

## Store Annual General Meeting

This is your opportunity to find out how the shop is doing. The meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

All villagers are invited to attend but only shareholders may vote on any proposal. To become a shareholder, and help the funding of the shop, you can purchase a £5 share certificate from Bill Watts. Email him at [bill.watts@millbrookland.co.uk](mailto:bill.watts@millbrookland.co.uk) to arrange to become a shareholder.

## Post Office Services

Keeping our Post Office was felt to be very important and the application and refitting took a great deal of time and effort by several people.

The shop is paid only a small amount for every transaction carried out. These small amounts build up and reduce the overall cost of running the Post Office.

However, after operating it as a Community Post Office for over a year, it is proving to be very costly to the shop. In fact, the shop subsidised the provision of post Office services last year by £5,500. This is not a sustainable situation and the management committee is looking into ways to mitigate this cost, which might include reducing the number of hours that the Post Office is open.

## Fresh Food to Order

Nick Else keeps the shop well supplied with fresh **fruit and vegetables**. If there is something in particular you would like, we will ask him if he can get it for you.

This Saturday (19<sup>th</sup>), Nick is setting up a stall outside the shop with an extended range of fresh fruit and vegetables. Please support this event.

**Fruit and Veg. Stall**  
**Outside the Village Store**  
**this Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
**from 8.00 a.m.**

Also, **Else the Butcher** will supply high quality meat to order.

If there is a particular type of loaf you would like from **Taylor's Traditional Bakers**, you can order that or other bakery products. Deliveries are three times a week.

## Ice Creams and Cool Drinks

We have a great range of popular ice creams and chilled drinks. Just the job when you find the weather getting just a little too hot. Our patio is there for you to use - why not buy a cold drink or coffee and settle down for a chat with your friends. We have parasols which can be erected if you need some shade.



## New Products in Store

- Rawhide dog chews to suit all sizes of dogs, from Chihuahua to Great Danes.
- More varieties of bird food squares.
- A new range of boxes of chocolates and sweets.
- Dorset honey.
- Snacks - vegetable crisps, fruit and nut bars. Some suitable for vegetarians and vegans.
- Salted caramel spread - not just good on toast! Use for decorating / filling cakes, warm some and have on your icecream, or simply be naughty and spoon it out of the jar!

## Beer & Cider Tasting

By popular demand, we are going to hold a beer and cider tasting evening. Featured will be Dorset's own Piddle Brewery with a range of beers, cider and lager.

**Beer & Cider Tasting  
at the Village Store  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
From 5.30 p.m.**

There will also be tastings of new lines from Taylors Traditional Bakers, summery focaccia breads etc. tastings of cheeses to accompany the breads, tastings of coated and flavoured cashews and other nuts, for nibbles with your drinks. Also there will be sausages from various suppliers cooked to try. Raffle during the evening. Weather permitting - outside on the newly refurbished patio area.

All items subject to availability!

## Liz is Leaving

Liz and David will be leaving the area therefore the shop will need a new Chair of the Management Committee. Please contact Liz.

## Shortage of Volunteers

There is a chronic shortage of volunteers. With regret, we may need to close the shop for periods on some afternoons.

If you would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you. We can offer you a regular shift or you could be one of our standby volunteers and fill in when we are short-staffed, whichever suits you. Full training will be given

Please call in at the store for a chat.

## Volunteers BBQ

The shop is holding a summer barbecue for volunteers, staff, their partners and those who have helped us in other ways. It will be held at 6pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July on the patio or inside the shop if the weather is inclement.

### Store Opening Hours

Monday - Friday.....07:00 – 17:00  
Saturday .....07:30 – 13:00  
Sunday .....08:00 – 10:30

### Post Office Opening Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri.....09:00 – 12:00  
Wednesday.....09:00 – 11:30  
Saturday .....10:00 – 12:00

## Help the Shop to Thrive

Here are some ways that you can help the shop to thrive:

- Use the shop regularly, even if only for an item or two
- Volunteer, either regularly or occasionally
- Suggest lines which might be popular
- Use the Post Office
- Recommend us to friends and neighbours

**The store is here for you  
Can you be here for the store?**

*Bishops Caundle Community Store*