

## Village Shop News Update

## Shop Telephone – 01295 760066



## Shop opening hours:Monday 8 am - 1 pmTuesday to Friday 8 am - 6 pmSaturday 8.30 am - 3 pmSunday 9 am - 12 noon

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

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells... Yes – the festive season is upon us again and the shop is well geared up to cope with the inevitable Christmas rush.

In no particular order, we have a great range of Christmas wrapping paper, bags and tags, tissue paper and cards; lots of new sweet treats including "choc-shots on a stick", "meringue drops" in lots of delicious flavours and gorgeous Italian nougat slices stuffed with fruits and berries. There are also bottles of Belvoir mulled Christmas punch and winter cordial and Whittards' hot chocolate gift packs.

On the savoury counter, in addition to a range of great cheeses, there are cheese straws and an assortment of snacks and nibbles to accompany your pre-dinner glass(es) of wine.

Digby never thought that managing the wine shelves would provide him with such a good physical work-out. Apart from regularly humping cases of wine up and down the steps into his cellar, he has been pushing a wheel-barrow full of wine around to the shop almost every day in an attempt to keep up with consumption. So thank you drinkers of Sulgrave for improving my fitness. We regularly feed new lines into our range of wines so keep a weather eye on the shelves for new bargains. We have noted in the past that customers could be a little more adventurous with their wine purchases. It is clear from sales figures that many folks tend to choose wines made from grapes that they are familiar with - such as 'Sauvignon Blanc' or 'Pinot Grigio'. Why not branch out and give some of the others a try? We have good examples of Riesling, Muscadet and Chenin Blanc amongst the whites and we stock wines made from a wide range of red grape varieties. Go on – be daring.

Once again the shop is putting on a **Christmas tasting** of assorted goodies and we shall be offering freshly roasted chestnuts at the door – so wrap up well and get there early to be at the front of the queue **at 10 am on Saturday 2^{nd} December**.

Christmas opening times will be posted on the door so check there to see when we are open. At present we hope to close only on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and again on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January with early closing on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to allow stock-taking to take place.

Christmas order forms are available in the shop, so if you haven't yet placed your orders for the festive table you had better get on with it.

We have just checked on the Sulgrave Village web-site and see that the last comment about the shop was posted in March 2010! So come on you lucky people – if you value

your shop, go to <a href="https://sulgrave.org/about/village-shop-and-post-office/">https://sulgrave.org/about/village-shop-and-post-office/</a> and say some nice things about us.

Have a great Christmas

Alison and Digby