



Village Shop News Update

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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

Winter draws on. The summer fruit may now be at an end and ice-cream sales have taken a dip but the village shop still buzzes with activity and sales creep ever upwards. Our treasurer Robin had a big smile on his face after completing last month's sales report – which is always a good sign.

Jackie and new-girl Alice have been having lots of fun going through all the catalogues and have picked out some great new products for the Christmas season. There are too many to list so do keep your eyes on the shelves (or on Facebook or Nextdoor) over the next month. New lines this month include a delicious pâté, sorry – terrine, which we slice and wrap in the shop and a range of super new cakes.

Apologies for mentioning the C-word so early but these days Santa's sleigh and artificial snow start to appear in shop windows straight after Halloween so we can't escape. Christmas stamps will be on sale from the beginning of the month and we already have a good selection of wrapping paper and other festive stationery in stock.

We regularly praise the volunteers who put so much effort into the running of the shop but in some areas we just manage to hang on by the skin of our teeth. We have a small group of old-faithfuls who know how to cash up and close at the end of the day but if, for any reason, one or two of them are not available we can run into trouble. So could some of the volunteers who are already familiar with till operation please put their hand up for some training in the art of closing. It really isn't that daunting and you will have lots of lessons from our experienced 'closers' before being let loose on your own. A simplified instruction sheet is being prepared which will be very easy to follow and make closing little more than a box-ticking exercise.

We are also short-handed in the baking department. Again, this is not brain surgery and having an extra one or two volunteers prepared to pop sausage rolls and pasties in and out of the oven would be very useful.

Finally, can you spread the word that any young folk looking to add 'community service' to their D of E applications would be very welcome in the shop. Young limbs able to crawl into the store cupboard and reach high shelves are much appreciated by the many less nimble volunteers who struggle with such athletic demands.

Happy Halloween if the newsletter hits the streets before the end of October and happy Bonfire Night if it doesn't.

Digby and Alison