

Happy Christmas!!!

Creaton Village Shop & Post Office Newsletter



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Christmas Stollen



Those very nice people at Wel-ford Christmas Tree Farm had given the shop a tree - thank you Will and Ella. BUT last Saturday night some high jinks resulted in the tree being dragged off towards Guilsborough never to be seen again - lights and all.

Still, we are very grateful to Shop Assistant Manager Sue Tew for the lovely lights dripping off the front of the building. You have to admit it looks great!

For some reason, the usual font for this newsletter has also disappeared. Hopefully normal service will be resumed as soon as possible!

Creaton Village Shop Christmas Opening Hours

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| Saturday | 22nd Dec | 8am - 2pm (Post Office closes at 12 noon) |
| Sunday | 23rd Dec | 8am - 2pm Collection of Joseph Morris pre-orders from 12 noon (Post Office closes at 12 noon) |
| Monday | 24th Dec | 7:30am - 4pm |
| Tuesday | 25th Dec | CLOSED |
| Wednesday | 26th Dec | CLOSED |
| Thursday | 27th Dec | 8am - 6pm |
| Friday | 28th Dec | 8am - 6pm |
| Saturday | 29th Dec | 8am - 12 noon |
| Sunday | 30th Dec | 8am - 12 noon |
| Monday | 31st Dec | 8am - 4pm |
| Tues | 1st Jan | 9am - 12 noon |
| Wednesday | 2nd Jan | 7:30am - 6pm |

In The Box or In The Hand?

You may have noticed that the Post Box has finally gone from its age-old position in the High Street and we have a brand new one outside the shop.

But, did you know that it is still better in many circumstances to hand your post over the counter in the shop?

Posting your letters in the box is the first step on their journey. However, handing them over to one of the staff means that the second step is also completed as they are then sorted into the correct bag! That way, all the letters, small packages and the franked mail that would need to be sorted at the Sorting Office are already in the right bags here in Creaton!

CCBS News

An Important Message for all Society Members Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme

If you bought shares in Creaton Community Benefit Society you will recall that you may be able to claim back some of that expenditure in tax relief. This is part of the Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS) and is a method whereby the Government supports such community ventures by offering relief to eligible taxpayers.

You may also remember that you would be unable to do this until the shop had been operating long enough to satisfy the Inland Revenue. This period of time is nearly completed and we are preparing for the next stage which is to inform the IRS who the share holders are who will be claiming.

The Society will be submitting a form detailing those shareholders who wish to claim, as indicated by ticking a box on the form you completed when buying your shares. It is some time since you completed that form and your circumstances may have changed so we would like to give you the opportunity to confirm that you wish to be able to take advantage of the SEIS.

To do this you can either send an email to Jane Kimberlin, Society Secretary societysecretary@creatonvillageshop.co.uk or write a letter to Jane confirming, addressed to the Society Secretary and hand it in at the shop.

You must respond by 4pm on Monday December 24th.

Can you help market Creaton Village Shop? CCBS is looking for a Marketing Director

CCBS is the Society that runs Creaton Village Shop and Post Office, a community shop that opened its doors last August. As the shop moves through Christmas and into the New Year, and as the razzle dazzle of that period becomes a glimmer of a memory, CCBS want to continue to build the shop into something special for the communities of Creaton, Cottesbrooke, Hollowell and Teeton, and for its customers.

We are looking for someone with proven marketing experience in a commercial company to join the Management Committee as part of the Publicity and Marketing Team. We are keen to continue to develop our brand and build a strong digital presence that is right for the shop and for the Society.

This is a voluntary post and applicants will need to commit to Management Committee Meetings once a month (usually the second Monday evening) and the equivalent of 1 to 2 days a month in practical support, advice and guidance.

Members of the Management Committee must be members of the Society, which can be joined for a one-off share purchase of £20.

If you have the skills and experience that we are looking for, and are keen to help support Creaton Village Shop, please contact the Society Secretary, Jane Kimberlin, societysecretary@creatonvillageshop.co.uk

A Message from our Volunteer Director...

Christmas is only days away so New Year, a time for new ventures and resolutions comes close behind. The Village Shop has had a busy time of late and the members of the Management Committee like to keep me on my toes - so this time I'm on the hunt for volunteers to help keep our shop looking spic and span.

This job doesn't require till training, just a little elbow grease. If you are a willing worker and could give a thorough clean to shelves and hard-to-reach corners like the skirting boards, please get in touch. Ideally, we need people who could work a couple of hours a week, in half hour or hour-long sessions on Sunday morning or early on a week day.

Behind the counter our wonderful team of helpers serve customers and we are always looking for more volunteers to swell our number. Students over the age of 14 can cover post-school or college slots, and also help us at weekends. Our upper age limit is 120, so if you fall into that age bracket and would like to help, please get in touch.

Ask in the shop – speak to the volunteer who serves you to get the low-down on working there straight from the horse's mouth – it's a great way to support the community and it's fun. Sessions are 2 hours long – longer if it fits in with your day. Our timetable allows for great flexibility.

For more details please ask in the shop or contact me, Patsy, on 07876 690348 or volunteers@creatonvillageshop.co.uk

A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you for supporting Creaton Village Shop and we look forward to serving you in 2019!