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October & November 2022

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We are still looking for someone to volunteer to take over the editorial role. If you feel you are keen to take over this role, please get in touch. The BG may have to come to an end if the position is not filled soon.

Please please remember to mention you saw a businesses advert in the BG if you are contacting them.

Many thanks, Kim Mountford

The deadline for each issue is
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If you have any questions, stories or interesting items to put in the border gossip please feel free to contact me through the Facebook page or email me. Email is temperamental so I will send confirmation if I receive something.

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Booking Secretary – Anne Jerman 01938 570320

Facebook: buttington trewern community centre

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Monday

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Tuesday

Knitting / Craft Group

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Thursday

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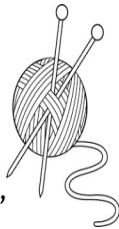
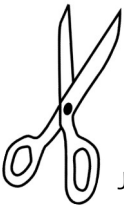
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Buttington Trewern CP School

Head Teacher – Anna Griggs 01938 570283

Please refer to website for school news.

School PTFA

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

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Buttington Trewern School

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Cefn Methodist Chapel, Trewern

Treasurer – Elaine Mountford 01938 570515

The Harvest Festival Service for Cefn Chapel will be held at 7pm on Friday October 14th .

Please make a note in your diary

Please come along and support us. We would be very grateful for some produce, to be auctioned after the service.



Thank you

The Chapel needs YOUR support , otherwise it is likely to close soon, after serving the community of Trewern and Buttington since 1882.

Please contact Mrs Mountford 01938 570 515 treasurer, if you wish to support financially but cant attend services.

The main room, approx 20ft x 20ft can be let out at other times. There is a car park, kitchen, toilet and disabled access facilities.

Please contact Mrs Mountford for charges.

Arts Society

The October 2022 lecture of the Arts Society Mid Wales and Borders takes place on Thursday October 27th and is titled 'The Illustrators of Wind In The Willows' The speaker is John Ericson

Venue is the Powis Suite, Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool. Start time is 3pm prompt, half an hour later than usual Visitors are welcome, though a donation of £6 per person is requested towards costs.

For more details contact Dennis J Duggan djduggan@supanet.com Tel 01938 555574 or Carole Joby carojoby@keme.co.uk Tel 01691 658110



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It is with much regret that the Border Club which has provided Meetings ,Greetings and Outings for many years to the mainly retired residents of Buttington, Trewern and Middletown has decided to close. We last met in Jan/Feb 2020 and since that time have lost members due to a variety of reasons plus we were not attracting younger members who would shoulder the responsibility of running the Club. Although a few members wanted to continue there were not enough to make it viable due to the increase in costs of speakers and transport plus hire of the Village Hall. The Club Committee met recently and were in unanimous agreement that it was better to close now than let it drift with fewer and fewer members attending. It was also decided that the Club funds would be equally divided between Hope House Children's Hospice and a charity that supports Mothers and Children who have been displaced in Ukraine.

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**If you have any queries please contact the
Church Wardens**

Church News

ALL SERVICES START AT 9.30 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED

OCTOBER

Sunday 2nd – Holy Communion – Trinity 16

Sunday 9th – Morning Prayer & Praise –
Trinity 17

Sunday 16th – Holy Communion – Trinity 18

Sunday 23rd – Family Service – Last Sunday
after Trinity

Sunday 30th – All Saints Sunday (All Souls)
Holy Communion

THIS WILL BE A COMBINED
SERVICE VENUE TBC

NOVEMBER

Sunday 6th – Holy Communion 3rd Sunday
before Advent

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Please get in touch if you would like to book or for more information.

Upcoming Events at Powis Castle & Garden

These are free events, but normal admission charges apply to the venue. Booking is not needed for these events.



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Further information at:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/powis-castle-and-garden/whats-on

Tel: 01938 551944

- **26 Sept- 27 Nov, 12.00 - 15.30 *Extraordinarily Ordinary***, a one-off exhibition in the castle celebrating the launch of the latest book from the NT *100 Curiosities & Inventions from the Collection of the National Trust*. See wonderfully curious items from the world class collection. Discover the stories and uses that turn these normal objects into something special.
- **22 Oct – 6 Nov, 10.00 – 16.00 *Pumpkin Trail***. Discover a Halloween inspired obstacle course & nature trail in the gardens. Fun for all ages. Dogs may join you on the trail from 1 November.
- **1 – 30 Nov, 10.00 – 16.00 *Paws at Powis***. Paws for a stick, paws for a selfie or paws for a treat. Dogs are welcomed into the gardens (not usually allowed).. See website for detailed guidance on visiting with your dog.



DONATIONS TO THE BORDER GOSSIP



We are extremely grateful for donations to ensure the Border Gossip can continue to bring you the latest news from the area.

We are very grateful for any donations we receive and thank you so much for all your support.

If you would like to make a donation please contact Marion. Every donation ensures we can keep producing The Border Gossip for you to enjoy. Thank you
Marion Hayes - marionkhayes@hotmail.com

Mobile Library Bus



Powys CC have suspended all mobile library services until further notice due to Covid-19.

Local Recycling

Paper Bank – Middletown VH car park, to raise money for the VH.

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Timetable for Celtic Travel Bus Service X75 (Valid from 29 June 2020, Mon-Sat, except public holidays)

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| Buttington – Green Dragon | 0748 | 0951 | 1151 | 1351 | 1546 | 1706 |
| Trewern - Little Chef | 0752 | 0955 | 1155 | 1355 | 1550 | 1710 |
| Middletown – Breidden Pub | 0756 | 0959 | 1159 | 1359 | 1554 | 1714 |

The X75 service leaves FOR WELSHPOOL from:

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| Middletown – Breidden Pub | 0730 Sch | 0955 | 1155 | 1355 | 1505 | 1705 | 1825 |
| Trewern – Little Chef | 0734 Sch | 0959 | 1159 | 1359 | 1509 | 1709 | 1829 |
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Wed & Sat: 9.30am – 1pm
Thur & Sun: Closed



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More Dates For Your Diary

October 2022

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| Tues 11th 2pm – 3pm | <i>Knit & Knatter Group</i> at Welshpool Library Enquiries 01938 553001 |
| Thurs 20th 7.30pm | <i>Concert featuring The Benyounes String Quartet</i> playing quartets by Beethoven, John Woolrich & Brahms at Welshpool Methodist Church . Tks on door: £15, Student: £5. Subscription membership scheme available @ £60 for the 5 concerts comprising the 2022/2023 season. Information: www.welshpoolmusicclub.com |
| Tues 25th 2pm – 3pm | <i>Knit & Knatter Group</i> at Welshpool Library Enquiries 01938 553001 |
| Thurs 27th 3.00pm prompt | <i>The Illustrators of Wind in the Willows</i> . A talk by John Ericson at The Royal Oak, Welshpool. Arts Society of Mid Wales. https://theartssociety.org/mid-wales-borders |

November 2022

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| Wed 2nd Door opens 9.45am for 10.30am start. | <i>Mid-Wales Fire & Rescue</i> . A talk at COWSHACC, Welshpool. Further information: www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk |
| Sat 5th | <i>Fireworks Display</i> at Maes y Dre Recreation Ground, Welshpool. For more information call 01938 553142 |
| Tues 8th 2pm – 3pm | <i>Knit & Knatter Group</i> at Welshpool Library Enquiries 01938 553001 |
| Thurs 10th 7.30pm | <i>Concert featuring Trio Volante</i> (wind trio) at Welshpool Methodist Church . Tks on door: £15, Student: £5 Information: www.welshpoolmusicclub.com |
| Fri 11th | <i>Up Front Rock</i> at Westbury Village Hall |
| Tues 22nd 2pm – 3pm | <i>Knit & Knatter Group</i> at Welshpool Library Enquiries 01938 553001 |
| Thurs 24th 2.30pm prompt | <i>The Magnificent Maya</i> . A talk by Dr Diane Davies at The Royal Oak, Welshpool. Arts Society of Mid Wales. https://theartssociety.org/mid-wales-borders |
| Sat 26th | <i>Welshpool Winter Festival</i> around the Town Centre |

December 2022

Sat 3rd

Christmas Fair at Welshpool Livestock Market
100+ stalls. Crafts, gifts, food, Santa's Grotto, Prize Raffle.
Raising funds for charity.

Tues 6th
2pm – 3pm

Knit & Knatter Group at Welshpool Library
Enquiries 01938 553001

Wed 7th
Door opens
9.45am for
10.30am start.

Welshpool Air Ambulance. A talk at COWSHACC,
Welshpool. Further information:
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can donate on the same day that you have a flu vaccination.

Powys County Council

County Councillor – Amanda Jenner - 07800914446

Facebook.com/CllrAmandaJenner/ -

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MISSED RECYCLING & BIN COLLECTIONS

Unfortunately we continue to experience missed/delayed bin and recycling collections. This has been happening across the County and myself and other Councillors have been highlighting the problems at the most senior levels within the Council. We are told that there have been workforce/recruitment issues as well as sickness within the crews. I continue to raise concerns with the Council and probe into how they are addressing this problem. Any further information I receive I will also post on my Facebook page.

A number of people have contacted me directly when their bin(s) have been missed and I then follow this up with the relevant team member. You can also report your missed bins on this link:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/825/Report-a-missed-bin-collection>

HIGHWAYS

For some time now I have been expressing to the Council that many of our ongoing road maintenance problems are caused by lack of regular drain/gulley clearance. The Community Council and I regularly call on the Council to address this in the ward on a regular basis (rather than just when we see heavy rain and flood risk). However, we are told that there aren't the resources for this. I have previously updated you on the work I have done calling for the Council to try and obtain more drain jetter resource. In the meantime, whilst this is still being considered by the powers that be, I will be submitting a formal public motion to the Full Council (in October) calling for the Highways departments to bring forward drain jetting work and to work with and listen to local councillors and community councils to prioritise high risk areas which if not jetted, can cause localised flooding.

SURGERY WITH RUSSELL GEORGE – 14th October

Russell George and I will be holding a joint public surgery on 14th October between 4pm and 6pm at the Green Dragon Inn in Buttington. You are welcome to come and discuss any views or concerns you have with us – please contact Russell George's office to book an appointment to attend (tel 01686 610887 email russell.george@senedd.wales).

Kind regards, Cllr Amanda

Driver Theory Refresher workshops available for mature drivers

Are you aged over 65??



Mature drivers living in Powys are being given the opportunity to revise and improve their road knowledge by taking advantage of a **free, 2 hour online driver theory course**. Powys County Council's Road Safety Unit will be holding its informal Driver Theory Refresher workshop on the following Wednesdays:

19 October, 16 November & 14 December 2022

Do you know about recent changes to the Highway Code? Are you familiar with "The Fatal Five?" The course is designed to update your knowledge of the road in an ever-changing environment, thus helping improve your driving skills and keep you driving safely. Attendees will also be given information and contact details about going on one of the free, one hour 'Drive-On' assessments with a local Advanced Driving Instructor.

For more information and to book a place on the up-and-coming courses, contact Miranda Capecchi, Road Safety Project Officer on:

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Email: miranda.capecchi1@powys.gov.uk

Welshpool Music Club

80th season Concerts are held in the Methodist Church, High Street, Welshpool, commencing at 7.30pm. The charge for non-members is £15 (students £5) on the door. For membership details contact

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2022

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Coffee, Cake & Company



Contact : Jane Weston 07832165285, Lynda James 07800998202

Great Wollaston & Middletown Churches are inviting everyone to a coffee morning once a month in Middletown Village Hall, 10.30 till 12.00pm.

This is an event organised by volunteers on behalf of the Churches as a service to the community. The idea is to come along, have some company and make new friends . It will run on the 4th Tuesday of the month. It is a free event but people are very kind and donations have helped to cover the village hall costs. All the cakes and drinks are donated by the volunteers.

Please continue to support us ! We enjoy your company and need help to eat all the cake!

Future Dates:

Oct 25th and Nov 22nd

**Welshpool Tourist Information
Centre**

OPENING HOURS

Mon – Sat 9.30am – 4.30pm

Sun 10.00am – 4.00pm

Tel: 01938 552043

**Rail Tickets and Railcards
Agents for National Express,
Owens, Tanat Valley, Sabrina &
Celtic Travel
Accommodation Bookings**



**Welshpool & Llanfair
Light Railway**



**1st October - 6th November: Trains run each weekend.
Also running on 14th October, 25-27th October and 2nd November**

14th - 16th October

Beer Festival



A celebration of:

- steam trains
- real ale,
- great food
- live music

**For detailed information on the above, ticket prices and
advance online booking:**

Tel: 01938 810441 or log on to www.wllr.org.uk

NB Santa's Special Trains will run throughout December 2022

BOOKS ABOUT CANCER

Thanks to a grant from Powys Teaching Health Board's Charitable Fund, Powys Libraries have purchased four sets of around 50 books about cancer which are recommended by Macmillan Cancer Support professionals.

The four sets will be available across all libraries but kept in Y Llanfa (Welshpool), Newtown, y Gaer (Brecon), and Llandrindod Wells.

If you or a loved one are living with cancer you can borrow any of the books by...



going online and reserving the title/s you'd like to read



order and collect service (particularly useful if shielding)



asking your local branch librarian about the books on offer



Rhaglen Gwella'r Daith Cancer ym Mhowys..... Improving the Cancer Journey in Powys programme



GIG
GLAUNO
NHS
GLAUNO

Swydd uchaf
Adlyngwr Powys
Powys Teaching
Health Board

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT
CYMOETH CANCER
MACMILLAN

Available from Y Llanfa, The Wharf, Welshpool

MWO

MIDWALES OPERA

OPERA CANOLBARTH CYMRU

Registered Charity Number: 1043391



'Puss in Boots', *El Gato con botas*

**Friday 14 October, 7.30pm at Gregynog Hall,
Tregynon, near Newtown, SY16 3PL.**

Catalan composer Xavier Montsalvatge's beautiful one-act version of the familiar tale of 'Puss in Boots', *El Gato con botas*. This new MWO production is perfect for family audiences and a great way to introduce youngsters to opera. It features 5 singers singing in English and 5 musicians. The second half of the evening will feature a cabaret style collection of popular and entertaining musical items.

Tkts £16, concessions (children, students, over-60s, registered disabled including accompanying carer, and the unemployed) £13.

Car Park charge applies: £2.50.

To book call Theatre Hafren 01686 948100,
<https://www.thehafren.co.uk/whatson.php>