



News from Middletown,
Trewern, Buttington & Hope.

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June & July 2021



Three events to be held at 7.30pm each evening on Zoom.

Free to attend.

Voluntary contributions to Monty Lit Fest will be much appreciated.

10 June

Marcus Berkmann's Big Pub Quiz Night

This is a 'bring your own team' quiz. The minimum number of people for your team is 1!

11 June

Torri Tir Newydd: Agerstalwm, Babel a Brodorion

Ifan Morgan Jones, winner of Welsh Book of the Year, discusses his work with Myfanwy Alexander.

12 June

Three fabulous authors of historical fiction: Hope Adams, Lissa Evans & Alix Nathan discuss **Writing the Past**.

For further details of the 2021 programme, registration links and information about the authors please visit www.montylitfest.com



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continue to send your donations to
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Thank you very much to all the advertisers, especially those who have recently renewed their advert. Many thanks for all donations

A note from the BG team:

Hope you are all staying safe in the rare bit of sun we are having!

I was hoping to be able to meet up with the new editor but due to lockdown rules this wasn't possible. I will hopefully be sorting this out asap.

Thank you for your continued support, Kim M

The deadline for each issue is

**22nd of January, March, May,
July, September & November.**

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.

Facebook: Border Gossip or bordergossip@hotmail.com

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Thank you



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Buttington Trewern Community Centre

Booking Secretary – Anne Jerman 01938 570320

Facebook: buttington trewern community centre

Weekly Events:

Monday

Playgroup

Bowls 01938 556243

Zumba 6.15 – 7.15pm

Tuesday

Playgroup

Knitting / Craft Group

Pilates Class

Wednesday

Playgroup

Thursday

Playgroup

Friday

Playgroup

Saturday

Knitting / Craft Group

Meet alternate Tuesdays at
Trewern Community Centre

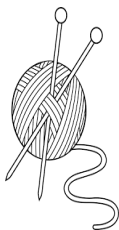
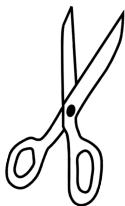
1.30 -3.30 pm
Term Time Only

Contacts:-

Margaret 570518

Linda 570529

Pam 570001



Join us for tea/coffee,
Biscuits and a chat.

We charge £1.20 per session to cover cost
of Community room
and refreshments

Ysgol Gynradd

Buttington Trewern

CP School

Head Master - Colin Jenkins 01938 570283

Please refer to website for school news.

School PTFA

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Chairperson – Karen Williams –

07772 260 382

Secretaries – Kim Mountford 0781496476

- Kat Parkes

Treasurer – Lorraine Pryce - 07825 326 532

www.trewern.powys.sch.uk

Ti a Fi Group / Cylch Ti a Fi Mother & Toddler Group

Facebook: Ti a Fi Buttington/Trewern

Buttington / Trewern
Community Centre

Thursday 9 – 11am. £1 per family
Lots of toys, games and crafts
for children to explore and play
with whilst interacting with
other children.

Children from new-born to pre-
school welcome along with
their parent, carer or child
minder.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
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Welsh and Non-Welsh speaking
welcome.

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Buttington / Trewern

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Doors open from 9am

Buttington Trewern Playgroup

Buttington Trewern School

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri - 8.30am – 11am

Optional lunch club – 11am – 12.30pm ~ £5 per session

Do you have a child aged 3 to school age?

Are you looking for a fun, supportive pre-school environment for your child?

Do you want your child to learn to socialise and develop their independence
while being cared for by experienced, friendly staff?

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- Close working links with Buttington Trewern school
- Funding for 3 year olds (children accepted the term following their 3rd birthday)
- 2 free sessions a week to families who are receiving income support

Contact Play Leader Elaine Pattison on
07754338079 for more information

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Food served

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Tue to Sat	12.00 – 14.00
and	17.30 – 20.00

Cefn Methodist Chapel, Trewern

Treasurer – Elaine Mountford 01938 570515

June-August 2021.

All services start at 10am

June 6th Nigel Evans

June 20th Rev Jacquie Evans HC

July 4th Andrea Davies

July 18th John Harbron HC

August 1st Graham Smith

August 15th Terry & Eileen Jobling

August 29th No service, 5th Sunday (There is a United Service in St Mary's Church, Welshpool, at 11am)

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

Thank you

Freda Davies

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE about the EU Settlement Scheme

Government rules mean that EU and EFTA citizens living in the UK must apply for settled or pre-settled status by 30th June.

URGENT

Do you know any EU or EFTA citizens living in Wales?



Have they and their family applied for settled status?

To continue to live and work in Wales they must apply

For help and information see:
settled.org.uk

There is concern that some people who will be affected by this change may not be aware that they need to apply. In particular, information on the relevant government website (<https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus>) indicates that the following people need to apply:

- **Holders of previously granted UK permanent residency cards.**
 - These will no longer be valid after 30 June 2021 and people holding them need to apply.
- **Dependent family members.**
 - Each dependent family member, including children, must complete an individual EUSS application.

Applying to the scheme is free and it is important that every EU and EFTA citizen who may be affected should apply before the deadline.

If you know anyone who may be affected, please check that they have applied. This is especially important for people in vulnerable groups (e.g. elderly people, people without internet access, children in care).

If you think that you may be affected by this change, you can obtain further information and free advice from the organisations listed on the EUSSWales website at:

- EUSSWales: <http://www.eusswales.com/>

This leaflet has been prepared and distributed by Wales for Europe

For further information contact Edmund Sides at: swansea@walesforeurope.org

RHYBUDD PWYSIG ynghylch Cynllun Setliad yr UE

Mae rheolau'r llywodraeth yn golygu bod yn rhaid i ddinasyddion yr UE ac EFTA sy'n byw yn y DU wneud cais am statws sefydlog neu cyn-setliad erbyn 30 Mehefin.

BRYS

Ydych chi'n adnabod unrhyw ddinasyddion o'r UE ac EFTA sy'n byw yng Nghymru?



A ydyn nhw a'u teulu wedi gwneud cais am statws sefydlog?

Er mwyn parhau i fyw a gweithio yng Nghymru rhaid iddynt wneud cais

Am help a gwybodaeth gweler:

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Mae pryder efallai na fydd rhai pobl y bydd y newid hwn yn effeithio arnynt yn ymwbyddol bod angen iddynt wneud cais. Yn benodol, mae gwybodaeth ar wefan berthnasol y llywodraeth (<https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus>) yn nodi bod angen i'r bobl ganlynol wneud cais:

- **Deiliaid cardiau preswyllo parhaol y DU a roddwyd yn flaenorol.**
 - Ni fydd y rhain yn ddilys mwyach ar ôl 30 Mehefin 2021 ac mae angen i'r bobl sy'n eu dal wneud cais.
- **Aelodau dibynnol o'r teulu.**
 - Rhaid i bob aelod dibynnol o'r teulu, gan gynnwys plant, gwblhau cais EUSS unigol

Mae gwneud cais i'r cynllun yn rhad ac am ddim ac mae'n bwysig bod pob dinesydd o'r UE ac EFTA a allai gael ei effeithio yn gwneud cais cyn y dyddiad cau.

Os ydych chi'n adnabod unrhyw un a allai gael eu heffeithio, gwiriwch eu bod wedi gwneud cais. Mae hyn yn arbennig o bwysig i bobl mewn grwpiau bregus (e.e. pobl oedranus, pobl heb fynediad i'r rhyngwryd, plant mewn gofal).

Os credwch y gallai'r newid hwn effeithio arnoch, gallwch gael rhagor o wybodaeth a chyngor am ddim gan y sefydliadau a restrir ar wefan EUSSWales yn:

- EUSSWales: <http://www.eusswales.com/>

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Am wybodaeth bellach cysylltwch ag Edmund Sides yn: swansea@walesforeurope.org

Powis Castle & Garden



The castle, garden, shop, cafés & secondhand bookshop are open. On weekdays you don't need to pre-book. At weekends and during school holidays pre-booking is recommended to guarantee entry. You are requested to follow Welsh Government Covid regulations.

Up to date opening times, further details and online booking at:
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/powis-castle-and-garden/whats-on

'Paws' for Thought

Eye-catching paw prints are popping up around the county, leading the way to the nearest bin, as a reminder for careless owners to clean up after their dogs when out on a walk.

While most dog owners are responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets, leaving our streets and open spaces prone to dog fouling.

Powys County Council's latest campaign is a subtle reminder that dog poo should be bagged and binned at any public litter bin.

The campaign to reduce dog fouling is part of the Caru Cymru project, a Wales wide initiative to eradicate litter and waste and inspire everyone to take action and care for the environment.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be fined up to £1,000.

To report incidents of dog fouling in your area, visit: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4511/Report-dog-fouling>





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 drink, chat 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.

Future dates TBC

Please continue to support the church and need help to eat all

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

Tackling falls in the home

Powys County Council and Care & Repair in Powys have teamed up to try and prevent falls in the home which are a constant worry for many residents.

Whether it is struggling to manage the stairs, get on and off the toilet, bathe or shower safely or get in and out of the house safely, help is now at hand from the partnership which will identify equipment or adaptations which can help residents to continue to live independently at home.

Small tips like removing mats, rugs and other items that could cause a fall are being offered as well as ensuring all rooms, passages and staircases are well lit. Wearing well-fitting shoes or slippers that are in good condition and support the ankle will decrease the risk of falls further.

Debbie Brooks, Casework & Service Manager with Care & Repair has explained that for help with smaller adaptations such as the installation of grab rails or the levelling of paths, Powys residents should contact Care & Repair in Powys directly on 01686 620760 or by emailing enquiries@crpowys.co.uk

For larger scale alterations, such as the installation of stair lifts or making a bathroom easier to use, Powys residents should contact Powys Council's ASSIST team on 0345 602 7050 or contact the team online at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/6948/Contact-Assist-Online>.

Another way of finding out what help and support is available is via the free AskSARA website. This is an online resource which can signpost to organisations - or indeed equipment - which can make independent living easier. You can find out more at <https://powys.livingmadeeasy.org.uk/>

Middletown Village Hall

Chairman – Stuart Hughes 01938 570504
Booking Secretary – Kath Onions 01938 570286
Treasurer – Judy Evans 01938 570501
www.middletownvillagehall.co.uk

Weekly Events:

Monday

Bingo

Tuesday

Wednesday

Border Club
(2nd Wed of the month)

Thursday

Whist Drive
(1st Thur of the month)

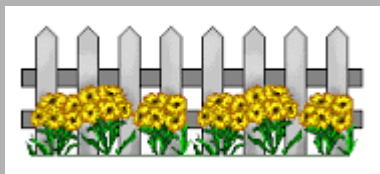
Good Companions
(3rd Thur of the month)

Friday

Saturday

Whist Drive
(1st Sat of the month)

Garden Group Jean Dorril



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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.

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



Events at Gregynog, Tregynon, Nr. Newtown, SY16 3PL
Registered Charity Number 1146516

Tel: 01686 650224 or visit www.gregynog.org for details

We are pleased to confirm that our gardens, grounds and car park are now open to visitors and members.

Please remember, dogs must be kept on a lead at all times throughout the estate and please ensure you clean up after them. Car parking is £2.50 and can be paid at the car park machine. Access to our gardens is currently free of charge but donations are welcome via our car park machine.

If you have any questions please call 01686 650224. Please adhere to Welsh Government legislation at all times.

Thank you for your continued support.

THE MONTGOMERY CANAL TRIATHLON



This popular local event has announced that it will go ahead on 4 September 2021.

The event raises funds for the restoration of the canal with entrants tackling the bike-run/walk-canoe course. The event had been held for 8 consecutive years prior to cancellation last year because of Covid-19 regulations.

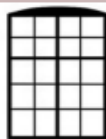
A large number of entrants for the postponed 2020 event have deferred their entry so available places for 2021 are already limited. Further bookings are not being taken at present.

However, if you are interested in taking part, you are asked to contact triathlon@themontgomerycanal.org.uk NOW to register your interest.

Information about the event can be found on
<https://themontgomerycanal.org.uk/friends/montgomery-canal-triathlon>



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Newtown
Textile
Museum

www.newtowntextilemuseum.co.uk



It is planned to open the museum for the summer each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday until the end of September. There will be appropriate measures to cater for Covid-safe requirements.

Although admission will still be free a pre-booking system is in place for timed entry visits to ensure that visitors are spread out through the Museum.

For updates on admission you are asked to check the News page on the website, or visit their Facebook or Instagram pages. There is a link to the Eventbrite site to book your timed entry

to visit the Museum on both the Home & News pages on the web.

Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust – Coronavirus Update as at 21/05/2021



Montgomeryshire Maldwyn

nature reserves pages before you visit and follow the current Welsh Government restrictions. Visitors are asked to adhere to social distancing and socialising guidance at all times.

MWT continues to follow Welsh Government guidance and restrictions. The Welshpool shop and office remain closed for the time being, with all staff working from home, where possible. The Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve, including the new Dyfi Wildlife Centre is now open, although numbers are currently limited and booking is essential. If you wish to contact MWT their answerphone on 01938 555654 will be checked when possible and you can email info@montwt.co.uk.

Limited volunteering has now re-started, so if there is a task which interests you, take a look at their online volunteering pages and contact the relevant member of staff.

The majority of their nature reserves are open, but some restrictions may apply on some sites – please check our online

As a small charity MWT, relies on the generosity of its supporters to help protect and promote the wildlife of Montgomeryshire. At this challenging time why not consider making a donation or becoming a member?? It will be greatly appreciated.

Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway



WLLR has a wide range of measures in place to ensure that visitors feel comfortable when they return to this beautiful Mid Wales railway.

These include social distancing of seats on-board trains which now have a capacity well below half of pre-Covid times, providing not just a distanced experience but also a more relaxed one. **It is advised that you book seats as soon as you can, where possible, before the day of travel.**

Their traditional tea room is temporarily closed, but facilities providing hot and cold drinks, hot and cold food and ice-creams for summer days are available. You'll find a number of hand sanitising points around the railway and one way systems, too. All visitors aged 12 and over are asked to wear face coverings at all times (unless eating or drinking).

WLLR has been recognised as a tourist organisation eligible for the Visit Wales / Visit England Good to Go scheme due to the steps they have taken for re-opening. All trains depart from Llanfair Caereinion.

Visit www.wllr.org.uk to see timetable and for booking link.

Registered Charity No. 1000378

Network Rail Close Rail Line for 6 Weeks

Rail users will face six weeks of replacement bus services after Network Rail announced that the line will be closed so that a troubled bridge can be raised.

Engineers began work to raise Black Bridge, near Machynlleth, on 15 May to reduce passenger delays due to flooding. In recent years, the bridge has been repeatedly flooded in bad weather, causing regular closures on the Machynlleth to Shrewsbury route. The railway will be closed until June 28 so that the main work to raise the bridge and re-profile the track can be carried out safely.

Transport for Wales said it will provide replacement bus services between Machynlleth and Shrewsbury during this time. There will also be an amended timetable in operation from Pwllheli and Aberystwyth to Machynlleth.

Alexia Course, Transport for Wales' Transport Operations Director, has said *"Our team will be working hard to support our customers throughout the improvement work. We understand disruption to services is frustrating for our customers, and we would like to thank them in advance for their patience while this work is taking place."*



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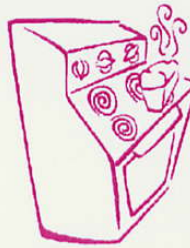
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I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the Summer. It has been a busy few months in our ward with various planning consultations taking place.

Buttington Incinerator Consultation

Firstly we have had the Buttington Incinerator ERF Consultation that ended on the 24th May. The Welsh Planning Inspectorate has informed me that the process is currently paused until the end of June in order to allow Natural Resource Wales to put in a response (as they missed the email inviting them to respond!!!). After that the Inspector will confirm the next stage of the process and give the relevant notice periods. The most likely scenario is that a hearing/enquiry stage will take place from September.

You can see all the info/comments etc here: <https://dns.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/buttington-quarry-erf/>

I know that many of you are disappointed this consultation and planning process is progressing, given that in March the Welsh Government announced there would be a moratorium with immediate effect for all new large scale incinerators. However, as the Welsh Government have not formally directed otherwise, the planning process has to proceed. I continue to work with Russell George, our Senedd Member, who is awaiting a response from the Minister on the status of the moratorium and how it applies to this planning application.

I was disappointed to see that the Welsh Government Highways Agency submitted a response to the incinerator consultation saying that they had no comment to make on the consultation. Given that during the construction phase there will be a period of up to 141 HGVs going in and out of the site per day, this response in my view does not take into account the considerable impact on an already problematic road. I have written directly to the Welsh Government Minister for highways to highlight this and ask that they look at the matter again.

I would like to thank the Buttington Incinerator Impact Group for the amount of work and effort they have put into helping people respond to this consultation, raising awareness and highlighting how this proposal will impact our area.

Planning Application Adjacent to the School

There has also been a housing application submitted which if developed would see a new entrance and improved school car park design. The Community Council, School Leadership, governors and myself have fed into this. In particular, the governors have put in considerable work and submitted comments and suggestions to ensure that the school entrance and car park design is safe, increases capacity and will be practical and suitable for the school. Both the community council and myself have endorsed these suggestions.

Highways

We continue to need many improvements to our county roads and drains. Earlier this year, I wrote to senior highways officers highlighting (again) many of the on-going problems caused by lack of drain/gulley clearance. I was told that many of our roads are not considered a priority because they are country lanes. I have continued to express concern and take this to the most senior level. We have now started to see some work take place on some of the worst patches.

A458 Trunk Road – sadly we continue to see accidents in our area, again with a recent one on the Cefn Bridge. Last year I wrote to the previous Welsh Government Minister to highlight concerns and make a number of suggestions for consideration. Unfortunately this wasn't taken seriously and we

were advised to raise matters through the Go Safe scheme. The Community Council then invited the Go Safe representatives to a meeting to discuss options, which they say are limited as the amount of accidents, in their view, are not significant enough. One suggestion is for a Community Speed Watch Team to be set up. For this to be taken forward there needs to be volunteers. There is a new Welsh Government Highways Minister and so there is a new opportunity to raise again the on-going safety and speed concerns with this road. I will be working with Russell George's office to raise concerns again in the hope that a fresh pair of eyes and ears may start to listen.

Garden Fires

With the Summer approaching, should you wish to have a garden fire, please follow the following Powys Council Guidance:

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Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions - smoke hangs in the air on damp days and in the evening. If it is windy smoke may be blown into neighbour gardens and across roads

Avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens

Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder

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All the best, Amanda

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