



Village Shop News Update

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After the overindulgence of the festive season, the first few weeks of the year always see a bit of a down-turn in trade at the Shop but this January has been particularly quiet. There is no need to panic just yet but we really need a pick-up in sales to get back on track. Although the Shop is a not-for-profit organisation, we have substantial running costs (electricity, supervisor salaries, rent, general maintenance, accountancy fees etc) and need to maintain a certain level of cash-flow to stay in the black. So, please, remember how the Shop (and Post Office) supported the community throughout the pandemic and try to give something back by providing just a bit of your custom. Every little helps.

We are pleased to report that the Foodbank project set up last year is proving its worth. In January, Father Nick received over £400 worth of goods purchased from the Shop's Foodbank account and these have been distributed to some of the most needy families in the area. Father Nick has asked the management committee to thank all those who have contributed to this worthy cause. Further contributions are always gratefully received.

We are pleased to report that we shall once again be stocking the excellent, locally produced range of Tesouka Moroccan spices and cooking sauces. Many of the new lines have had excellent reviews and can turn a simple meal into a gastronomic experience with just one or two spoonfuls. We can also recommend the preserved lemons which add oomph to all sorts of savoury dishes. We hope to provide some recipes for guidance.

The Shop now stocks a wide selection of stationery including wrapping paper, padded envelopes and heavy-duty polythene postal bags so you can send anything anywhere with confidence. We also have a super new range of greetings cards in stock.

Valentine's Day is not far away, so if you have forgotten to order that designer dress, make up for it with a bottle of Prosecco and a nice box of chocolates. Watch out for special Valentine's Day offers.

Happy Chinese New Year

Digby and Alison