



Village Shop News Update

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CHRISTMAS HOURS – THE SHOP WILL CLOSE ON 24TH DECEMBER AT 1PM & RE-OPENS ON 27TH DECEMBER. NOTICES WILL BE POSTED IN THE SHOP WINDOW FOR THE NEW YEAR.

... and so to the final Shop Update for 2013!

I'll start with some news that I'm sure that you all saw in the Banbury Guardian & local TV. Oak Cash and Carry in Banbury burnt down recently & they are a supplier to us. Although they are hoping to find a new premises and start up again it will not be for a few months. In the meantime we have become a member of Bookers in Northampton, which is not exactly on our doorstep, to continue with the bulk purchase items. As a result Joanna may not be able to get there every week and some of the lines we have stocked from Oak are not available there so please could we ask for your understanding if we run out of a product or they cannot find what they are looking for. Joanna will do her level best to make sure that this doesn't happen but just in case. Thank you for your understanding.

David had a fantastic send off at The Star & thank you to all that attended & made his final day with us so memorable for him. Special thanks must go to Jane & Joy for all their hard work in organizing the event for him.

I can also confirm that Sharon, our new Shop Manager & Post Master will be joining us on January 2nd & she's having a 'baptism of fire' in her first month! The annual stock take, the new EPOS system going live, her hand over from Susie (again many thanks to her for managing our Shop so well in the period between David's departure & Sharon's arrival) & that all important Post Office training but she's ready to tackle all of these challenges & is really looking forward to meeting you all.

PLEASE NOTE - our temporary Post Office cover in this period will be available each Tuesday from 9am to 2pm except for the Christmas and New Year weeks when it will be open on Monday 23rd and Monday 30th from 9am to 1pm to enable last minute letters to be sent before the respective holidays.

Finally I must correct an inaccuracy from my last Shop Update when I said that our performance for the year to date was up by 5.2%. This figure was actually for the month of November '13 versus November '12; our cumulative trading performance for 2013 was actually up by 2.6% which, although a lower figure, is still an impressive result with the Christmas trading figures still to be added. Fingers crossed, we may have a record year; I'll update you again in January '14.

Happy New Year to you & thank you again for your support & to all our Volunteers for their tireless work; without these we don't have a business!

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