



# Woodgreen Community Shop Newsletter

## Hello and Welcome!



The nights are starting to draw in and there is an autumnal nip in the air, so don't forget all the lovely goodies you can buy from our shop for this time of year.

We have logs, coal and kindling to keep you warm as well as a NEW range of fresh soups – so curl up by your fire with a bowl of warming soup! We have freshly baked bread every day to go with your soup, too. If we run out of fresh bread you can always buy frozen from us to bake at home.

Do keep an eye on our smart new chiller, as we are filling it with a few new items, such as some different cheeses and meats.

We also have a new supplier, [The Dorset Chilli Shop](#), which makes a range of all things chilli.

Our next tasting day is on Saturday 17th October, when we will be showcasing our new, fresh organic soups from Crook and Churn, Ringwood Rye bread from Bakehouse24, a range of pâtés, including the famous trout pâté from the New Forest Smokery, and the new range of sauces from The Dorset Chilli Shop.

Please do let us know if there is anything else you think we could stock, that you would buy. We can't promise anything but we will try to stock what you require.

Keep warm and enjoy the autumn!

Sue & Katy

## Shop Update

We had a busy month in September having the new chillers installed and the fun of filling them -- I've surprised myself as to how excited you can become about a refrigerator! The day of the installation was very hectic as Julie Rich and David Keniston also took the opportunity to re-organise the till positions and shop counter.

I have to say it was quite chaotic attempting two big projects in one day but we did get there in the end and were ready for business at 8am the next morning. I even learned how all the chocolate and sweet displays went together - although a certain amount of brute force was employed.



*The new chillers – fully stocked!*

Hopefully everyone has had chance to read the annual reports from myself and Gary Adams (Finance) which we posted on our [website](#).

Our AGM was a paper exercise and Sue Manktelow has now completed all the processes. I am also pleased to confirm that David Keniston was formally voted on to the Committee and we look forward to his continuing support and contributions.

Thank you to all our customers for your continued support, hope you all stay safe and well in the coming weeks. We will continue to work hard in the shop to keep the shelves full and keep a safe shopping environment.

Julia

## Christmas in October?

Dare I mention Christmas? Well I'm going to because we at the Post Office urge you to "Post Early for Christmas". This message has never been more important than this year when we anticipate unprecedented demand for our services. Beat the queues and post early is sounding like good advice to me.

For large or heavy items, the Rewards4U scheme offers a 15% discount on Parcelforce services. Pick up a leaflet or look up the details online at: [www.parcelforce.com/rewards4u](http://www.parcelforce.com/rewards4u)

Christmas stamps will be here soon. Their arrival always prompts us to stock up on packaging materials and our shop has a fabulous range of posting bags and boxes, padded envelopes, bubble wrap, brown paper, address labels, string, sticky tape, brown parcel tape and 'FRAGILE' tape. Phew!! We will, as always, have a carefully chosen selection of Christmas cards, wrap and gift bags too.

Our shop and Post Office together truly are a one stop shop!

*Nikki*

## More Cheese, Gromit?

Saturday, September 19th dawned bright and breezy and saw the first of our new tasting events. Sadly, due to Covid 19, we are unable to host our evening tasting extravaganzas in the spring and autumn, but we still want to be able to showcase the wonderful local food available at your village shop.

So, ready for the challenge, and after taking health and safety advice and reading and heeding the many regulations, Carole and Alix donned masks, gloves and aprons and headed to the car park on Saturday morning to hand out individual tasters of just a few of the delicious local cheeses the shop stocks. These included Dorset Brie (Blyton), smoked halloumi (Smokey Burns) and sheep's milk hard cheese (Hardys), all made by Book and Bucket; Lyburn's Stoney Cross and Garlic and Nettle cheese and Crook and Churn's Dorset Blue Vinny. These were accompanied by delicious cheese straws (baked daily in the shop), which proved to be a sell out on the day!



*Carole on duty in the car park*

The feedback we received was that this first event was a great success and the sales of cheese (all with 5% off on the day) certainly bore this out. It was definitely great fun to host!

**Next Tasting on Saturday: 17<sup>th</sup> October, 10am – 2pm.**

Our theme will be pâtés, Bakehouse24's Ringwood Rye bread, the lovely new hot soups from Crook & Churn, and Dorset Chilli Jam. **5% OFF** all pates, Crook & Churn soups and other items in the tasting bought on the day. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details!

*Alix*

## Bin-end Bargains

Just in! We have three great new wines for you, all at the giveaway price of only **£6.99** each:

### Arc du Rhône

A classic Côtes du Rhône, elegant and refined.

**£2 off!**

### Aradica Cortese

Italian white.

Same grape used to make Gavi. Dry and refreshing yet textured. Great value!

**£1 off!**

### Tierras del Isasa

Spanish white

Organic Verdejo grapes. Lots of character.

**£2 off!**



*David*

## Behind the Hedges book

Lockdown was a difficult time for everyone but the Hale and Woodgreen Support Group managed to lift our spirits with the Behind the Hedge Challenge and Lockdown Limerick competition. To celebrate the creativity shown by everyone, we've produced a full colour book showing all the entries: 63 wonderful scarecrows and 29 clever and amusing limericks. This is a limited edition, in-house publication priced at £11.99 with all proceeds going to the Trussell Trust and Salisbury Hospital's Stars Appeal.

*Steve*

## Volunteers Wanted

We are currently recruiting volunteers to work in the shop. The contribution of our team of volunteers is vital to the continued viability of the business and in today's uncertain world we need to secure a bank of staff to call upon. We are very aware that the situation changes daily and staff and volunteers can easily find themselves having to isolate for many reasons. The last action we want to take is to reduce our opening hours, so staffing is a priority.

If you think you may like to offer some time please do come and have a chat to Sue or Katy.

*Julia*

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