

News from the Shop

The shop continues to trade well. The poor summer up to the middle of June left ice-cream sales down a bit but have recovered well now that the summer holidays are here. Our increased range of wines is very popular with wine sales noticeably on the increase.

Nick's fruit and vegetables continues to be popular as is the traditional bread from Taylor's.

We try to stock a range of goods to suit everyone so please let us know if you want us to stock a regular line.

We tried to stock a wider range of meat products but, although very good quality, the prices were too high. Wincanton Chilled Food now supply an excellent range of chilled products and Hunt's supply a good range of frozen food. They also supply a range of very popular **John Thorner** pies and quiches. We can always order specific items for you. Just ask Dawn or Gail.

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.

On Saturday 14th September Nick is setting up a stall outside the shop with an extended range of fresh fruit and vegetables. Please support this event.

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

**Fresh Fruit & Veg. Stall
Outside the Village Store
Saturday, 14th September
from 9.00 a.m.**

Shortage of Volunteers

Keeping the shop open for the hours that we would like is still the main problem that the shop faces. In particular, we have no regular volunteers for Friday afternoons.

Many thanks to those stepping up and doing the extra shifts. Although we have managed to fill the roster in this way, it is an unfair burden on the willing.

If you could spare a few hours a week to initially work alongside a volunteer, we are sure you would enjoy it.

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 27th September 10 to 12.
Please let Dawn or Gail know if you would like to make/donate a cake and/or help on the day.

Store Opening Hours

Monday - Friday.....07:30 – 17:00
Saturday07:30 – 13:00
Sunday08:00 – 10:30

Post Office Opening Hours

Wednesday.....13:30 – 16:30

Post Office Services

Many of you will know that the Post Office is now run by an Outreach service. Normal Post Office services are available in the shop between 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm each Wednesday.

Additional Shop Services

The shop also offers a limited bill payment service, depending on who you provider is, during normal opening hours. This is provided by the Payzone network which in turn is owned by the Post Office. We hope therefore that more services will be provided via the Payzone terminal in due course. You can also get top-ups for your mobile.

Of course, the shop still sells postage stamps and can offer cash-back. However, we can only sell the stamps for cash unless you buy goods to cover the cost of paying by card. This also applies to cash-back because the provider charges us a commission on the value of the cash as well as that of the goods you buy.

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 a little bit warm. 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.



Variety of Products

The shop is often praised for the variety and quality of what it provides. If you have not popped in lately, you may find some pleasant surprises. Products range from economy to popular brands. Many are the same price as supermarkets, being price-marked. Take a look at the range of household items. There is also a good choice of frozen food.

We have increased the range of sweets, biscuits, snacks and cakes, as well as the new wines: reds, whites and rosés. Thorner's pies and quiches are proving very popular. You will find new flavours in cold milk shakes and soft drinks, with a wider choice in low sugar drinks.

Help the Shop to Thrive

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

- Use the shop regularly
- Volunteer, either regularly or occasionally
- Suggest lines which might be popular
- Recommend us to friends and neighbours
- Play the shop lottery
- Become a shareholder

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 to arrange to become a shareholder.

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 23rd August on the patio or inside the shop if the weather is inclement.

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

Bishops Caundle Community Store