



Village Shop News Update

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We are having to write this in early December to meet the printing deadline so this newsletter will be a short one and our report on shop activity over the Christmas period will have to wait for the February issue.

There are often long faces when customers call in and find that the Post Office is closed so, from the 4th of January, the Post Office will open every day from Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm. You can find the full list of Shop and Post Office opening times for 2021 elsewhere in this newsletter. This is the first submission to Sulgrave News from our new facilities officer Paul Shanley who, each month, will feature a short report on one or two of our local suppliers.

The shelves are currently overflowing with all manner of goodies and expressions of wonder from customers as to how we manage squeeze so many wonderful products into such a tiny space have become commonplace. 'It's a veritable Tardis' is a comment we hear quite frequently.

The first batch of Russell & Atwell fresh chocolates sold out in no time and we have just taken a new delivery. The new salted-caramel flavour truffles are said to be as addictive as crack cocaine so be warned. The company has promised to keep us well stocked over the festive period but as the chocolates have to be kept refrigerated and we have limited chiller space there may be short periods when we run out of stock. If you can't handle the withdrawal symptoms, you can book your requirements in advance and we can put them to one side for you as soon as a delivery arrives.

The wine shelves have remained well stocked and, in anticipation of a demand for fizz over the festive season, we have obtained some excellent vintage cava at a bargain price. Cava is made in the same way as Champagne so, in style and flavour, is more like its illustrious French cousin than Prosecco.

Thanks to all our customers for adhering to the rules during this difficult period and for not complaining about having to wear masks or wait outside in the cold. You have all been very well-behaved and your good manners and tolerance are much appreciated by the supervisors and volunteers who work in the Shop. With the vaccination programme already underway, we hope we shall soon be back to the hussle and bustle of the old pre-Covid days.

We are still looking for someone to assist in managing the volunteer rota so if you think you could help (or would just like to join our merry band of shop volunteers) and have yet to come up with a worthwhile New Year's resolution, please step forward.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Digby and Alison