



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

Although it was a traumatic event, the recent burglary and all the damage that resulted has given us the opportunity to re-examine the shop layout and product displays and plan for improvements. This is currently underway and we hope that, by early in the New Year, the shop will have a new and improved look.

Christmas is upon us once again and the shop is well stocked up and ready to supply your festive needs. We have a number of Christmassy lines including mince pies and small iced Christmas cakes - and we have also introduced a delicious new range of Minters' cakes. We now stock a selection of the award-winning 'Two Farmers hand-cooked crisps' (with compostable packaging) and absolutely yummy 'Tony's Choconly' chocolate bars made from ethically sourced chocolate. And do check out the new selection of savoury biscuits which complement our excellent range of fresh cheeses.

Don't forget, if you have any specific Christmas requirements such as a side of smoked salmon, game pie or Stilton, just complete one of the Christmas order forms which you can pick up in the shop. You can then be sure that you will receive everything you need in good time.

Digby has picked up some fantastic bin-ends for this Christmas and from early December there will be a 'Santa's Bargain Basement Shelf' with a selection of wines which we shall be offering for just £5 per bottle. All are substantially reduced and some are half price or less - but there are only a few cases so when they are gone, they are gone. Get in early and fill your boots! For Christmas we also have some mini bottles of Prosecco which will make fantastic stocking fillers. At just £2.70 for a very generous glass of lovely fizz they are something of a bargain.

In addition to our ever-changing range of greetings cards we have a lovely selection of Christmas cards from Katherine House Hospice. All proceeds from the sale of these cards will go to this very worthy charity.

The shop is now selling Sulgrave Village Calendars with beautiful photographs of the village taken by members of the Sulgrave Camera Club. These would make super Christmas presents.

If you have not yet nominated Sulgrave Village Shop & Post Office for the 2020 Countryside Alliance awards, please do so. The number of nominations received will play a large part in determining whether we are selected as a regional finalist in the Village Shop and Post Office category. Just log into <https://www.countryside-alliance.org/rural-awards/caawards/nominate> and say why you think our shop is so valuable to the community. Nominations close on 8th December so you will need to hurry. Every nomination will improve our chances of selection.

As usual we would like to thank all of our brilliant volunteers and our wonderful shop supervisors, Natasha and Jeanette who have put in such a lot of effort throughout the year to ensure that the shop and Post Office have run smoothly. Despite the difficulties we have faced, the shop has continued to provide an invaluable service to the whole community.

A very Happy Christmas to one and all.

Digby and Alison