



News from Middletown,
Trewern, Buttington & Hope.

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August & September 2020

#SupportLocalPowys is a Powys CC campaign asking all residents to support local businesses. Some were forced to close due to the Covid-19 pandemic, others continued to operate responsibly within the restrictions.

Now as we come out of lock-down YOU can help them recover.

**Support local business to boost our
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The Border Gossip relies on advertising revenue and personal donations to cover the cost of printing the 700 copies which is now done by Kingsley Press, Portland House, Llandrinio, Llanymynech, SY22 6SG.

We hope you are enjoying reading the news and will

continue to send your donations to
**Marion Hayes, 4 Breidden Meadow,
Middletown SY21 8BY
(cheques payable to 'Border Gossip')**

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A note from the BG team:

Welcome back to a printed copy of the BG. We hope you are well and have managed to keep up with the online issues.

Some details may not be correct at the time of printing but as I don't know how long this situation will last I have left some things in this issue. I advise you contact the organiser before hand to check their situation !

I have made the decision to hand the reigns of Editor over at the end of the year. If you are interested in volunteering to become Editor please contact me. kim-whitehouse@hotmail.com, 01938570830.

Kim M, Marion & Kim S.

The deadline for the next issue is **22nd September**

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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We will be running an appointment system, some of which will be conducted in cars in the car park and some of which we are hoping to be able to do in the building. Each will be operated on a one way system.

Please call the surgery on 01743 884727 to make an appointment.

PLEASE be PATIENT with us as this is all very new to us and we are trying to keep you and ourselves safe from risk of infection.

Pneumonia Injections for over 65's are available all year this is not an annual injection you usually only need one.

Shingles Injections are also available for 70-79 year olds all year and you only need it the once not annually

The BORDER GOSSIP needs you!!

I have made the decision to hand the reigns of Editor over at the end of the year. My last issue will be December / January. If no-one comes forward I'm afraid this will be the last issue published.

We are looking for someone to volunteer to put the issues together and email to the printers. No research needed (unless you want to), all the information is sent to you via email. The information will need to be put together in a document on a computer, and emailed to the printers in a PDF.

I will be happy to show you the ropes and I can usually complete it in a day if my children let me. If you are interested in volunteering to become Editor please contact me. kim-whitehouse@hotmail.com, 01938570830.

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

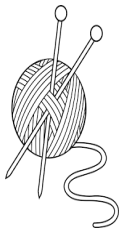
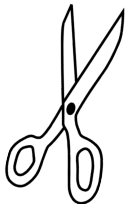
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Contacts:-

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

Secretary – Heidi Bentley - 07723133318

Treasurer – Lorraine Pryce - 07825 326 532

www.trewern.powys.sch.uk

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

Facebook: Ti a Fi Buttington/Trewern

Buttington / Trewern
Community Centre

Tuesdays 9.30 – 11am. £2.50 per family

Lots of toys, games and crafts for children to explore and play with whilst interacting with other children.

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Buttington Trewern Playgroup

Buttington Trewern School

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

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

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<i>and</i>	17.30 – 20.00

Nature Notes

This is a wonderful time of year to be enjoying our wonderful hills and valleys! Even though restrictions on our movements have been eased, I am staying local with my walks. On the Breidden Hills, there is plenty of wildlife to look out for throughout the summer. Fallow Deer can be seen on the hills at any time of year, although it's more common to see the hinds than the stags with their magnificent antlers.

They are not native to Britain; but were introduced from Continental Europe by the Romans. Our local population are descended from animals which escaped from Loton Park in Alberbury during the second world war. The open slopes of Middletown Hill are great for a variety of butterflies such as

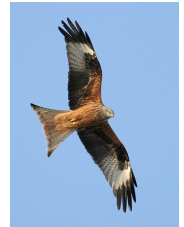


Peacock, Speckled Wood and Meadow Brown. Small Tortoiseshells and Red Admirals appear in July and August. One tiny butterfly that is easy to overlook is the Small Copper, which is on the wing most of the summer. They can be found around



the gorse, bracken and bramble which is typical of Middletown Hill. The rare Pearl-bordered Fritillary also breeds here in small numbers, but by the time you read this, the adults' flight period is finished for this year. Another insect that is a common sight flying on the hills is the Speckled Yellow – not in fact a butterfly but a day-flying moth.

Overhead there are often Buzzards and Red Kites wheeling round, catching the warm air currents that enable them to gain altitude effortlessly without flapping. When I moved to Middletown in 1980, the Red Kite was a rarity in Britain, with only a few pairs in Wales and none in England. Now they are a common sight throughout our area; and seem to be especially common around Buttington and Hope. The Red Kite has been adopted as a logo by Powys County



Council. The kite's forked tail and long, narrow wings make it easy to separate from the more rotund Buzzard. Both these birds of prey are scavengers rather than predators, always on the lookout for dead rabbits. Buzzards also feed on large beetles and earthworms. One of our most conspicuous plants, the Foxglove,



attracts a great number and variety of bumblebees. The bees are lured into the individual flowers by a pattern of ultraviolet colouration. Although these patterns are invisible to us, they act like landing lights at an airport. Foxgloves are beautiful but dangerous: all parts of the plant are toxic. Now they are nearing the end of their flowering period.

There is a good network of signposted public footpaths throughout the Breidden Hills and more generally in our area. During lockdown, we were lucky not to have been cooped up in a large city without a garden or access to the countryside. You probably noticed how much louder the birdsong was with so much less traffic on the roads. Wherever we may take our leg-stretch, jog, or bike ride, this is a wonderful area to enjoy nature, watch wildlife, and take deep breaths of our clean air! Enjoy your explorations, try out new footpaths, and stay safe!

Simon Boyes

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to my Daughter and her partner, Emily Dart and Damon Jones on the birth of their daughter Paisley-May Jones 16/07/20.

I am privileged to be a grandma and Mr and. Mrs Clive Jerman are proud to be great grandparents. Thankyou for all the good wishes that have been sent to all of us, Helen D



Government's Eat Out to Help Out Scheme gets all diners:

- 50% off food & non-alcoholic drinks in participating restaurants, cafes & pubs up to a total of £10 per person if you eat or drink in
- every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday between 3 August and 31 August
- as many times as you like, no minimum spend or restriction on group size

Full details & postcode checker to check updates of participants located within 5 miles of you, on:

www.gov.uk/guidance/get-a-discount-with-the-eat-out-to-help-out-scheme

At 28 July establishments (*not including large chains*) taking part include:

The Admiral Rodney Inn , Criggion	Green Dragon Inn , Buttington
Costa Coffee , Welshpool	The Royal Oak Hotel , Welshpool
Howards Restaurant , Coed-y-Dinas, Welshpool	The Fuel Stop Cafe , Mid-Wales Airport, Welshpool
Raven Inn , Welshpool	Talbot Hotel , Berriew
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**St Michael's and all Angels Church, Alberbury
"2020 Vision" Fundraising Photography Competition**



Daddy, what did you do in "Lockdown"?

Here's your chance to display your 2020 Lockdown photos and try for one of our competition prizes. At the same time you'll be helping to fund the Alberbury Church Porch extension and toilet.

FIRST PRIZE - £50
SECOND PRIZE – £25
THIRD PRIZE - £10

Your photographs should illustrate what Lockdown meant for you – something you did or saw or experienced – anything that means "Lockdown" to you!

RULES:

Photos must have been taken during Lockdown.

The competition is for amateurs not for professional photographers. Photos can be either black and white or colour prints (approx 6"x4") and mounted on an A4 sheet of card, with the title only written on the front. Enclose with your entry a sealed envelope containing your name and contact details. Plus of course your entry fee!

Entries are non-returnable
Cost of entry: £5 per photo.

The judges will include a local amateur photographer of repute and the entries will be assessed on their photographic quality, composition, subject treatment and interpretation.

Closing date: 12th September 2020.

Send entries to: Andy Neal, Bank House, Coedway, SY5 9AR along with entry fee.

Results will be announced at the end of September and, situation allowing, all entries will be displayed when the new porch at St Michael's and All Angels, Alberbury is opened in the autumn.

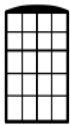
Uncovering the secrets of Beacon Ring to continue this Summer

From August 10–21, experts from the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) will continue their rediscovery of the iconic hillfort at Beacon Ring on the Long Mountain overlooking Welshpool. There will be Open Days on August 22nd & 23rd for members of the public to view progress, but access will be limited. There will be no minibus service for the guided walks due to social distancing guidelines. A small parking area will be available for visitors who have limited mobility – these spaces are available on the Open Days only and must be booked in advance.



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The volunteers who run Newtown Textile Museum are working hard on plans to reopen in August. Modified opening hours will apply and appropriate Covid-19 measures will be in place in the museum to ensure the safety of visitors.

In the meantime, why not explore the Museum through the website. The new Come-inside page has detailed descriptions of some of the items on display, with links to more in-depth articles. Or try one of the online jigsaws.

Please keep an eye on the Facebook, Twitter & Instagram pages, and on the website for updates_ entry is FREE donations are encouraged.

Household Waste & Recycling Centres Now Open



All five Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Powys have reopened, with significant restrictions.

Opening times for Welshpool HWRC:

Mon & Tues:	Closed
Wed – Fri:	9am – 5pm
Sat & Sun:	10am - 4pm

HWRCs across Powys are open for essential use only.

This **essential use** is for residents who have accumulated waste which cannot be collected through the normal kerbside collection service and which cannot be stored safely at home until the lockdown restrictions are eased.

Please think carefully before you decide to visit an HWRC. Non-essential use puts yourself, other members of the public and staff at risk from spreading the virus.

The following changes and rules apply to all five HWRCs:

- 1. If you, or anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms, you should follow the government and NHS guidelines, self-isolate and stay at home! Do not visit the HWRC.** Any personal waste, such as tissues or wipes, should be double bagged and left for 72 hours before being put out for kerbside collection in a black wheeled bin or purple sack.
- 2. You may be asked to provide proof of your address before entering the site –** please have this with you and show it to a member of staff when asked.
- 3. Cars, other vehicles and trailers, including those that need a CVT or Trade Permit** are allowed into the HWRCs.** CVT permits must be placed against your closed vehicle window and will be scanned from the other side at the site entrance. **** Please note no Trade Permit holders will be allowed entry at weekends.**
- 4. A limited number of vehicles will be allowed on site at any one time. It will be a strict one-in-one-out system– this will cause delays,** please be prepared to queue patiently in your car. If there are too many people waiting to enter, you may be asked to return at a quieter time to avoid causing disruption to the highway and local communities.
- 5. Strict social distancing rules will be in place at all times.** If these are breached, or you are abusive to staff, you will be asked to leave and the police may be called.
- 6. Where possible there should only be one person per vehicle.** If needed, to help with bulky or heavy items, a maximum of two people (from the same

household) may leave the vehicle to unload. These two people must stay together at all times whilst on site and not separate to take materials to different skips. **Staff on site cannot help unload or carry items under any circumstances.**

7. **There will be a strict 10 minute time limit per vehicle when on site** – please segregate waste before arriving to keep your visit short.

Note:

- **Bulky Waste Collections**, which were temporarily suspended at the start of the coronavirus outbreak, **are now available to book via the Powys CC website subject to certain restrictions.**

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**THE BREIDDEN
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Middletown, Welshpool,
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Monday closed, otherwise open 13.00 – 23.00

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See Facebook page of each establishment for the latest news and updates.

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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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Dear All,

At the moment there are no services in Middletown and Great Wollaston Churches . We will advise you as things change and we are working towards safely opening more of our churches .

From August 2nd there will be a weekly service at St Michael Church, Ford Church at 10.30 am . Everyone is welcome to attend as this service is for everyone across our Group of Parishes. All relevant steps have been put in place to make this as comfortable and as secure an environment as possible .

Our new Bishop Richard will be on a Prayer Pilgrimage from Hereford . As part of this we are delighted to welcome him to Ford Church on Saturday 5th September at 10.30am . Bishop Richard took up his post earlier this year but of course has found it difficult to meet everyone in the current climate. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him in September .

He is also visiting us to lead worship on Sunday October 18th . Church and time to be confirmed and it will be a group service .

Another key date is the 20th September 2020 . Across the Diocese of Hereford this is a day where gifting to our Churches is being encouraged . Obviously we still have the insurance to pay, the grass and upkeep to deal with but no services or events to help us fund this. It takes a lot of money and of course our lovely fund raising events are on hold. So please make a gift to your church if you are able.

The church wardens are Rachel Lee (01743 884419) for Middletown and Robert Kynaston (01743 884253) for Great Wollaston . The other thing you can do is set up a direct debit form of giving with our Treasurer Tony Hill (07804 600110) .

Three Cheers Coffee morning has been missed and we hope all our lovely friends are well . It was suspended until September . Until things settle down and we have clear guidance from The Church of England we will continue to keep it on hold . We will be in touch as soon as it set to reopen .

Kind Regards and Best Wishes from
The PCC



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

Welcome Back, We've Missed You!

All charity shops were forced to close when the UK went into lock-down in March. At the same time traditional fund raising activities stopped meaning charities lost the ability to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds a week.

Charities are now focusing on making their Welshpool shops safe to reopen as quickly as they can in accordance with current government guidance on Covid-19 safety.

Donations are welcome but the necessity to quarantine donations upon receipt is restricting stock capacity. Please contact a store in advance to check they are able to accept your donation. Shop opening hours may also have changed.

British Heart Foundation	Tel: 01938 554439 26 Broad Street, Welshpool, SY21 7RW
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LOCKDOWN

What does lockdown mean to me
 To my surprise, I feel more free
 To see and hear the things I've missed
 The song of birds, the morning mist
 I had no time to stand and stare
 My day was planned, no time to spare
 Classes, friends and household chores
 My garden, walks and meals of course
 But now lockdown has given me
 A freedom that I could not see
 Facetime calls I've grown to love
 Family contact means so much
 So, if extended, I shall cope
 The lives we've saved has given hope.

J Dwight
 Middletown

Job Opportunity

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Good communication and interpersonal skills are needed to work as part of a dedicated team and with external agencies.

An enhanced DBS and qualification certificates will be required.

For further information contact: Heidi Foster by email: buttingtontrevernplaygroup@gmail.com or by post: FAO Heidi Foster, Buttington Trevern Community Centre, Trevern, Welshpool, SY21 8TB
 Closing date: 14th August 2020
 Interviews to be held: Week commencing 24th August 2020

Mobile Library Bus



(Route N11) visits
 on 3rd Wednesday of the month
 Trevern (Pentre Gwyn estate)
 From 12.10-12.20
 Middletown (Car Park) from
 11.45-12.00



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Timetable for Celtic Travel Bus Service X75 (valid from 3 September 2018)

The X75 service leaves FOR SHREWSBURY from:



Buttington – Green Dragon	0748	0951	1151	1351	1546	1706
Trevern - 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
Trevern – Little Chef	0734 Sch	0959	1159	1359	1509	1709	1829
Buttington – Green Dragon	0738 Sch	1003	1203	1403	1513	1713	1833

Powis Castle & Garden



At the time of writing (16th July) only the garden, courtyard and Garden Coffee shop are open. You need to book your visit by 3pm the day before your visit. National Trust members can book for

free, non-members need to pay when booking. Tickets are released every Friday. *You will be turned away if you arrive without a booking.* Up to date information, details and online booking at:

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

Powis Deer Park

Powis Estates has reopened its Deer Park to walkers. The gates to the grounds surrounding Powis Castle were closed to walkers at the start of the Covid-19 outbreak. To protect the herds of wild red deer and fallow deer that roam freely, visitors must stay on the tarmac path and dogs are not permitted within the Deer Park.

Powis Estates in partnership with Welshpool Town Council, does allow dog owners to exercise their pets within the Lower Park (ie from the pedestrian access gate at Park Lane in Welshpool up to the entrance gate to the Deer Park).

The National Trust which owns Powis Castle & Gardens has its own policy on dogs which may be viewed online.

Movie quiz to test you and your family

With cinemas closed and no Flicks in the Sticks this quiz should have something for everyone. The questions span the decades. Family favourites are included and there are a few lockdown inspired questions too.

- 1 Dr Henry Walton is a university professor but as which whip cracking action hero is he better known?
- 2 Where did Harry Potter go to school?
- 3 Her diary contained dates with Mark and his caddish rival, Daniel Cleaver. Who is she?
- 4 What is the title of the next James Bond movie the release of which has been much delayed by production problems and the coronavirus outbreak?
- 5 Which British knight's silent screen persona is widely known as "The Tramp" or "The Little Tramp"?
- 6 In the movie *Frozen* which song does Elsa sing as she builds the castle?
- 7 For which movie did Steven Spielberg win his first Oscar for Best Director?
- 8 Which Alfred Hitchcock thriller is notorious for its shocking "shower scene"?
- 9 What is the name of Jack Sparrow's ship in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise?
- 10 Which musical based upon Romeo & Juliet was a 1960s Oscar winner?
- 11 Portrayed by Bruce Willis and known for his sardonic one-liners and ribbed cotton vest, Detective Lieutenant John McClane appears in which film series?
- 12 This Hollywood star is currently relishing lockdown in Ireland with his family after production of his latest film was halted by Covid-19. Who is he?
- 13 Which Broadway show about Danny & Sandy was made into a film with John Travolta and Olivia Newton John?
- 14 Born Anakin Skywalker this character in the *Star Wars* films is better known by what name?
- 15 A 2011 film featuring Kate Winslet and Jude Law has had renewed popularity during the Covid-19 pandemic. What is its title?
- 16 Marion Morrison was the real name of which actor famous for his cowboy roles?
- 17 The "Swedish Sphinx" had a career in both silent and talking films before retiring at the age of 35 because she preferred to be alone. Who was she?
- 18 What is the name of the toy Space Ranger who features in the *Toy Story* films?
- 19 Taron Egerton from Aberystwyth appears in *Rocketman*. Who does he portray?
- 20 In which film does Judy Garland sing *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*?

Answers in next issue.

Moo's Night Menu: Tel: 01938 570296 See Facebook for latest news.

Ciabatta Pizza + Fries £5

- Ham
- Tomato
- Mushroom
- Cheese
- Bacon
- Sausage & onion
- Meat feast - ham, bacon & sausage £7



Burgers:

- Cheese burger & Fries £5
- Dbl cheeseburger & Fries £6.50
- Big burger & fries (double cheese burger & egg) £7
- Breakfast burger & Fries (bacon, egg and cheese burger) £7



Burger meal deal (Cheese burger, fries and a canned drink) £6.50

Pies:

- Stilton & asparagus pie & fries £6.50
- Chicken, leak and bacon pie & fries £6.50

Panini:

- Cheese & bacon panini & fries £6
- Cheese and tomato panini & fries £6
- Tuna melt panini & fries £6



Kids Menu:

- Mini pizza & milkshake £4
- Hot dog & milkshake £4
- Cheeseburger & homemade brownie £4

Dessert deals:

- homemade brownie or cupcake & milkshake £4
- Hot waffle -chocolate or caramel sauce £4
- Golden syrup pancakes £4

Garlic bread £2
Garlic bread & cheese £2.50

Moo's Coffee Bar at Trewern. New! Undercover outdoor seating.

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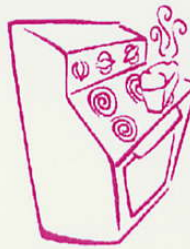
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Flicks in the Sticks



Welshpool Assembly Room in Town Hall:

7.00pm Adult: £3.50, Child £2.50

Tickets on door (Doors open 6.30pm)

Enquiries: 01938 552043 (Welshpool Tourist Information Centre)

*The next scheduled screening will
be September 2020*

Local Garden Centres have re-opened with extra measures to ensure the safety of shoppers and staff. Social distancing to be strictly observed.

Welshpool, SY21 8RP

Mon – Sat: 8.30am – 5pm

Sunday: 10.00am - 4pm



Garden Centre, Country Store and groundcare showroom open. Café toilets & customer changing rooms remain closed until further notice. Temporarily only accepting card payments. Regret staff unable to assist with carrying heavy items.

Guilfield, SY21 9PH

Mon – Sat: 9.30am – 5pm

Sunday: 11.00am – 5pm

Farm Shop open as usual, but limiting the number of people allowed into the shop.



See Facebook page of each establishment for details & the latest updates.

Powys County Council

County Councillor – Amanda Jenner - 07800914446

Facebook.com/CllrAmandaJenner/ -
cllr.amanda.jenner@powys.gov.uk

Dear all,

I hope that you've had an enjoyable summer despite us still being in very unusual times. There have been lots of things going on during the Covid-19 period and so I apologise for a rather detailed update.

COVID-19

Due to the lockdown, the Border Gossip was understandably not delivered to all residents in April/May and so my update regarding the team of local volunteers did not reach every resident in the ward. Nor did the information I put together regarding services, and shops/supplies which were able to deliver to our area during lockdown. I shared this information to as many people as I could, including over Facebook and I asked residents to share it with those they know who are not online. I hope this information reached many of you.

The week before lockdown myself and the Community Council set up a group of local volunteers made up of people from across the ward, who delivered leaflets to many of their neighbours and to those they were aware of who were isolating or in vulnerable groups. These leaflets offered support and contact details to those self-isolating. I'd like to re-iterate that this support network is still in place should anyone still be isolating or shielding. Please get in touch with either myself (details below) or Gill Corfield should you need to access this support.

Since March, on my Facebook page I have been sharing lots of information about the support available to both individuals and businesses during this Covid-19 period. This has included financial support as well as health information and services. If you would like to be provided with any of this information, please do get in contact with me.

PLANNING

There have been a number of planning applications submitted during the COVID-19 period. Initially, during lockdown the Powys Planning Committee was suspended which meant that local councillors, such as myself, could not ask for the committee of councillors to consider an application. Instead, Council officers would determine applications. I raised an objection to this and asked for discretion to be given in order to allow controversial applications to be delayed until the planning committee was able to meet again. The Planning Committee has now been set up to meet remotely and I have been liaising with the Council to request that one particular application, submitted prior to the Committee being re-established, should be allowed to be considered by the Committee.

BUTTINGTON INCINERATOR UPDATE

At the start of lockdown, I contacted Broad Energy to ask for an assurance from them that they wouldn't start their consultation during the COVID-19 pandemic whilst we are unable to have public face to face meetings/gatherings. Such assurance was not provided.

Broad Energy subsequently told me that their plan is to hold a 'virtual consultation'. I asked them to re-consider this and explained that this would make it difficult for residents who may not have internet access or who may not be comfortable speaking on the phone. Also, for such a highly technical development, it is much easier to engage face-to-face than remotely. Unfortunately, Broad Energy did announce that they still plan to have a 'virtual' consultation. This is particularly disappointing given that this development has been in the pipeline for so many years now. Waiting until a consultation can be held at a time when public meetings are safe, does not seem unreasonable to me. It is also disappointing because myself and the Community Council had said we would like to hold a public meeting during this consultation period. I was also under the impression that Broad Energy had hoped to hold a public meeting too.

I have been in discussion with my political colleagues regarding the fact that Welsh Government are allowing 'virtual consultations' for highly technical and emotive planning matters such as this. A number of questions have been submitted to the Minister on my behalf about this. Also, because of the announcement by Broad Energy, I submitted a petition to Welsh Government which called for consultations such as these to be delayed until face-to-face meetings can be held again. I am pleased that this petition gained sufficient signatures to be considered by the Welsh Parliament Petition's Committee. The Committee considered the petition in July and appreciated the concerns. They agreed to write to the relevant Welsh Government Minister regarding the matter and at the time of writing this, I am awaiting for a further update.

FLY TIPPING

Unfortunately there is a growing pile of rubbish along Criggion Lane. The recent domestic rubbish which was left on the pile and spread across the road was reported and removed in July. Powys Council carried out an investigation and the perpetrator was identified. If you are aware of any fly tipping you can report it directly to the County Council. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4073/Report-fly-tipping>

MOTOCROSS NOISE

A number of residents have contacted both myself and the Council regarding Motocross noise that was regularly coming from the Pool Quay area. The Council is looking into this matter in terms of whether it is causing a nuisance and whether those running the Motocross are acting within the permitted use of the land.

POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many council meetings were set up to take place remotely. I have continued to attend Powys Council briefings, Health and Care Scrutiny, Foster Panel and Full Council meetings during this period. So far, these meetings seem to be well attended with scrutiny going particularly well online. I have also joined a cross party working group, set up to consider what steps the Council can put in place to meet its environmental targets.

THANK YOU

Finally I'd like to thank everyone involved within our community who have stepped up during this period. This includes: the amazing team of volunteers who have and continue to deliver shopping and more to their vulnerable neighbours, to all staff and governors at the school who worked tirelessly to set up remote learning, set up outdoor learning areas and new systems for when the children returned prior to the Summer. Also to the Community Council for continuing to hold remote meetings and ensure that local democracy continues.

Best regards,

Amanda

Back on Track

From 1st August WLLR are offering round trip excursions from Llanfair Caereinion station, seven days a week, four times a day (10.30, 12.10, 13.50 & 15.30). *Tickets must be booked online in advance.*



See www.wllr.org.uk for full details of these Summer Steam Railway Rambles, ticket prices and latest updates.

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Powys Libraries have introduced a free to use Order and Collect book-lending scheme operating from the new Welshpool Library (shared with Powysland Museum) at The Wharf.



Order and Collect 



The service allows you to request books from the library, either by telephone (01597 827460, Monday – Friday, 9am - 5pm) or by completing an online form at www.powys.gov.uk/orderandcollectbooks

Within a few days of submitting your request, you'll receive a follow-up communication with details of a collection date & time. You can have up to 10 items per library card. Books will be issued to your library card for a standard 4-week period. However, automatic renewal of books means that you don't have to worry about being fined if you can't get the books back on time.

You'll be given the opportunity to request from fiction and non-fiction, specify what format you'd like (e.g Large Print, Audiobook) and say what types of books you're interested in. It is not possible to select books via the library catalogue or choose specific titles. Staff will do their best to find books and authors that you'll love. DVD loans are not possible.

Your selection of books will be packed up in a brand new paper bag and clearly marked with your name and library card number. The library doors will be open for you to enter and collect your bag **at the allotted time**. You will not be able to go in the library to browse. If you have booked a collection slot but find later that you can't make it you are asked to contact the request line on 01597 827460 or email library@powys.gov.uk Collection by family members, friends or volunteers is permissible if you ensure they have details of your full name and library card number.

If you cannot arrange for someone else to collect on your behalf *and* you are shielding or self-isolating with Covid-19 symptoms it may be possible for the library to co-ordinate a delivery through their network of volunteers and community groups. If you would like to volunteer to help take books to people who live near you it would be a great help. Please register at your local volunteer bureau or online with PAVO at <https://powys.volunteering-wales.net/vk/volunteers/index.htm>

The library service is taking every precaution to ensure that the books you request are safe to handle. Staff have appropriate PPE and are adhering to strict guidelines for handling books. All books are quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours before the agreed collection date and for the same amount of time upon their return, After you have collected your books it is recommended that you leave them in the bag for a further 72 hours before handling them. This is in accordance with guidance from Public Health Wales. Books should be returned in the same bag that they were originally packed in. The bag will be disposed of for recycling as soon as your order is returned to the library (when you collect your next order).

If you are a library member wishing to research family history, whilst libraries are closed you can search the free to use library version of Ancestry from home. Go to the online library catalogue and log in with your library card number and PIN. You will then be able to access the link to Ancestry. **Members can also borrow ebooks and eAudiobooks from Borrowbox and download top magazines and comic-books from RBDigital, all for free.**

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Powysland Museum, The Canal Wharf, Welshpool



Notice of Temporary Closure issued by Powys CC

The Powysland Museum temporarily closed to allow some of the museum exhibitions to be moved and redesigned in order to accommodate Welshpool Library within the building.

Contact for more info: powysland@powys.gov.uk Tel: 01938 554656

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Currently open 9.30am – 3pm, Wed-Sat (may change in August & September).

Tel: 01938 552043

Welshpool Tourist Information Centre



RESPONSE FROM BUTTINGTON INCINERATOR IMPACT GROUP REGARDING BROAD ENERGY'S "VIRTUAL CONSULTATION"

Here at BiIG, we are horrified by plans by Broad Energy to launch the incinerator project during lockdown. The Developers, Broad Energy, having delayed the project by almost four years have now chosen to launch it at a time of national crisis.

This is a massive and highly controversial industrial project which local people see as a threat to their health and well-being. The lives of many people in the local community are dominated by the pressures and stress created by COVID 19 and to launch this project now is unbelievably insensitive. It is particularly disappointing because the Managing Director of Broad Energy is a member of the local family that owns the site for the new incinerator. Broad Energy have said that they will hold a virtual consultation. Many people in our community, particularly the older and more vulnerable do not connect with the virtual world of the internet and social media. It is wrong that they should be denied involvement in something of such major importance.

The consultation on this project must be as broadly based as possible because of the complexity of what is involved. It is essential that people have the opportunity to take part in public meetings so that they can ask questions, listen to other people's responses and give their own feedback. This is fundamental to our democracy and has always been a part of our planning process.

We therefore ask Broad Energy to treat the local community with the decency and respect they deserve by listening to their views and therefore hold back on the consultation until lockdown is over. They have a history of delaying this project for business reasons. Now is the time to delay it so that the community can have a proper say about something that would affect their lives so much.

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