



News from Middletown,
Trewern, Buttington & Hope.
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August & September 2021

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Children between 4 and 11 years are being encouraged to join this nature-themed reading challenge and discover amazing books as well as plenty of ideas on how to care for the environment.

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February & March
April & May
June & July
August &
September
October &
November

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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:

Firstly I would like to apologise for the delay in getting this issue out. My family life is hectic at the moment with children off school.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Kath Onions for her dedication in delivering the BG in her area over the years. We are sad to see you go but thank you for all your support.

We are therefore 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.

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.

Facebook: Border Gossip or bordergossip@hotmail.com

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Dog Show Judging at 1pm

**Schedule of classes available online or from
Halfway House Stores at the end of July**

www.wattlesboroughvillagehall.co.uk

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



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

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Saturday

Knitting / Craft Group

Meet alternate Tuesdays at
Trewern Community Centre

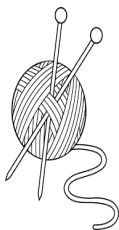
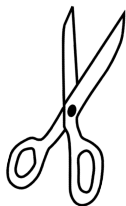
1.30 -3.30 pm
Term Time Only

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.

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welcome.

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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

Do you have a child aged 3 to school age?

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Cefn Methodist Chapel, Trewern

Treasurer – Elaine Mountford 01938 570515

*Please make a note in your diary that Cefn Chapel will hold its **Harvest Festival Service** on Friday 24th September at 7pm.*

Your attendance will be much appreciated.

The traditional auction of produce, cakes etc will follow the service.

August 2021.

All services start at 10am

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

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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 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

Rev'd Greg Roberts

I'm very pleased to have joined the Ford Group of parishes as the new rector. I look forward to meeting and getting to know the villages, people and attending events.

I join you from having been vicar of one of the city parishes of Peterborough for 7 years. The parish has an all-age congregation, worship supported by a choir of young people and adults, and serves a community of people from a variety of backgrounds and faiths. It will be a change coming to live and minister in villages in the Marches but also a homecoming as I was educated in Shrewsbury for 7 years.

During the intervening years I've taught in four schools over 20 years, teaching mainly physics to classes from Year 5 to Year 13, and been ordained for 11, ministering in Kettering, Peterborough and a mental health setting in Northampton.

The Christian message is increasingly needed in a society that is individualistic and divided. It has been wonderful to see how Christians have done whatever they can to support neighbours, communities and new ways of worshipping through online endeavours during the pandemic. As Christians we can demonstrate the importance of community, working together, caring for the poor, selflessness rather than selfishness, and that God can raise up and heal the hurts in our lives.

When not working I enjoy cooking for friends, reading biographies and walking in Peak District or Snowdonia.

Please 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>

Church Services

August 1st 9 th Sunday after Trinity GREEN	10.30 am	Cardeston	Parish Communion	OT: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm: 78:23-29 NT: Ephesians 4:1-16 GL: John 6:24-35
August 8th 10 th Sunday after Trinity GREEN	10.30 am	Great Wollaston	Parish Communion	OT: 1 Kings 19: 4-8 Psalm 34: 1-8 NT: Ephesians 4: 25-5:2 GL: John 6: 35. 41-51
August 15th 11 th Sunday after Trinity GREEN	10.30 am	Alberbury	Parish Communion	OT: Proverbs 9: 1-6 Psalm 34: 9-14 NT: Ephesians 5: 15-20 GL: John 6: 51-58
August 22nd 12 th Sunday after Trinity GREEN	10.30 am	Ford	Parish Communion	OT: Joshua 24: 1-2a 14-18 Psalm 34: 15-22 NT: Ephesians 6: 10-20 GL: John 6: 56-69
August 29th 13 th Sunday after Trinity GREEN	10.30 am	Middletown	Parish Communion	OT: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 NT: James 1: 17-end GL: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
September 5th 14 th Sunday after Trinity GREEN	9.00 am 11.00 am	Cardeston Alberbury	Parish Communion <i>Community Worship</i>	OT: Isaiah 35: 4-7a Psalm 146 NT: James 2: 1-17 GL: Mark 7: 24-37

Service plan for September 2021|

Please note the new times.

5/9/21	9.00 am 11.00 am	Cardeston Alberbury	Parish Communion Community Worship
12/9/21	8.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am	Alberbury Middletown Ford	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Parish Communion
18/9/21	9.00 am 11.00 am	Alberbury Ford	Parish Communion Parish Communion
25/9/21	9.00 am 11.00am	Ford Great Wollaston	Parish Communion Harvest Service

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. Please 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

Upcoming Events

Sat 11th September @ 8pm: The Lion King(PG)

Sun 12th September @ 8pm: Bohemian Rhapsody (12)

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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
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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.

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



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

Thank you for your continued support.

Summer of Fun

Holiday activities for children & young people across Powys are being run by the local authority and third sector organisations as part of a Summer of Fun scheme.



A wide range of activities is available. **All are free of charge.** For full details of local activities just type *Summer of fun - holiday activities in North Powys* into Google. Twice weekly sports sessions at Welshpool Leisure Centre are already fully booked.

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

The fastest and most convenient way to get books is to use Powys County Council's free [ebook and audiobook download service](#).



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Llyfrgell y Trallwng | Welshpool Library

Do you want to borrow physical books?

You can use the Order & Collect Service (see below) or now browse for Library books yourself on the following days and times at Y Lanfa Welshpool:

Monday: 2pm – 4pm
Tuesday: 2pm – 4pm
Friday: 10am – 12.30pm
Saturday: 10am – 12.30pm

Family browsing

All visitors will be required to wait at the entrance where a member of staff will explain the procedure in place for the safety of all customers and staff. No advance booking necessary.

Do you want to use a Welshpool library computer?

Open **by prior appointment only** on Monday and Saturday 10am – 12.30pm for computer use. Maximum time available for a computer session is 1 hour.

Do you want Customer Services? Open **by prior appointment only** on Monday 10am – 12.30pm.

Do you want to see the Powysland Museum?

Museum collections are open to the public on Monday, Friday & Saturday, 10am – 12.30pm.

All visits to use a computer or access Customer Services are by prior appointment only. To book a visit please telephone 01938 553001 or email ylanfa@powys.gov.uk

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.

Order and Collect

Powys CC's Order & Collect service remains in operation at Y Lanfa Welshpool. This service allows you to request books from the library, either by telephone (01597 827460), Monday – Friday, 9am - 5pm) or by completing an online form. For details and online form please visit www.powys.gov.uk/orderandcollectbooks

**Notes: Loans continue to be automatically renewed so you won't be fined.
The arrangements given above may change in line with Welsh Govt regulations.
All mobile library services are currently suspended.**

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.

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WILD IDEAS – WELSHPOOL. Wednesday 18 August, 9.30am – 5.00pm

Meeting Point: Lyn Coed y Dinas Nature Reserve Car Park

Are you 9 to 24 years old?

Does nature inspire you? Are you passionate about film making? Are you a dab hand at writing or storytelling? Are you a movie star in the making or an undiscovered artist?

Radnorshire and Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trusts, as part of the Stand for Nature Wales Project, and through the Wilder Future Fund are putting together a series of creative workshops in five towns around Powys.

Join us and our local workshop leaders for:

- **Storytelling**
- **Art out of rubbish &**
- **Wildlife activities**

Together, we want to spark a debate in our youth that carries us towards simple, community solutions that carry Welsh culture and nature into the future.

Price: Free, but donations welcome

Booking by 16 August is required

Please use the Eventbrite form at www.rwtwales.org/events/2021-08-18-wild-ideasf-welshpool to book your place.

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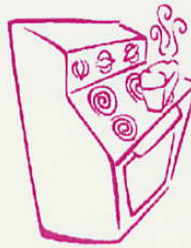
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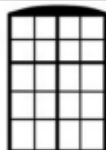
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It is planned to open the museum for the summer each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday until the end of September from 12.00- 4.00pm. There will be appropriate measures to cater for Covid-safe requirements.

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 the Home page on the web. You can come to the museum without booking a ticket, but may have to wait if there are already the maximum number of visitors inside.

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Dear all,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer months. Here are a few things to update you on:

Buttington Incinerator

The Planning Inspectorate have now confirmed that the next stage of the planning process will proceed in September by way of Public Hearings in mid September. I am awaiting further details on the format of these and who will be invited to speak at these. I can request to make further representations and I will consider doing that. I am liaising with Powys County Council to understand their involvement in the next stage too.

The Planning Inspectorate has asked for the Welsh Government highways department to provide a further full report. I'm pleased about this as I had written to the Welsh Government Minister for highways to highlight concerns with the lack of substantive response they provided during the consultation.

To date, we have had not clear confirmation from Welsh Government that their moratorium announcement specifically would apply to this application.

No 27 Middletown Residential Park – planning application

I have called in the application so that it will be decided by the planning committee rather than an individual officer. My reasons for doing so are that there is concern that dwellings need to be in keeping with the rest of the park and that outside materials, design and roof scope etc should be complimentary to the existing dwellings.

Highways

Verge cutting has been carried out across the ward. I continue to raise potholes and road conditions (in particular Station Road and Hope Road) with the highways department. Some roads have had recent fixes over the last few months. I have received updates on some issues I've raised in recent meetings with the highways team.

- Middletown Hill U2244 (verge slippage problem) – Highways have now visited and will arrange resources to carry out site works, installing some Gabion side support, this will be delivered in the next couple of months provided resources are available.

- U2248 Sale Lane Drainage issues – highways have visited this. Many drains require cleaning including the culvert under the. Highways will raise some job tickets and will schedule all this for completion in September when they start on the ditching and Grip cleaning work.

Garden Fires

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

- **Warn your neighbours** - lighting a bonfire can cause nuisance to your neighbours especially if it is a nice sunny day with washing out and windows open
- **Only burn dry material** - this is likely to cause less smoke
- **Never burn** household rubbish, rubber tyres or anything containing plastic, foam or paint - these can cause harmful emissions
- **Never use** old engine oil, meths or petrol to light or encourage the fire
- **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

REMEMBER persistent garden fires can be classed as a nuisance and reported here:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4482/Report-an-environmental-nuisance>

Please do continue to get in touch with me if you have any issues regarding Powys County Council.

All the best, Amanda

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This 177 mile National Trail stretching from its most northerly point at Prestatyn to Sudbury cliff near Chepstow, was opened by Lord Hunt on 10 July 1971. It has become a magnet for drawing visitors into the Welshpool area, as well as proving to be a popular exercise route for many local people as “our section” winds its way alongside the River Severn near Buttington Bridge and up Long Mountain towards Hope and Beacon Ring.

Whilst on the path, walkers will now be able to keep an eye out for the brand-new, 50th anniversary way-markers which have been installed along the full length of the Path to mark the milestone occasion. Members of the public are encouraged to take a picture of themselves with the 50th anniversary roundels and share it on social media with the hashtag, #OffasDykePath50 to receive a limited edition ‘Offa’s Dyke Path 50’ key ring, while stock lasts.



In addition you are asked to share your memories of the Path – whether experienced last week or sometime within the last five decades. Your memory might be an anecdote (about a chance encounter with rare wildlife or a family adventure for example), a photograph or even a piece of craft or artwork inspired by the Path. Fifty favourite memories will be awarded with a special ODP50 keyring in December 2021.

Visit www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/trails/offas-dyke-path/50thanniversary/ for full details of the birthday celebrations, how to submit your memories and/or selfies and how to claim your keyring.

Free App Makes Counting Livestock Easy



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A new free mobile app to make counting livestock easier has been downloaded by farmers around the world. **Called Livestock Count the app was developed by**

gloversure, a leading mobile app and web design/development company based in Welshpool and Chester.

More than 500 downloads were recorded in the first four days after launch with the system accounting for thousands of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, horses and even a few water buffalo. It is being used by farmers as far away as New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, USA and India.

For more information go to: <https://livestockcount.co.uk>

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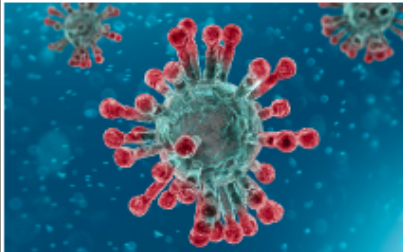


St Winefrides Catholic Church

Raven Street, Welshpool. 01938 555657

Father Johnson

Weekly Services - Saturday Vigil Mass - 6-30pm Sunday Mass 9am



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

**Upcoming changes to Covid
restrictions in Wales to complete the
move to Alert Level Zero**

From Saturday 7 August (if conditions allow)

- remove legal restrictions on the number of people who can meet indoors, including private homes, public places or at events;
- all businesses and premises can open, including nightclubs;
- people should still work from home wherever possible;
- face coverings will remain a legal requirement indoors, with the exception of hospitality premises. This will be kept under review.

Welshpool Tourist Information Centre



Welshpool Tourist Information Centre is open for locals and visitors.

As well as a wealth of useful information about Welshpool and the wider area, the TIC also has gifts for all ages, takeaway coffee/tea and train and coach tickets.

Now open everyday from 9.30am to 3pm

Closed for lunch 12 – 12.30.

Tel: 01938 552043



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Covid-19 Testing

Powys CC is reminding residents who cannot work from home that they need to be tested regularly to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.

About one in three people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still infect others. Getting tested regularly is the only way to know if you have the virus. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.

Rapid lateral flow (LFD) tests are for people who do not have coronavirus symptoms.

In Wales, you can get lateral flow tests for you and your household if:

- you are a volunteer
- you cannot work from home
- you are an unpaid carer
- you are visiting Wales from elsewhere
- you are travelling to other areas of the UK
- your health board requires testing before hospital visits
- you or your partner are using hospital maternity services
- you are the parent, carer or guardian of a child in hospital
- you are going to an event that requires it

If you get tests through your employer or education setting you should continue to do so. Otherwise kits are available for free (including direct delivery to your home) through the UK Government website. You can order one home testing kit (seven tests) at a time. Delivery takes one to two days.

You can also collect testing kits in person from local collection points at:

- **Newtown**, Shortbridge Street Car Park, SY16 1BG, every day 08:00 to 13:00
- **Welshpool** Library Y Lanfa, The Canal Wharf, SY21 7AQ, Monday 10:00 to 12:30, Tuesday 10:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:00, Wednesday closed, Thursday closed, Friday 10:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:00, Saturday 10:00 to 12:30, Sunday closed

You can collect two home testing kits (14 tests) at a time.

You should test twice a week, three to four days apart. Please [report rapid lateral flow test results \(on GOV.UK\)](#) the day you or someone in your household takes the test.

If your LFD test is positive, you should [book a PCR test](#) within 24 hours of the positive lateral flow test result.

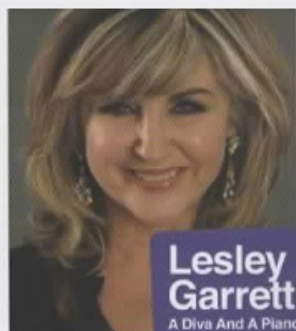
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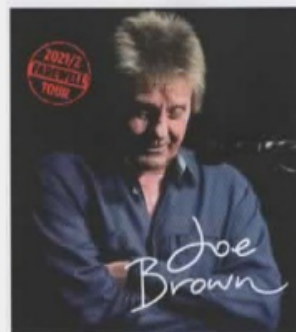
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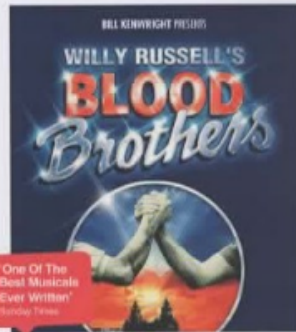
Sun 19 Sep



Fri 24 Sep



Tue 28 Sep - Sat 2 Oct



Tue 26 - Sat 30 Oct

See website for full programme of Aug/Sept events, including:

- Comedy (Al Murray, Arabella Weir, Gary Meikle & Bridget Christie)
- Talks (Noel Fitzpatrick, Ben Fogle & Kenton Cool)
- Live Music (too many to name!)
- Family Shows (Big Fish Little Fish, Princess Storytime, In the Night GardenLive and Pop Divas Live!)