



## Village Shop News Update

Shop Telephone – 01295 760066



**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

The Shop held its Annual General Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June when the Shop Committee for the next year was elected. We are very pleased to be welcoming three new members onto the committee this year. The current Committee for the coming year is:

Neil Johnson	- Chairman
Michael Mullavey	- Merchandising
Jeanette Smith	- Shop Supervisor
Alison Lewis	- Secretary
Peter Pollak	- Customer Services
Jane Lockwood	- Volunteers
Joy Grice	- Volunteers and Facilities Manager
Helen Jackson	- Committee member
Jon Sadler	- Committee member
Clive Nicholls	- Repair and Maintenance

Robin Prior will continue to manage the shop accounts until we can appoint a new treasurer. In addition to the committee and Robin, there are many other people who put in a lot of effort behind the scenes and this was acknowledged at the AGM. Ronnie Langdon-Gray, as well as taking on lots of shifts in the shop, also undertakes Post Office duties when Jeanette is away. Joanna Smyth Osbourne does the cash and carry run every week. Digby Lewis takes charge of the wine section. Jan Prior selects and orders the greetings cards and many others contribute in so many ways.

During the 11 years since opening, the shop has been very fortunate to receive generous donations in excess of £25,000; without these donations the shop would have accumulated losses of approximately £5,000. Through this generosity and with the dedicated support of volunteers, we now have a great community shop that is the envy of other local villages.

In recent months we have reported that the shop has been trading well but we should really acknowledge the crucial part played by all our volunteers. To maintain this success the shop requires the support of over 80 volunteer hours each week. If these hours, freely given, had to be paid hours, the cost to the shop would amount to at least £30,000 a year. We are really grateful to our volunteers without whom the shop could not function. While many of the 80 hours are covered, there is always a shortfall and a demand for more volunteer help. Even the occasional hour or two can help and it is a great way to meet people and feel part of village life.

The shop has been a huge success and has transformed the village – so surely we all have a duty to ensure that it remains viable.

As well as having an amazing place to do your shopping in the village don't forget that the Post Office can also provide you with lots of services, from just posting your letters and parcels to getting out cash, doing your banking and ordering your travel money. Just ask Jeanette what can be done through the PO and you will be surprised what she can do for you and save you that trip to Banbury.

June has been yet another good month with trading figures still moving upwards. There are not so many new products to tell you about but we have restocked with the lovely Manomasa Manchego and Green Olive crisps and now have a new flavour in Serrano Chilli and Yucatan honey. We also have a new Gundog ale for the summer called Hop Goes the Beagle and there are good stocks of snacks and nibbles to have with your summer drinks. There is a good selection of lovely cakes to choose from as well as plenty of Crimbles gluten free products. Don't forget to look in the mark down basket when you come in as there are often some great bargains in there. Seasonal fruit and vegetables are still coming in with broad beans one week, peas the next, runner beans another, wonderful celeriac as well as all the regular salads, summer fruits and vegetables. Don't forget to keep an eye on Facebook for any new products and offers.

Thanks to our excellent new Repair and Maintenance man, Clive, you may have noticed that the shop is being spruced up. He is already painting the door and planning to paint the interior for us and do any other jobs that need to be done.

Thank you once again to everyone involved in making our shop such a success and such a great addition to village life.

Alison and Digby Lewis