



Village Shop News Update

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Really good news this month with the appointment of our new shop manager. Jai Diallo will be joining us on 14th June; he already has PO experience, and we are sure he will slot into SVS with ease. I know we will all give him a big welcome and hope he is happy in his new job with us. We are, of course, really sad to be saying goodbye to Anne and Gordon who have done so much for the shop while they have been in the village. They will both be greatly missed.

If you attended the last PC meeting you will have heard Neil Johnston explaining the problems that the shop is facing. We would like to thank the PC for being so supportive and have agreed that we hold a joint meeting in June for all our wonderful volunteers, members and interested parties. We are hoping to hold it in the Village/Church Hall on 23rd June. Final confirmation leaflets will be sent out early in June. Neil wanted to emphasise that it is time for a new generation to take over the management of the shop, but we need people with real expertise, especially in Financial Management and HR, to move into these roles. We are very pleased to welcome Holly Weller onto the MC who is able to assist with the retail side of the business, and Mel Kirkpatrick has also joined as our Volunteer co-ordinator. Thank you to all the volunteers who have joined us recently, it's good to see so many new faces behind the till. Everyone in the village owns our shop but it does need everyone's support to keep it going.

Like everyone else we are finding costs soaring. Our energy bills are unbelievable, so we are going to have to try and keep a watch on our usage but at the same time we will try to keep any price increases to a minimum where we can. Don't forget we still have the Food Bank account in the shop for your donations for those less fortunate in our society.

I am sure we can all put these worries aside and enjoy the Jubilee celebrations. We have plenty of wine, drinks and food for your picnic including some interesting Belvoir cordials for you to try, including Peach Bellini and Juniper and Tonic. All the lovely summer fruits are now coming in, including our delicious strawberries and cherries with peaches and nectarines to follow. We are also expecting a new delivery of cards, so keep an eye out for those.

The shop will be open on the mornings of the Bank Holidays, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June from 8-1 but the Post Office will be closed. Enjoy the picnic and fun on Castle Green on 5th June.

Alison and Digby