

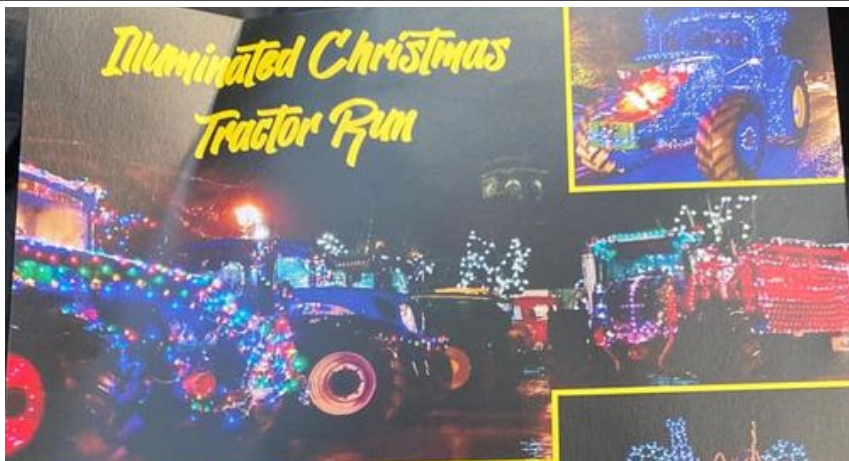


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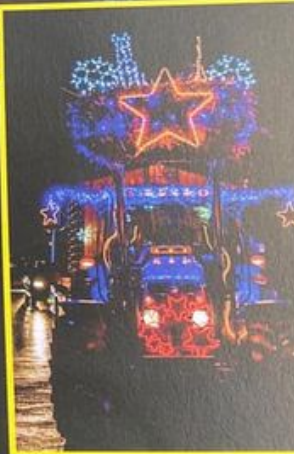
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and will

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A note from the BG team:

Welcome to the last issue of 2021!

Thank you for all your support during the last year.
The BG team would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year.

The deadline for each issue is

**22nd of January, March, May,
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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

Bowls 01938 556243

Zumba 6.15 – 7.15pm

Tuesday

Knitting / Craft Group

Pilates Class

Wednesday

Thursday

Ti A Fi

Friday

Saturday

Knitting / Craft Group

Meet alternate Tuesdays at
Trewern Community Centre

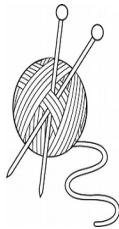
1.30 -3.30 pm
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Contacts:-

Margaret 570518

Linda 570529

Pam 570001



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Head Master - Colin Jenkins 01938 570283

Please refer to website for school news.

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Upcoming Events

Fri 3rd December, 18.00 – 20.30 hrs

Christmas Shopping & Castle Preview Evening

Pull on your Christmas jumper and bring your family & friends for some seasonal cheer! Booking not needed.

Adult (including NT members) = £5, Child £2, Under 5s Free

4th December - 5th January 2022 (except 24, 25, 26 & 31 December), 10am - 4pm

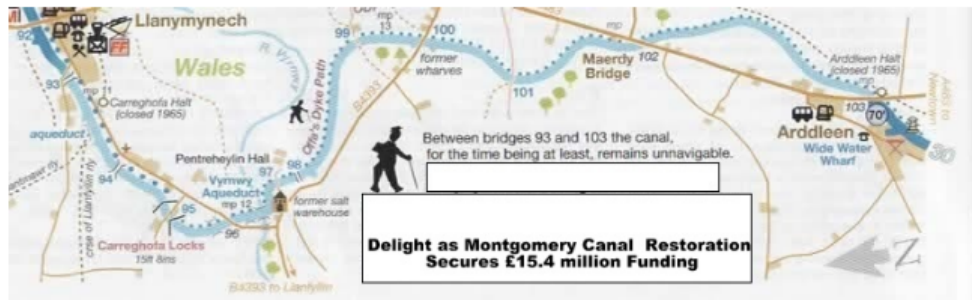
Percy the Park Keeper's Winter Wonder Trail

Trail leaflets are available for £2 each at the Welcome Cabin and in the shop (whilst stocks last). The trail is within the garden.

Normal admission prices apply. Booking not needed.

Festive Afternoon Tea available 11am – 3pm in the Courtyard Cafe. Advance Booking essential.

See website for full details on all the above.



Organisations working hard to restore the Montgomery Canal celebrated after Rishi Sunak announced £15.4million of Levelling Up funding towards the project in his Budget speech. The funding will help to bring the ambition to restore the canal to the national network another step closer.

The successful bid for Levelling Up funding was made by Powys CC supported by the Canal & River Trust. The money will be invested in restoring navigation to most of a 4.4 mile section of the canal from Llanymynech to Arddleen.

It is hoped that reopening the canal will increase tourist numbers to the Welshpool area with associated economic benefit to local communities.

Rodney's Pillar is Saved!

Rodney's Pillar has been saved thanks to Natural Resources Wales. In 2019 *Border Gossip* highlighted the instability of the structure and the formation of a local campaign group to raise funds to save it. The Save Rodney's Pillar Group has recently announced NRW is to fund safety measures, a survey having identified the need for significant work.

Group trustees look forward to working with both NRW and Cadw (the Welsh Government's historic environment service) until repairs to the Pillar are completed. It is planned to start remedial work next Summer. As NRW will be paying for the repair work, fundraising has now ceased. The campaign trustees wish to thank all individuals and organisations that have supported their work.



Ti a Fi Group / Cylch Ti a Fi Mother & Toddler Group Facebook: Ti a Fi Buttington/Trewern

Buttington / Trewern
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Buttington Trewern School

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Treasurer – Elaine Mountford 01938 570515

Cefn Chapel Carol service will be held on Friday 17th December at 7pm with preachers Terry and Eileen Jobling leading the service

The chapel will be festively decorated so please mark the date in your diary and come along and enjoy singing traditional carols .

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.

Other Dates For Your Diary

December 2021

Fri 3rd 6.00pm-8.30pm	Christmas Shopping & Castle Preview Evening at Powis Castle. Booking not needed. Adult (including NT members) = £5, Child £2, Under 5s Free.
Sat 4th 10am – 4pm	Christmas Cracker Fair at Welshpool Livestock Market. More than 100 stallholders selling gifts, crafts, food, Xmas trees etc. Also an opportunity to raise funds for local charities. www.welshpoolsmithfield.co.uk
Mon 6th 7.00pm	Flicks in the Sticks at Welshpool Assembly Room in Town Hall Polar Express (cert U) Tickets on door. Adult £4, child with full paying adult £1.

January 2022

Wed 5th Door opens 9.45am for 10.30am start.	Welsh Farming & the Environment: a panel discussion at COWSHACC, Welshpool. Hear opinions on the impact of agriculture on the environment, global warming, flooding and more. Information: www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk
Thurs 13th 7.30pm	The Exquisite Heart & Mind: Chopin and his Music. Featuring Alicja Fiderkiewicz (piano) & Denis Lanvin at Welshpool Methodist Church. Tkts on door: £12, Student: £6 Information: www.welshpoolmusicclub.com
Thurs 27th 2.30pm prompt	Secrets and Lies – what great masterpieces really tell us. A talk by Sarah Gathercote at The Royal Oak, Welshpool. Arts Society of Mid Wales. https://theartsociety.org/mid-wales-borders

February 2022

Wed 2nd Door opens 9.45am for 10.30am start.	How a Newspaper Runs at COWSHACC, Welshpool. Thom Kennedy will give an insight into our local County Times. Information: www.welshpoolanddistrictu3a.org.uk
Thurs 10th 7.30pm	Schubert & Mendelssohn. A concert featuring Mary Hofman (violin) & Richard Ormrod (piano) at Welshpool Methodist Church. Tkts on door: £12, Student: £6 Information: www.welshpoolmusicclub.com
Thurs 24th 2.30pm prompt	Everywhere the Glint of Gold – the tomb of Tutankhamen: it's discovery, excavation and contents. A talk by Tony Crowe at The Royal Oak, Welshpool. Arts Society of Mid Wales. https://theartsociety.org/mid-wales-borders



Middletown Three Cheers

Coffee, Cake & Company

Helpers - Roz Evans, Beryl Powell, Tony Hill

Contact – Sue Hill 07761056156



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 a coffee and make new friends. In 2019 it will run on the 4th Tuesday of each month. This is a free event but people are very kind and donate towards the village hall costs. All the cakes and drinks are made by the volunteers.

Please continue to support the village hall and need help to eat all

Future dates TBC

- Future Dates:
 28th April
 23rd June 28th July 25th August 22nd September
 27th October 24th November 15th December

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- If you have added your Council Tax or Business Rates reference number previously, you will still need to go into your 'My Account' and click the 'Go paperless' option.

Residents and businesses can also use their 'My Account' to view their personal information, instalment plan, change payment options, including setting up or amending a direct debit, and request refunds, all at any time of day or night.

Digital communication helps to reduce costs, a benefit to all council tax payers, but it also helps to cut the carbon footprint, making Powys a more environmentally friendly council and county.

- More information on paying your Council Tax: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/paycounciltax>
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Clare and Simon Boyes would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages following the sudden death, on 26 Sep, of their son

DOUGLAS BOYES, age 25



Douglas was at Welshpool High School from 2007-2014 and then went to Oxford to study biological science. He was very keen on wildlife, particularly moths and butterflies. Some Middletown residents may have seen the bright lights from his moth trap illuminating the valley. He was studying for a PhD and his latest research was published in August. It received international coverage and showed that street lights, particularly the newer LED types, are damaging insect populations.

A tribute to Douglas can be read here:

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/news-and-blog/tribute-to-douglas-boyes>

Driver Theory Refresher workshop available for mature drivers



Mature drivers are being given the opportunity to revise and update their essential driving skills by taking advantage of a **free, two hour online course**. Powys County Council's Road Safety Unit will be holding its Driver Theory Refresher workshop on **Wednesday 15 December 2021**.

The course includes 'The Fatal Five'; what to do when encountering vulnerable road users such as motor & pedal cyclists and equestrians, eyesight requirements, medication and alcohol

laws, what to do in the event of an accident, and much more.

Attendees will also be given information and contact details about going on one of the free, one hour 'Drive-On' assessments with a local ADI (Advanced Driving Instructor).

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A big thank you to
**Roger & Mrs G M Ward,
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&

The church wardens of All Saints Church, Buttington.
for their very kind donations.

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.

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

Clothes, Shoes Etc – Trewern School car park to raise money for the school PTFA.



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

The X75 service leaves FOR SHREWSBURY from:



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:

Middletown – Breidden Pub	0730 Sch	0955	1155	1355	1505	1705	1825
Trewern – Little Chef	0734 Sch	0959	1159	1359	1509	1709	1829
Buttington – Green Dragon	0738 Sch	1003	1203	1403	1513	1713	1833

Ford Group of Churches

VICAR – Rev.Gregory Roberts 01743 851806

Date	Time	Location	Service	Readings
5/12/21 Second Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	Middletown	Parish Communion	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79
	11.00 am	Alberbury	Community Worshi	Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
12/12/21 Third Sunday of Advent	8.00 am	Alberbury (said)	Holy Communion (BCP)	Zephaniah 3.14-end Philippians 4.4-7
	11.00 am	Cardeston	Parish Communion	Luke 3.7-18
19/12/21 Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.00 am	Alberbury	Parish Communion	Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10
	6.30 pm	Ford	Carol Service	Luke 1.39-45[46-55]
24/12/21 Christmas Eve	3.00 pm	Wattlesborough	Crib Service	Isaiah 9.2-7 Psalm 96
	4.30 pm	Middletown	Crib Service	Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-14[15-20]
	7.30 pm	Alberbury	Christmas Eve mass	
25/12/21 Christmas Day	9.30 am	Ford	All-age Communion	Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-4[5-12] John 1.1-14
26/1/21 Christmas 1		No service		
2/1/22 Epiphany WHITE/GOLD	10.30 am	Alberbury	Group service – Eucharist	Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12
9/1/22 Baptism of Christ	8.00 am	Alberbury (said)	Holy Communion (BCP)	Isaiah 43.1-7 Psalm 29
	11.00 am	Cardeston	Parish Communion	Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17,21,22
12/1/22	7.30 pm	Cardeston	Stations of the Epiphany	Refreshments from 7pm
16/1/22 Epiphany 2	9.00 am	Alberbury	Parish Communion	Isaiah 62.1-5 Psalm 36.5-10 1 Corinthians 12.1- 11 John 2.1-11
23/1/22 Epiphany 3	11.00am	Great Wollaston	Parish Communion	Nehemiah 8.1-3,5- 6,8-10 Psalm 19* 1 Corinthians 12.12- 31a Luke 4.14-21
30/1/22 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	10.30 am	Ford	Group Service- Eucharist	Malachi 3.1-5 Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40

News from Middletown Church (part of the Ford Group of parishes)

I was once interviewed for a radio programme as I walked with the presenter through the city streets where I lived at the time. Looking at the unlit street decorations she asked, 'When should the Christmas decorations along the streets be taken down?' It was a question about how long should Christmas be celebrated? As with many things, there are different answers based on different traditions! From the evening of Christmas Eve, either to twelfth night and the Epiphany (the visit of the magi or wise men) on 6 January; or, if we are bold enough, right through to the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas), which in the Ford Group will be kept on Sunday 30th January. Celebrating Christmas over a period of time has the huge advantage of changing our perception of January to being a month of Christmas light and joy, rather than the dark and miserable time that it can be for many. However long you celebrate Christmas for, I hope you will experience some of the excitement and power, the peace and joy, of Christmas when the season arrives.

Before then the church keeps a season called Advent which this year began on Sunday 28th of November. It is a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus into the world. Each Sunday has its own particular themes and often churches mark this time of waiting by lighting the candles of an Advent Wreath and at home people may open a window on an advent calendar.

The Ford Group comprises 6 churches with services at different times of the day. Below are the services in Middletown and the nearby churches of Cardeston, Great Wollaston, Wattlesborough and Alberbury. People are welcome at any of our services, and I realize that different times and different formats suit different people.

As Christians welcome God, in the form of a vulnerable baby, again this year we celebrate with services such as the Crib service, Carol Service and Christmas Eve mass, which this year will be at 7.30 pm in Alberbury.

Please do feel free to contact me if I can be of any help with any pastoral or spiritual matters or whether you would like a listening ear. If you would like to enquire about services such as baptisms/christenings, I am here. My contact details are:

TheRevdGregRoberts@Outlook.com 01743 851806

Information about forthcoming services, events and videos of previous services can be found on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/fordgroupofchurches>

With every blessing

Greg

The Rev'd Greg Roberts, Rector of the Ford Group

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Sunday 5th	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	Morning Prayer & Praise
Sunday 19th	CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Friday 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE – CHRISTINGLE COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM
Saturday 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY – HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 26th	NO SERVICE

JANUARY 2022

Sunday 2nd	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	Morning Prayer & Praise
Sunday 16th	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	FAMILY SERVICE
Sunday 30th	Joint service at Guilsfield at 11.00 AM TBC



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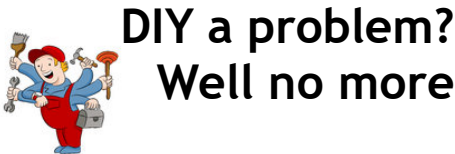
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with Christmas?

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KING SCOT

TOTEMS LIE

TOSSING EAGERNESS

MICE PINES

DISPATCH DRUMS GIN

COORDINATES

TINY PAY VITAL

OLE UGLY

GAP PAWN RIPPER

Answers in the next issue.

Powys County Council

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Hello all. I hope you are all keeping well as the winter months set in. A few things to update you on:

Buttington Incinerator

The planning process continues and by the time you read this I will have submitted a further response to the planning inspectorate following Broad Energy's latest comments to them. It is likely that the next stage will be a public hearing to consider evidence. I cannot see this happening before February. With regards to the moratorium, you may be interested to hear that the Welsh Government Minister recently turned down a large scale incinerator in South East Wales, in particular due to there being insufficient need. If you want to read the full decision, you can do so here:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-11/welsh-ministers-decision-letter.pdf>

Highways

I am pleased to report that persistent reporting of issues to the highways department has paid off and we have had some pothole repairs carried out in various places (Station Road, Pentre Gwyn, Moelygolfa area). Please continue to report any issues to me.

I continue to report flooding problems under the Heldre Lane Railway Bridge. If you are aware of any other road drains that are blocked, please do let me know. You can also report these directly to the council here.

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4636/Report-a-blocked-drain>

Please do let me know if you are aware of any salt bins that need topping up or salt piles needed. You can also request these directly from the council here:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/9901/Report-a-Problem-with-Salt-bins-Gritting-or-Footways>

Trewern Playground – Grant money for more equipment

In September, the Community Council and I submitted a grant application for some new playground equipment to go in the unused space in the Trewern play area. The good news is that we were successful in our application and we have been offered a grant for a substantial portion of play area equipment. However, we did not get allocated the full amount we applied for and so I am in discussions with the

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Improvements to Local Footpaths

As mentioned in my last update, another potential project for our community is to apply for funding to go towards restoring and improving our local footpaths. Community Councillors and I have now met with the Powys Council Footpaths officer to discuss the opportunity and to consider the areas which could be eligible. The two areas discussed were the footpaths around the watery lane area leading towards the old railway line and back towards the A458, and also the Moelygofa network to improve accessibility from both the Middletown and Trewern direction. I will keep you updated on this project.

Planning Developments

There are a number of live planning applications in our area – full details of these can be seen on the Powys Planning Portal.
<https://pa.powys.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Applications include a housing development in Middletown (land adjacent to Golfa Close Middletown, Gate Farm Criggion Lane, Moat Farm Criggion Lane, Land adjacent to Buttington School). Please do let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding these.

Surgeries

By the time this update has been printed I will have recently held a surgery in the Briedden with Craig Williams MP. I will also be holding one in the New Year with Russell George MS (details to be confirmed).

As always please feel free to get in touch with me about any council issues you would like to raise or need assistance with. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and I hope you manage to take some time out from busy lives and are able to catch up with friends and family.

Nadolig Llawen,

Cllr Amanda



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Do you have any repair skills? Would you be willing to volunteer your time to help your Community?

Trewern Community Council are thinking of setting up a Repair Café, which would take place locally every month, to help local residents fix/repair items, through skills such as, woodwork, sewing etc. If this was to go ahead, we would need volunteers with the skills needed to fix items.

Repair cafés are started by residents, with the support of Repair Café Wales, and run by the local community. At each repair café event, somewhere between 20 and 50 members of the public bring their damaged or broken household items for repair/advice. Typical items include electrical goods, technology, ornaments, clothes, bicycles for basic maintenance & guidance, jewellery and more! The repair café volunteers then attempt to repair the items. The visitors are encouraged to join in and learn how their item is being fixed so that they can attempt similar repairs in the future.

Please get in touch with us if this is something you would be interested in.

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The **January 2022 lecture of the Arts Society Mid Wales** and Borders takes place on

Thursday January 27th and is titled 'Secrets and Lies - What Great Masterpieces Really Tell Us' The speaker is Sarah Gathercole, an art historian.

Venue is the Powis Suite, Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool. Start time is 2.30pm prompt. Visitors are welcome, though a donation of £6 per person is requested towards costs.

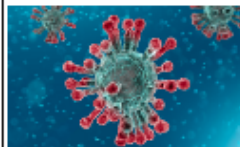
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The **February 2022 lecture of the Arts Society Mid Wales** and Borders takes place on

Thursday February 24th and is titled 'In Another Man's Shoes' The speaker is Ellie Somme, who will talk about her father's work in the Norwegian resistance movement in the second world war and his activity as a spy for the allies.

Venue is the Powis Suite, Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool. Start time is 2.30pm prompt. Visitors are welcome, though a donation of £6 per person is requested towards costs.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Wales is at Alert Level Zero

Regarding Self-Isolation in Wales:

- Everyone must continue to **self-isolate** for 10 days if they test positive for COVID-19.
- If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive and you are aged 18 or over and have not received a full course of an approved COVID-19 vaccination (in the UK) more than 14 days before exposure, you must also **self-isolate** for 10 days as instructed by the Test, Trace, Protect system.
- **As from 29 October anyone who is double vaccinated – as well as those aged 5-17- should self-isolate and take a PCR test if someone in their household has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19. If the test is negative they can stop self-isolating.**

In Wales, if you are over 18 you must show the NHS COVID pass to:

- attend indoor non-seated events where over 500 people are mixing closely for prolonged periods;
- attend outdoor non-seated events where over 4,000 people are mixing closely for prolonged periods;
- attend any event of more than 10,000 people;
- enter nightclubs;
- **enter theatres, cinemas and concert halls (introduced from 15 November).**

On 18 November it was announced there would be no changes to the rules in Wales in the next three weeks. However First Minister, Mark Drakeford, warned that Covid passes may be used over Christmas in order to keep pubs & restaurants open.

A Covid booster jab will now be offered to anyone over 40 years of age.

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Thank you

