



Village Shop News Update

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Wintertime again. What happened to the Summer?

The Shop AGM, which was held in the newly refurbished Village Hall, was brief and to the point (the way that we like it) and all the boxes were ticked. The members of the shop committee remained unchanged (both Anna Faure and Sara Findlay-Staples joined the committee during the year) apart from the fact that Jane Lockwood has stepped down. Many thanks to Jane for all the effort she has put in over the years. The current committee members are listed at the end of this letter. Thanks are also due to Sally Elliot who, with Andrew, will be leaving the village at the end of the year. Sally has been a very active volunteer and has also been instrumental in the operation of the Post Office. Both she and Andrew, who was on the shop committee for a number of years, will be sorely missed by the Shop and the Sulgrave community as a whole. We all wish them luck for the future. We always panic when dynamic volunteers like Sally leave but, as invariably happens, new faces pitch up and join the band of old regulars and we manage to soldier on. We shall, however, be looking for a volunteer to train to help out in the Post Office so if you would like to have a go – please step forward.

Our man wine supplier has been having another ware-house clear-out to make space for new stock and Digby has managed to pick up a dozen cases of assorted wines at a knock-down price. From November 1st we shall be offering a range of bargain bin-ends for just £5.50 a bottle. As these are already heavily discounted, I'm afraid we can't offer the usual 5% discount on six or more bottles. When we had a similar offer two years ago, all the wines sold out within days – so if you want to grab a bargain you had better move quickly. In readiness for the festive season, we also have an Italian sparkler (a Prosecco in all but name) called simply "Italian Bubbles" for just £7.25 a bottle. It should be the perfect party fizz.

We have recently upgraded the "coffee and a slice for £2.50" deal to "coffee and a slice or a Danish Pastry". It has been a very popular move but has put extra strain on our baking team.

One hesitates to say it, but Christmas isn't far away and the new Christmas stock will start arriving this month. We already have a good range of gift, bottle and shopper bags, wrapping paper and more. We shall, once again, be selling Christmas cards on behalf of Katherine House Hospice who will receive all the profits from the card sales.

This issue of Sulgrave News will probably hit the streets before Halloween and we are hoping to have a good stock of pumpkins for the event along with some scary treats. If you want a carved Jack-o-Lantern pumpkin, please let the Shop know and Digby will sharpen his whittling knife.

Digby and Alison

Sulgrave Shop Management Committee

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