clerk on the details above. It is a worthwhile role for anyone who wishes to serve their community; support and training are available.

**Council Meetings** – In person meetings are held at Marshfield Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month (forthcoming meetings 12 July, 13 Sept, 11 Oct, 8 Nov, and 13 Dec). The monthly meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. Access is also available online via a zoom link which is obtainable from the clerk – details above.

**What does a community council do?** The council is the community level of local government and makes representations to responsible organisations for a wide range of services and the upkeep of local amenities in our community. It is directly responsible for the village hall play areas and the allotments at Church Lane and Marshfield Road. The council is funded from a precept added to the council tax and is permitted to spend this for the benefit of the local community. Amongst other things, it comments on planning applications, oversees the village hall and playing fields, footpaths, benches, queries from the community and attends One Voice Wales and Newport Council Liaison Group Meetings.

**Marshfield Village Hall** – MCC is the custodian trustee of the village hall; it does not take part in the day to day management of the hall, this has been passed by a deed of trust to the management committee which is a registered charity. Anyone who wishes to book the hall for a function or wishes to find out more please visit their website [www.marshfieldvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.marshfieldvillagehall.co.uk)



### 'The Village' Coffee Shop

A part of the village hall has been turned into a take-way coffee shop and its refurbishment has been supported by MCC. It is open on weekends at present 9-4.30pm and will be manned by volunteers. If you would like to get involved please email [thevillagecoffeeshopmarshfield@hotmail.com](mailto:thevillagecoffeeshopmarshfield@hotmail.com)

### Picnic Benches

MCC recently purchased a further three picnic benches to add to the three benches already in place at the village hall. Luckily two members of our community (Dafydd and Simon) most generously gave up their Sunday afternoon to assemble the benches and secure them in place – a big thank you to them.





## Jubilee Signs

MCC organised donations from some very generous local businesses and individuals to purchase jubilee lamp posts signs for our villages. The council wishes to thank Eurosec Security Systems, Velindre Glass, Penguin Computer Repairs, Patrick Connors Block Paving, Cardiff Foot Care, Rob Taylor, Sally Simpson, Christine Roberts, and Steven Rooney for their generosity.

## Picnic in the Park Community Event

The Jubilee Events Committee undertook to plan this event in the village hall grounds on Friday 3rd June to help celebrate Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. Several of your councillors were on the team helping to prepare and help out on the day. Raffle prizes were collected; stalls booked and the live music reserved, the Y Maerun ran the bar and burger van. The attendance at the event was phenomenal, far exceeding the 300 expected! The community came out in the summer sunshine with their families and friends, enjoying the party atmosphere. Well done to everyone that helped make the day such a success. Another community event is planned for August so; keep a watch out for details.



## Village Planters

MCC have seven planters that adorn the villages of Marshfield and Castleton. Again this summer, Greenmoor Nurseries have very kindly sponsored the planting of colourful bedding plants in each one; many thanks go to Phillip and his team. Five of the planters have water reservoirs to keep the plants hydrated – these have been very kindly filled free of charge after a plea on facebook by Franklyn Melville-Brown of RMB Hydro seeding, thank you so much.



## Marshfield Bus Service Campaign Group

The group is supported by MCC after 30 members of the public attended a meeting at the village hall to discuss a regular, scheduled bus service for Marshfield and Castleton. The group has been very busy engaging with our community with a petition and a short survey to gauge opinion and support for such a service.

## New Bus Stop (at last!)

After years of waiting the damaged bus shelter on Marshfield Road opposite the pollinator garden has been removed by Newport City Council. A very smart new one has just been installed (June), so all we need now is a regular bus service!



## Barn Owl Sculptures

Funding provided by the Living Levels Landscape Partnership (Lottery Project) has been spent on two barn owl sculptures one for each of the villages; these will be joined by two information boards about each village. These will be placed on Marshfield Village Green, Groes Corner and outside Castleton and District Village Hall in the near future.

