



## 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

Summer? What Summer! Apart from the mini heatwave at the end of July we have had to put up with gales, rain and generally lousy weather for most of August but there are whispers that we might be in for an Indian summer – so don't pack your summer wardrobe away just yet.

The shop continues to thrive whatever the weather and this month we have plenty of new lines to lure in the customers. A new range of greetings cards by local artist Catherine Flippance has been very popular and will appeal to all doggy owners and animal lovers.

On the food front, we have some new Australian Wafer Crackers - both plain and poppy-seed - and at just £1.65 for a big pack, they are fantastic value. On the same shelf there are packs of Miller plum and date ultra-crispy biscuits and some new mini oat cakes.

For quick sea-food suppers we now stock packs of frozen Thai salmon fish-cakes and king scallops alongside the ever popular king prawns. If the thought of a tasty prawn curry takes your fancy, we have a great range of curry sauces, poppadums, jars of Patek's pickles and Patterson's Original Poppadum chutney and packs of both brown and white basmati rice - and, of course, we stock a wide range of lagers and bottled beers as liquid accompaniment.

There are some new additions to the slice stand and there is little doubt that the apple and raspberry flap-jacks, brownies and sticky coconut slices will all prove popular.

Wine sales continue to boom though perusal of the sales records show that customers tend to be a tad conservative. There **are** other grapes apart from Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc so why not be brave and try something different.

The Shop Annual General Meeting will be held in Sulgrave Church Hall on Tuesday 17 September at 7.30 pm. Everyone is invited to come along but only members of the Shop Association will be able to vote for new committee members. If you are not already a member and would like to have a say in how the shop is run, do sign up. A share costs just £5 and this will give you permanent membership of the association. You can pick up an application form in the shop or come along to the AGM and collect one then.

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to work in the shop, assist with collections or provide general help behind the scenes. As you will see from the *cri de coeur* elsewhere in this newsletter, we are desperately short of volunteers to help with baking so any offers of assistance would be gratefully received.

Happy Michaelmas

Alison and Digby