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# A note from the BG team:

Again I apoologise for the late issue.

We hope you are all keeping well. Halloween is creeping up on us, are you doing anything special? We would love to see your pumpkin carvings. Please feel free to tag us on facebook. We may even send some treats to ones we like.

We are still looking for someone to deliver the 51 issues to the residential park and Golfa Close in Middletown. Please contact us if you are keen to fill this position otherwise we may have to unfortunatly remove that area from our rounds. Thank you, 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.

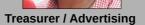
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Kim Mountford



#### Editor





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Monday 1st November 2021: Judy (cert 12) *running time: 118 mins* Renee Zellweger stars in this story of Judy Garland's last London tour.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021: The Polar Express (cert U) *running time: 100 mins* Animated musical fantasy in which a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole. He learns about friendship, bravery and the spirit of Christmas.

#### Buttington Trewern CP School PTFA

We now have an outdoor permanent clothes donation bin located in the school car park. Please donate clean, bagged items if you are having a clear out. It will help us to raise essential funds to support our children in school. Thank you



## 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 preschool welcome along with their parent, carer or child minder. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS Welsh and Non-Welsh speaking

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## **Arts Society**

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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.

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

### Cefn Methodist Chapel, Trewern Treasurer – Elaine Mountford 01938 570515

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.



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	Weekly E	vents:		
<u>Monday</u> Bingo	<u>Tuesday</u>		Wednesday Border Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month)	
<b>Thursday</b> Whist Drive (1 <sup>st</sup> Thur of the month) Good Companions (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur of the month)	<u>Friday</u>		<b>Saturday</b> Whist Drive (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat of the month)	
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We are extremely grateful for donations to ensure the Border Gossip can continue to bring you the latest news from the area.

> A big thank you to \*Mr & Mrs V Pugh\*

for their very kind donation.

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



# Local Recycling

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

Powys CC have suspended all mobile library services until further notice due to Covid-19. 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:						I D J	
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	
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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
Buttington – Green Dragon	0738 Sch	1003	1203	1403	1513	1713	1833

# Welshpool Library

#### Welshpool Library (shared with Powysland Museum) at The Wharf.

#### **Revised Opening Hours for Browsing**

Mon, Tues & Fri:	9.30am – 5pm	
Saturday:	9.30am – 1pm	
Wed, Thur & Sun:	Closed	



Welshpool Library

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All loans continue to be automatically extended so you won't pay

fines, but please return books you no longer need to help meet requirements from other customers. All visitors entering the building are required to wear a face covering and provide their details for Covid-19 Track & Trace. All information provided will be held for 21 days from the visit date.

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### If giving is in your blood, please help

The service is based at the COWSHACC (Scout Headquarters & Community Centre in Berriew St Car Park), Welshpool.

Next sessions: Tue 19 Oct, Tue 9 Nov, Fri 19 Nov & Tue 30 Nov



12.00 - 15.00 & 16.30 - 19.00

Donating blood can only take minutes to give, but could last a lifetime for someone in need.

The safety of donors and blood supply is paramount. It is important that you visit www.welsh-blood.org.uk in advance to check your eligibility to donate and to make your blood donation appointment.



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

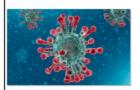
These include social distancing of seats on-board trains which now have a capacity well below half of pre-Covid times, providing not just a distanced experience but also a more relaxed one. It is advised that you book seats as soon as you can, where possible, before the day of travel.

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.

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#### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

#### Wales is at Alert Level Zero

#### Legal Requirements in Wales:

- Businesses, employers and other organisations must continue to undertake a specific coronavirus risk assessment and take reasonable measures to minimise exposure to, and the spread of, coronavirus.
- 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 since exposure, you must also **self-isolate** for 10 days as instructed by the Test, Trace, Protect system.
- Adults and children aged 11 and over must continue to wear facecoverings in indoor public places, with the exception of hospitality settings such as restaurants, pubs, cafes or nightclubs.

#### From Monday 11 October in Wales:

It will be compulsory for anyone over 18 to show the NHS COVID pass to prove they are either fully vaccinated or have a recent negative Lateral Flow Test, to attend:

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County Councillor – Amanda Jenner - 07800914446 Facebook.com/CllrAmandaJenner/ cllr.amanda.jenner@powys.gov.uk

Hello all,

I hope you've had a lovely summer and enjoyed some of the glorious weather that we had.

#### Roads

I've asked the Powys highways department to carry out some drain jetting work in advance of the winter months. Whether or not this will be done I do not know although I was previously told that it would happen in September for the Sale Lane area. The Community Council and I will continue to raise on going issues such as potholes on a regular basis with the Council highways depot.

Salt bins – before colder weather sets in, please do check the bins in your area and let me know if refills are needed before the winter. You can also request refills directly here:

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

#### A458 Trunk Road

I have asked the Trunk Road Manager to contact Network Rail about some of the overgrowth either side of the Cefn bridge to see if this could be cut back to improve visibility. The Trunk Road manager is liaising with Network Rail about this. I also understand that there is a now a safety improvement scheme in the pipeline for the bridge (which could include improved lighting, reduced mandatory speed limit and improved high friction surfacing over the bridge). I'm really pleased to hear this as both the Community Council and I have raised concerns about this stretch on numerous occasions with the Welsh Government. In addition, I've been informed that the speed limit between Trewern and Middletown is also now being looked into as part of a wider review.

#### **Buttington Incinerator**

Further to my update in the last issue, there was some delay over the summer months as the Welsh Planning Inspectorate gave Broad Energy extra time to provide more information. This was a bit of a blow given that they'd denied my request for an extension for us as a community when they consulted during the pandemic. Nevertheless, I understand that the extension was granted until the end of September and that the Planning Inspectorate intends to hold a public hearing to consider further representations from interested parties. I hope that the Buttington Incinerator Impact Group and I will be able to make representations at this hearing and I will be making this request in due course. There should be a month's notice for this hearing and I will update residents on this as soon as I receive any further information. With regard to the Incinerator moratorium announced earlier this year, the Welsh Government have (as of writing this) not provided clarification on whether their policy announcement will apply to the Buttington Incinerator. I continue to work with Russell George MS and the Welsh Parliament Petitions Committee to pursue this line of enquiry.

#### **Trewern Sensory Garden**

Earlier this year I came across a potential grant for local projects and I sent this on to the Community Council and the School. Fiona Warburton (community councillor and chair of school governors) picked this up and submitted a fantastic application for money towards a sensory garden. Fiona was successful and lead the project from start to finish, bringing together a team of people to build, dig, plant and graft until this wonderful project was completed. Mike Bates (another school governor) was also key to this, as well as many other volunteers and school staff whom I won't name in case I miss anyone. The garden is now officially open and it is beautiful. I've put a short video showing the opening on my facebook page. Please do go down and enjoy the garden and help look after it by watering, weeding and harvesting. It is amazing and I cannot thank Fiona enough for all of her hard work.

#### Trewern Playground – Grant Application for more equipment

In September, the Community Council and I worked on a further grant application for some new playground equipment to go in the unused space in the Trewern play area. We are awaiting the outcome of this and are keeping our fingers crossed that our work will pay off.

#### Improvements to Footpaths

Another potential project for our community is to apply for some funding to help us restore and improve signage on our local footpaths. I'm in discussions with Powys County Council about how we can pursue this and will keep you updated.

#### Middletown Community Advice Surgery with Craig Williams MP Friday 26th November – The Briedden – 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Craig Williams MP and I will be at the Briedden at the above time to meet and speak with residents about any issues you want to raise with us. Do come and say hello.

That's it for now. As always please feel free to get in touch with me about any council issues you would like to raise or need assistance with.

All the best to you all.

Cllr Amanda



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#### Recycling – Latest News

Pringles tubes and other paper containers with metal ends can now be recycled at Powys Household Waste Recycling Centres like the Potters facility in Welshpool. Powys County Council, in partnership with the Alliance for Beverage Cartons & the Environment (ACE UK), is launching a new recycling service for paper



containers with metal ends, such as Pringles tubes, hot chocolate powder containers etc. Residents can now recycle these containers alongside food and drink cartons, such as those made by Tetra Pak at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in Welshpool, Newtown, Llandrindod, Brecon and Lower Cwmtwrch. These items made of mixed materials will still not be accepted in weekly kerbside recycling collections.

Check the online recycling guide to find out what materials can be recycled in your weekly kerbside collection and at the HWRCs: <u>https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7744/A-to-Z-of-waste-and-recyclable-items</u>.

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Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> 9am – 12.30pm	Office and other alternatives to bra following the closure of local branc			
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm prompt	Charles Darwin's "la Belle Fanny" – the life and loves of Fanny Myddleton Biddulph of Chirk Castle. A talk by Jill Burton at The Royal Oak, Welshpool. Arts Society of Mid Wales. https://theartssociety.org/mid- wales-borders			

November 2021				
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Gates open 6.30pm for 7pm start.	Firework Display at Maes y Dre Recreation Ground, Welshpool. Free entry, donations gratefully received.			
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Concert featuring the Corran String Quartet at Welshpool Methodist Church. Tkts on door: £12, Student: £6 Information: www.welshpoolmusicclub.com			
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> 9am – 12.30pm	HSBC UK	Event at Welshpool Town Hall to learn about banking from home, banking at the Post		
	Office and other alternatives to branch based banking following the closure of local branch.			
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm prompt	Bauhaus – idea and reality. A talk by Gavin Plumley at The Royal Oak, Welshpool. Arts Society of Mid Wales. https://theartssociety.org/mid-wales-borders			
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Welshpool Winter Festival around the Town Centre			

# Notice from Trewern Community Council on Dog Fouling

It has been brought to our attention that there has recently been lot of dog mess around the grounds of Buttington Trewern CP school and the Community Centre. This is a major health issue, especially to the children who attend the school and are regularly playing in that area.

Whilst we realise most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

We do have CCTV at the school and we are also increasing the number of cameras in that vicinity, as well as increasing the monitoring of the CCTV. If anyone is caught not cleaning up after their dog, we will report you and we ask that if you do see anyone offending, please report it at the following link...

https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4511/Report-dogfouling

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

# Powis Castle & Garden



The castle, garden, shop, cafés & secondhand bookshop are open. The booking system has been removed so you no longer need to book your visit in advance. Quieter times are after 2pm. Please follow Welsh Govt. Regulations when visiting.

### <u>Upcoming Event</u> Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 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