



Village Shop News Update

Shop Telephone – 01295 760 066



Shop opening hours: Monday 8 am – 1 pm Tuesday to Friday 8 am – 6 pm
Saturday 8.30 am – 3 pm Sunday 9 am – 12 noon

Post Office opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 am - 1 pm

February has been another great month for the shop with sales up 17% on last year. We had good growth in almost all areas with the only significant dips being in dry cleaning and alcohol sales (other than wine sales which were significantly up). The Valentine's Day and Mothering Sunday special offers were well received and a lot of Prosecco corks were popped.

Our excellent Prosecco at a bargain £7.50 a bottle has been flying off the shelves and we have just placed another order so that we can keep up with demand. Fruit and veg sales are doing very well and customers seem to appreciate the fact that our vegetables are of such good quality. They have also cottoned on to the fact that there is a 15% discount on fruit and veg on Mondays and Thursdays. With the days getting longer and warmer, watch out for new season strawberries and spring veg.

We are sorry to report that Kevin Moore has resigned from the shop management committee owing to pressure of work. Many thanks to Kevin for his valuable input over the past seven years. Kevin's departure leaves us with a vacancy on the committee which we would like to fill. The shop AGM is scheduled for 23rd June (referendum day!) and we would hope to be able to appoint a new committee member then. So if there is anyone out there who thinks they could spare a little time and make a contribution to keeping our wonderful shop up and running please give Alison a call on 760373. If you would like to support the shop but feel that being on the committee might be a little too onerous, you can always join our merry band of volunteers and help Jeanette behind the counter from time to time. All offers of assistance welcomed.

Sadly, the village shop website is no more as, with no one available to manage the site, the committee felt that the monthly fee for maintaining it could not be justified. We shall, however, once again have a slot on the Sulgrave Village website (www.sulgrave.org) where you will be able to find up-to-date information on the shop and also read these monthly news updates. In addition, the shop has its own Facebook page which is regularly updated by Jeanette.

Our trusty old oven finally gave up the ghost in March and there were some long faces when we were unable to provide freshly baked croissants. The good news is that a spanking new oven was ordered straight away and is now up and running so we are back in business for croissants, pasties, sausage rolls and baguettes. The new one is able to keep pies and pasties warm which should please Sulgrave's seemingly ever-growing population of builders.

New lines include hot "cup-a-soups" in various flavours, patès such as wild boar and farmhouse pork and liver, a wide range of preserves and sauces, an assortment of bottled drinks, lots of new Borders biscuits - and we now stock the full range of the very popular Piper's crisps as well as two new lines of Manomasa corn chips which make fantastic 'nibbles' with a glass of wine.

As usual, many thanks to Jeanette, Michael, and all the committee members and volunteers for their sterling efforts in making SVS a continuing success.

Alison and Digby