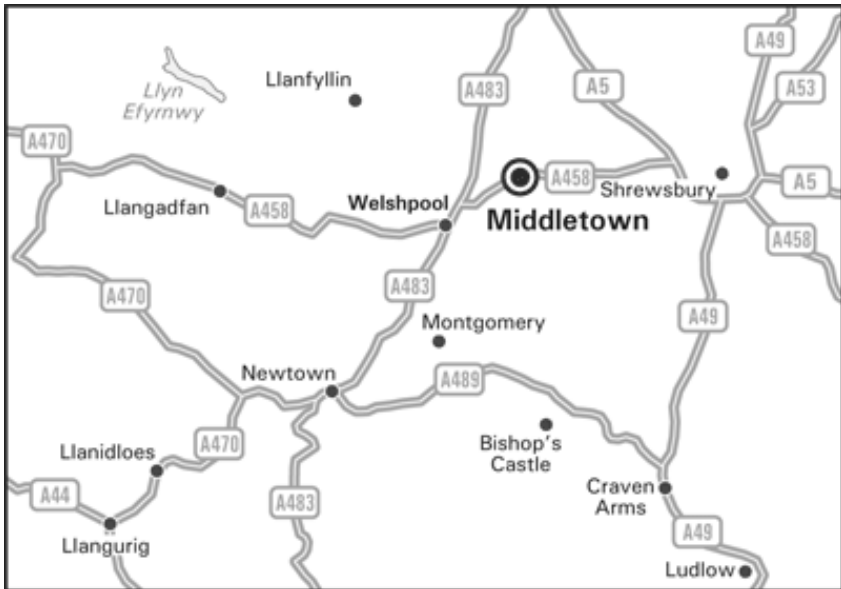


The Border Gossip

*News from Middletown, Trewern,
Buttington and Hope area.*



*March 2011
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Buttington Trewern Community Centre

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Car Boot & Table Top Sale

Starting 2nd April

1st Saturday in each Month

until September

9am–1pm

Car Boot £5

Table top (inside) £7

Refreshments – Bacon baps

Tea & Coffee

Weekly Events -

Monday—

Tuesday

Wednesday—

Thursday—Brownies

Friday—

Saturday

Sunday

Middletown Village Hall

Chairman

John Davies 01938 570281

Booking Secretary

Kath Onions 01938 570286

Royal Wedding Reception

You are cordially invited to attend an “alternative” reception for William and Kate in Middletown Village Hall on Friday 29 April from 6 pm until 1am.

Tickets are limited so strictly first come first served. Parties of 10 or more will have reserved seating. Entertainment will be a Disco, Live Music and a Magician plus a Bouncy Castle. Food will be served between 7pm and 9 pm. This event will raise much needed funds for the village hall.

Tickets (including food) Adults £7.50, Under 11 £5, Family Tickets (2 Adults & 2 Under 11) £20, Over 65s £6.50

Enquires for tickets to
Gill Corfield 01938 570526
Judy Evans 01938 570501

All tickets to be collected and paid for before the event and will be available at Middletown Village Hall on Sunday 10 April from 7.30pm.

Weekly Events -

Monday—Bingo

Tuesday—Good Companions,
A458 Youth Club

Wednesday— WI, Border Club,
Computer Classes

Thursday—Kick boxing

Friday— Welsh Classes,

Saturday

Sunday

Quiz Night

A wonderful response from the village, raising £745 for the Village Hall. 30 teams entered and were served a delicious Chinese buffet, many thanks to Michael at The Breidden. Congratulations to the winners—1st Derailed, 2nd Philistines, 3rd Strike it Lucky, 4th Garden Gnomes, 5th Heldre Hell Raisers, 6th Wise Old Owls, 7th Pawn Crackers & 8th Valetta. The Bitter Boys were in close contention for the wooden spoon prize but were beaten by only half a point by the Outcasts.

All Saints Church

Middletown

Services

1st Sunday 11am Family
3rd Sunday 8.15am Communion
Vicar - Rev. Val Tait 01743 850254
Church Warden
Maggie Connelly 01938 570006

St John the Baptist

Great Wollaston

Services

4th Sunday—11am—Communion
Vicar - Rev. Val Tait 01743 850254
Church Warden
Jane Shaw 01743 884971

Middletown & Great Wollaston PCC

100 Club Draw

Monthly winners 1 x £10 & 5 x £5

Plus 2 x £50 a year

£10 membership per year

Contact - Treasurer

Gill Corfield 01938570526

Middletown & Great Wollaston PCC

On Ash Wednesday 9 March the churches will be open on between 10am and 4pm for anyone who would like to spend time in the Church – members of the PCC will be available in the churches.

Mothering Sunday - 3 April - The Brownies and local youngsters will be taking part in the service to which everyone is invited.

The **PCC Annual General Meeting** will be held in Middletown Village Hall on 11 April 2011—everyone welcome to attend.

Holy Week - An evening service will be held in Middletown Church on Wednesday 20 April 2011 at 7.30pm.

Sunday 5 June 2011 - A special “Songs of Praise” service to be held at 11am, when the new hymn books will be dedicated - everyone welcome to attend and those who sponsored a hymn book will receive an invitation to the service .

100 Club Draw - February winners

£10 - Jane Shaw

£5 -

David Turner

John Evans The Bryn

Ida Hughes

Dr & Mrs Geach

Kath & Gerald Onions

All Saints Church

Buttington

serving Buttington, Trewern & Hope

Services

10am each Sunday

Vicar -

Canon Roger Bird 01938 554245

Curate -

Rev'd Hazel Stibbe 01686 668912

Church Wardens

Mrs Mona Broxton 01938570225

Mrs Ann Jerman 01938570140

Treasurer

Graham Roberson 01938 570130)

Secretary

Mrs J Evans-Tibbott 01938570679

Buttington Church

To those who are new to the area, that's the White Church, on the left, opposite the Green Dragon pub and just before you cross the railway line, on your way into Welshpool .

Having said that a lot of the congregation have postal addresses outside this area but your passport is never checked at the door and all are welcome to attend all services held at the Church. Usually the services are held at 10 am and when there is a planned change of time, or service being held jointly with Guilsfield at Guilsfield, this will be notified via the Church newsletter, Border Gossip and The County Times. The main pattern of worship includes, Holy Eucharist, Family service and Morning Prayer. Sometimes christening services are integrated into one of these formats. Many of the Congregation take an active part in leading worship on a regular basis.

All welcome, please contact any of the church officers if you want more details.

St Winefride's, Catholic Church

Raven Street, Welshpool.

Father Victor Walter

01938 555657

Services

Saturday Vigil Mass 6-30pm

Sunday Mass 9am

Cefn Methodist Chapel

Contact

Freda Davies 01938 552817

Cefn Chapel Services

- 6 March** - All Age Service at 9am - service led by Rev Sue Lawler
13 March - Service at 6.30 led by Rev Ian Waugh
20 March - Holy Communion service at 6.30 led by the Rev Sue Lawler
27 March - service at 6.30 led by Terry Jobling
3 April - All Age Service at 9am led by Eileen Jobling
10 April - service at 6.30 led by Nigel Evans
17 April - no service- event at Welshpool
24 April - Holy Communion service at 6.30 led by Mr Taylor

Colla Voce

Please note that on Saturday, 12 March, members of Cefn Methodist Chapel are holding a fundraising concert at Welshpool Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Entertainment is by Colla Voce who will sing songs from various shows. Light refreshments will be served and tickets are £5 from Cefn Chapel members or Tel 01938 552349

Good Companions

Usually meet on 3rd Tuesday in each month at Middletown Village Hall

Chairman

Chris Hilditch 07956091205

Secretary

Val Buckley 01938 570188

Press Secretary

Mai Sirrell 01938 570676

Good Companions

Sorry missed deadline for the last Border Gossip. In January we had a lovely day at Lakeside Golf Club for our Christmas Dinner. The February meeting date was changed to 22nd for Val's Game.

On Tuesday, 16 March we are holding a Buffet and Skittles evening starting at 6.30pm and 19 April is the AGM.

Anyone is welcome to joins us, the afternoon meetings start at 2 pm in Middletown Village Hall.

Middletown WI

Meet 1st Wednesday
in each month
Middletown Village Hall

President

Ida Hughes, 01938 570248

Secretary

Miep Behan 01938 570476

Middletown WI

On Wednesday 2 March, Simon Boyes will give a talk on the "South Pacific", anyone interested to hear the talk will be made most welcome at the village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The WI are always hoping for new members and are open to visitors.

Border Club

Meet 2nd Wednesday in Month
Middletown Village Hall

Joint Chairman

Janet Cresswell 01938 570484

Pauline Hawkes 01938 570185

Border Club

In case there are any residents in the area who are unfamiliar with the Border Club, this is a brief outline of who we are and what we do. Our membership comprises residents who mainly live within the Trewern/ Middletown area and we meet on the second Wednesday evening of most months at 7:30pm at Middletown Community Centre. We have a speaker on a wide variety of subjects followed by coffee and biscuits which

gives us the chance for a chat. However, during the summer in some months we have a daytime outing instead of an evening meeting and in February we have our annual lunch at a variety of venues.

We recently held our annual lunch at the Lakeside Restaurant which was very enjoyable and thanks must be given to Peter Stedman for doing such a great job in organising this. On 9th March we will be visiting The Space Guard Centre at Knighton, organised by Arthur Bell, but as numbers to the Centre are restricted the list for members wishing to attend is now closed.

Our committee has put together a very interesting programme of speakers and visits for the remainder of the year. Membership at the moment stands at £5 per year per person (ladies and gentlemen), so if you would like to give us a try you will be very welcome.

A458 Youth Club

Fortnightly on Tuesday
Middletown Village Hall

Contact

Janet Foster 01938 570672

Gill Corfield 01938 570526

458 YOUTH CLUB

At our February club night we had a valentine disco and invited Condover and Dorrington Youth Clubs from Shropshire to join us. We had a great night with lots of party games and Condover providing nibbles and sweets. Our next club night is on 1st March (we normally meet fortnightly but due to half term it has taken us into March) and we are holding a film night. We were lucky enough to secure a grant which enabled us to buy a screen, projector, laptop and camcorder. If your child is 11+ and in high school and is interested in joining us on a Tuesday please ring one of the leaders. We may not be able to accommodate them at present as we are pretty full but their name can go on to the waiting list.

Over the next few weeks we are hoping to have first aid instruction, cooking night, healthy eating night and a games night.

Caradog Young Farmers

Contact

Selina Jones 01938 570647

Caradog Trewern Brownies

Meet every Thursday
Buttington/Trewern Centre

Brownie Guide Leader:

Linda Hughes 01938 570345

Middletown Village Show - Saturday 9 July 2011

www.middletownshow.co.uk

Chairman—Charlie Turner 01938 570247

Treasurer—Gill Corfield 01938 570526

Secretary—Judy Evans 01938 570501

Please visit our new website — information is being added all the time — visit the website and see some of the photos from the 2010 Show.

The list of classes or children & adults were sent out with the last Border Gossip and the full Schedule and entry forms will be sent with the April Border Gossip.

At this years show there will be space for Trade Stands, Charity Stalls, Car Boots and new this year a Marquee with inside space for Craft Stalls.

The Vintage Cars were popular last year and will be part of this years show.

We are looking for advertisers for the programme and would welcome any sponsorship especially for the Dog Show.

We are planning the ring attractions and remember the event goes on into the evening with a Hog Roast and music.

Help is always needed—at the planning stage, setting up the week before the show, on the day and clearing away after the show - if you would like to volunteer please contact one of the show officers above.



Buttington / Trewern C.P. School

www.trewern.powys.sch.uk

Head Master – Colin Jenkins 01938 570283

Thanks to Sidoli's of Welshpool

Year 5 spent an excellent morning studying the business at Sidoli's Welshpool. The children had an opportunity to study at first hand the various areas of the company ranging from the bakery to the ice cream making area. The children were totally captivated by the scale of the industry and was summed up by one of the children who said "this is the best trip I have ever been on".

The children also were given the opportunity to design, name and make . All of year 5 would like to thank Mrs Sian Evans and Mr Paul Richards of Sidoli's (and staff) for their fantastic welcome, and allowing the children on site to enjoy a super educational morning.

Non uniform day

The school held a non uniform day on Friday 18 Feb in support of Alzheimers. Children were asked to bring in £1 to support this worthy cause.

Eco School Team

The Eco School committee have been very busy carrying out a whole school environmental review under the instruction of Miss Temple our Eco school coordinator. They made an audit of procedures in school which help conserve energy and resources. The findings will be collated. The committee have also set up a recycling area for used printer cartridges and old mobile phones. This area is to be found outside the office close to the main entrance.

A big thank you to our litter pickers who have been working hard keeping our school litter free.

Sad News

Mrs Sue Head a volunteer reading helper suddenly passed away a fortnight ago. Mrs Head whose grandson attended the school in the past was a dedicated and reliable helper, who over the past seven years always came in to support all our readers firstly in year 6 and more recently in year 4.

Mrs Head will be greatly missed by all and our thoughts go out to Edward (grandson) and Robert (husband) at this sad time.

Keep fit in Cross country-

All the junior classes have been training hard in cross country club on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime. Fitness levels are improving and many children are keen to take part in future fun events during March.

Community Council

Clerk— Jane Shaw 01743 884971 jane@businessadmin.co.uk

Councillors

Middletown Ward

Ida Hughes 01938 570248

(Chairman)

Gareth Jones 01938 570377

Tim Hilditch 01938 570420

Trewern Ward

Phil Hughes 01938 570345

Colin Jenkins 01938 570063

Dave Morrell 01938 570389

Brian Mountford 01938 570515

John Evans 01938 570168

Peter Davies 01938 552817

Gill Corfield 01938 570526

Community Council News

Local Development Plan (LDP)

This is your opportunity to contribute towards the development of your village for the next 10 years! This stage (until 6th May) includes the nomination of sites in the community to be considered for the plan. So please think about it and contact your local Councillor, as we are trying to look at the needs for our Community for this period. You can find more about the Local Development Plan at

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=1820&L=0>

Tenders for maintenance of play and other areas

The tenders for the next 2 years work are required by the end of February to the Clerk.

If you need any more details than are on the notice boards please let me know, and please note that any bid must be for everything stated in the tender notice.

Census

Please do take part in this important survey on 27th March

Powys County Council

County Councillor—Dawn Bailey 01938 570632

Cllr.dawn.bailey@powys.gov.uk

Just a few brief lines to welcome the new editorial team of the Border Gossip and to wish them well but mainly I would like the opportunity of publicly thanking Mike Jones and John Davies for the hard work they have put in over the last several years producing the Gossip. I know from talking to people just how much they value the newsletter dropping through their letter boxes and I personally would like to express my thanks and gratitude to both Mike and John.

A458 Trunk Road - Property blight and Local Development Plan

I have now received a response from the Deputy First Minister Ieuan Wyn Jones, Minister for the Economy and Transport acknowledging the concerns I have raised with him over so called 'property blight' affecting many properties alongside the proposed by-pass routes identified in 2004. The Minister appears sympathetic to our cause and has indicated he will consider reviewing the situation. I have no intention of letting this matter drop and will continue to argue the case it is unfair for the proposals to remain in WAG's Trunk Road Forward Programme if there is no realistic chance of them succeeding and that the favourable option forward is for local achievable solutions in specific notorious black-spot areas.

Powys Local Development Plan

Call for **Potential Development** Sites

Powys County Council is preparing its planning policies for the period up to 2026. As part of the new Local Development Plan, it is looking for land to meet the needs of its communities.

Do you own or know of land suitable for housing, employment, open space etc. If so, Powys County Council would like to hear from you.

For appropriate forms and guidance notes go to www.powys.gov.uk or email ldp@powys.gov.uk Alternatively phone 01938 551229

Closing date Friday 6th May 2011

Many of you may be aware the County Council has commenced the preparation of the **Local Development Plan (LDP) for Powys** and is currently searching for potential development sites (known as Candidate Sites) for all purposes. As the LDP will help shape and guide development within Powys up to 2026, I am concerned whilst the trunk road improvement scheme continues to be ranked in WAG's Trunk Road Forward Programme of works there is the potential to prohibit successful Candidate site submissions in our community that are on, near or adjacent to identified routes, yet one more reason why the Minister must consider the impact the identified routes are having on our community.

With the strong focussed political drive to secure a Newtown by-pass and the public spending cuts announced as a result of the UK Governments Comprehensive Spending Review impacting on all Capital Road programmes, common sense suggests a by-pass for the villages of Middletown and Trewern is now extremely doubtful and whilst it may remain an aspiration, it must be questioned whether the local property market and future development plans for our community should continue to be put on hold indefinitely in order to protect identified routes.

Buttington Trewern School

Parents, Teachers, Friends Association (PTFA)

Events coming up at Trewern school:

Friday 8th April 6.30pm - **EASTER BINGO**. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Please come along for a family fun evening.

Saturday May 21st - **CASINO NIGHT** to include 6 casino tables - Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, Play your Cards Right.

Tickets will be £15.00 to include supper, and chips to use on the casino tables. Bring you own drinks. We will also be running a fun blind auction, raffle and an auction of promises/prizes. To book tickets or a table, please telephone Julie Powell 01938 570049 or Emma Wilde 01938 570323.

BEE GEES TRIBUTE NIGHT
OR
TAKE THAT TRIBUTE NIGHT

At

Buttington Trewern Community Centre

On

Friday 14th October 2011

Doors Open 7pm

Tickets

£10 per head for Bee Gees

£15 per head for Take That

If you enjoyed the Abba tribute night then be prepared to enjoy another great night out. I need to know which band would appeal the most so I can confirm the booking.

The event is being organised to raise additional funding to enable us to go ahead and purchase a defibrillator to be situated in our villages.

TICKETS AS LAST TIME WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS AND ARE LIMITED. PARTIES OF 10 OR MORE WILL HAVE RESERVED SEATING.

If you are interested then I need to know by 25th March 2011 to confirm whichever group proves to be most popular. As either band is very expensive I have to have enough interest to go ahead.

Either phone Gill on 570526 or email thebordergossip@yahoo.co.uk

The X75 service leaves for **Shrewsbury** from

Buttington, Green Dragon	0757	0947	1117	1317	1517	1717
Trewern, Bus Shelter	0801	0951	1121	1321	1521	1721
Middletown, Breidden Hotel	0805	0955	1125	1325	1525	1725

The X75 leaves for **Welshpool** from

Middletown, Breidden Hotel	0738	0938	1138	1338	1453	1653	1827
Trewern, Bus Shelter	0742	0942	1142	1342	1457	1657	1831
Buttington, Green Dragon	0746	0946	1146	1346	1501	1701	1835

Neighbourhood Policing

Your local neighbourhood policing team will be holding a community surgery—in Middletown on Wednesday 3 March, Tuesday 24 March and Thursday 21 April—from 11.30 to 12.30pm.

When it is less urgent than 999

Call 101 or 01267 222020

Letters.....Have you any news, views, ideas, special messages, congratulations, special birthdays, recipes, good neighbours, holiday destinations, do you have the answer to questions raisedIf so send us a letter or reply to a letter published here.

Sirens

Can anyone tell me why the siren at Middletown Quarry keeps going off? Last weekend it even went off after dark. We know that there's no blasting about to follow.

I look forward to a reply from a well-informed source.

Simon Boyes

Lock your Shed

I have recently had two strimmers and a small generator stolen from my garden shed – my neighbour has also had items taken from her shed. Lock up your valuables and don't make it easy for people to steal them.

Vivienne Pritchard

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to Sarah Corfield who was 18 on 27 February.

Wanted	House Swap	Classified ads
<p>Local home holiday cover—Kind home needed for staffy cross Dog, who hates kennels. He is good natured, is 15 years old and doesn't need much walking. He is up to date with injections. If you are interested and around in July, please call me on 01938 570099. I am willing to pay good rates.</p>	<p>Three bedroom council house in Wellesbourne (a rural village) near Stratford on Avon, Warwickshire would like to swap for a three bedroom house in Middletown/Trewern/Ford or surrounding areas. If interested please phone 07789514994</p>	

Children's Page

Bird Word Search

-find the birds

h w g s m t h t q z b q d q e	blackbird
u g r r t r a n i l v r z i j	blue tit
a x e e l a g s u t i x p g l	coal tit
l i a p n p r e u b l g o r n	crow
k v t e t e t l k c a a x d i	dove
y s t e a i a c i m e p o e m	great tit
h x i r t f a c k n p z e c h	magpie
i s t c a l r d l m g n l l s	nuthatch
d w t e b o t w o r r a p s u	robin
s c t e w a n b t t k q v i r	sparrow
k k a r f p n w j l q d d x h	starling
s n u t h a t c h h z f o t t	thrush
p y x v x u p r o b i n v r y	tree creeper
y g n h u l b r u h b a e a f	wren
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June & July August & September October & November

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£15 for six months

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