



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

We trust you all had a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas and are still overflowing with festive bonhomie and love of your fellow men. From the volume of wine sales leading up to Christmas we would guess that many of you had a very merry time.

We shall still need to toast the arrival of the New Year so Digby has just ordered another consignment of the excellent Princesse de France Champagne (which has been selling very well) to see us all through into 2019.

Clive's carpentry and handyman expertise coupled with Jackie's display skills have resulted in something of a make-over in the shop in recent months and there is now a real wow-factor when one comes through the shop door. This may well have played a part in the shop having just been awarded second place (out of 13 finalists) in the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Community awards for Northamptonshire. There were over 60 entrants and we were the highest placed village shop (beating three other shop finalists). Jackie collected the award on behalf of the shop at the ceremony held in Cranford in December - so we now need to find a prominent space on the wall to hang our plaque.

Quite a few new goodies including some delicious chocolatey numbers appeared on the shelves in the run-up to Christmas and with luck there should be some left as we enter the new year – and they may well be discounted.

Robin has not yet worked out the final figures but all the indications are that 2018 was our best trading year ever and there is no sign that sales are tailing off. So well done to everyone - Jackie, Alice, Tracey and all the brilliant volunteers who have put so much effort into making Sulgrave Village Shop such a run-away success. Sadly, during the year a number of regular volunteers have moved away from the village so we are always on the look-out for replacements. Even one two-hour session per week behind the till helps so if you are struggling to come up with a New Year's resolution more meaningful than 'give up chocolates/wine/crisps' please consider joining our happy gang of volunteers.

A Happy New Year to all of you and may Sulgrave Village Shop & Post Office continue to serve as the beating heart of the village.

Please note we are closed on New Year's Day but will be open as usual on Wednesday 2nd January.

Digby and Alison