

Creaton Village Shop & Post Office

February 2019

Comings.....

and Goings



Bev French brings a lot of experience having worked for several years at Gulisborough Post Office as well as time served at the Post Office in West Haddon, where she lives. Bev is married to Andy, an Independent Financial Advisor and they have two grown-up children.

Bev says that she gets on well with everyone “although it may take me a little while to know all your names—and your secrets!”



Andy Fox is our other new member of staff. Andy lives in Creaton having moved here in 2017. He has experience in shop, pub and kitchen management but currently he works as a Registered Mental Health Nurse, a job he will continue to fit in round his shifts in the shop.

Andy is a lifelong supporter of Leicester City, plays the guitar and likes to run. He is also planning to become an aromatherapist.

Creaton Village Shop has lost both Sam and Myra, who have been with us since before we opened but are now moving on to other things. Along with Sue, they have been with the shop from before it opened and we are sad to see them go. On behalf of CCBS and the customers, we wish them well.

We have been very fortunate to fill these vacancies very quickly and warmly welcome Andy and Bev.

In the meantime it will not have escaped your notice that a very familiar face has been appearing behind our counter. Sylvia Winter, clearly missing the contact with the public has been helping us out during the staff changeover. We are very grateful to her for stepping in and for helping with the training.

The shop operates with one paid member of staff and one volunteer on duty all the time. At the moment the paid worker is trained to work on the Post Office counter leaving the volunteer to look after the shop sales including the lottery. We are however training some volunteers to work on the Post Office side as well.



From left to right, Sam, who left us in January, Myra who left us in early February and Sue.

Our new Director of Marketing

Creaton Community Benefit Society is very pleased to welcome Adi Clark on to the Management Committee. Adi joins us as Marketing Director, taking some of the work off Richard Hollingum, who remains as PR Director.

Adi has worked in marketing for over 25 years and recently joined Yours Clothing in Peterborough. He is married with two sons and they have lived in Creaton for almost 17 years.

Adi is an enthusiastic cyclist and enjoys the occasional pub quiz. He also helps out with the promotion of Creaton in Bloom, including looking after their Facebook page.

Adi was co-opted onto the CCBS Management Committee at the January meeting. His position will up for election at the next AGM.

Calling for more volunteers

One of the many ways we strive to keep the costs down in Creaton Village Shop is to collect our own stock from the various suppliers. Some companies will deliver, such as the milk, bread and meat, but for a lot of the things you see on the shelves we have to go off to the cash and carry to keep the shelves full.

This is usually done by Simon our Operations Director but he could really do with a helping hand—literally.

We are looking for volunteers on an ad-hoc basis, who would be able to go with Simon and help with the purchases, getting them into the car and out again at the Shop and then helping to put the new stock on the shelves. Trips usually take up a morning.

We are also looking for volunteers for occasional trips to Brixworth to pick up the sandwiches. At the moment we do this three times a week and get them to the shop as early as possible.

If you feel that you could help with either of these, please contact Patsy, our Volunteer Director, by email to volunteers@creatonvillageshop.co.uk or by phone on 07876 690348.



The Break-In

Creaton Village Shop & Post Office was broken into on the evening of Sunday January 20. The thieves got away with some cigarettes and some cash. They broke in through the back of the premises and attempted to get into the safe but failed.

The Police responded to the alarm and were on site within 10 minutes though by then the thieves were long gone.

It appears that they spent some time on the land behind the shop as they forced their way into Tom and Alan Gil- lot's sheds and took some of their tools.

Despite the disruption, the shop was open as usual on Monday with very limited Post Office services available but by the Tuesday morning everything was up and running.

CCBS are increasing the security measures in the building.

Currying Flavour

THIS WEEK!!

Come and try these delicious new curry sauces. Sampling sessions

Friday February 8th from 11am to 1pm

Saturday February 9th from 10am to 12noon



Fancy something a bit warming and tasty? Creaton Village Shop now stocks a range of tasty chilled curry sauces.

Designed to satisfy the most discerning curryholic these eight fresh chilled curry sauces have been developed by Lodue Miah who runs one of the Top 100 curry restaurants in the country.

Lodue had been repeatedly asked by diners why the curry sauces available in supermarkets never tasted as good as those in his restaurant. Setting out to put this right, he came up with this range, all freshly hand-made and then fast chilled.

The sauces are very easy to use simply by adding to raw chicken, meat, seafood or vegetables and cook until ready.

Made only with fresh ingredients, including the herbs and spices, there are no artificial flavourings and most of the sauces are gluten free.

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Keeping a shop
and a Post Office
in the heart of
the community

Opening Times

Mon: 7:30am-6pm
Tue: 7:30am-6pm
Wed: 7:30am-6pm
Thu: 7:30am-6pm
Fri: 7:30am-6pm
Sat: 8am-12noon
Sun: 8am-12noon

**When the shop is open,
the Post Office is open.**

Sandwich and Hot Drink Deal



Did you know that we have improved our hot drinks? If you didn't, do take a look at our range of Douwe Egberts coffees together with PG Tips tea and Cadbury's Hot Chocolate. The coffee is available as black or white or cappuccino. The machine is self service but staff will be pleased to help if needed.

As well as the hot drinks we stock a wide range of freshly-made sandwiches which come from the Workhouse Café in Brixworth.

Any Hot Drink

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Any Sandwich

= £3.25

Now you can buy both a hot drink and a sandwich of your choice for only £3.25. Just the thing for early morning breakfast or to have a grab-and-go lunch.



And finally, don't forget your loved one. Creaton Village Shop has cards, champagne and chocolates—and even pizzas—for that romantic night in on February 14th.

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