

News from the Shop

Welcome to our autumn newsletter. We hope that you have all had a good summer and survived the heatwaves! We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who kindly worked extra shifts to cover holidays. Also a big thanks to our customers for continuing to support the shop for without you there would be no village shop.

The shop has seen big changes in the last year. We have both a new manager and a new committee. The shop has close ties with the Plunkett organisation who have negotiated a special arrangement between Morrisons and community shops. This means we can offer a much wider range of grocery items. Just tell us if you think there is a line that would be popular with customers and we will see what we can do.

Our Suppliers

Oxford's Bakery supply fresh baked bread to the shop several times a week. If there is a particular type of loaf you would like, you can order that or other bakery products.

Wincanton Chilled Food supply an excellent range of chilled products including generously filled sandwiches.

Else Family Butchers of Stalbridge supply delicious pies and other pastry products.

Munchies/Bakewise supply a range of cakes, biscuits and longer life bread products.

Foots Eggs are a local supplier of top quality farm eggs.

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 range of frozen food including **pizzas**, burgers and vegetables.

We have increased the range of sweets, biscuits, snacks and cakes and now stock delicious goodies from our own village cake producer and baker, Meghan of Caundle Cookies.

Halloween Lucky Dip bags will be available in store from Monday 6th October.

Ice Creams and Drinks

If you have not been in the shop lately, you might like to know that there is a seating area next to the book swap. Maybe meet up for a chat, snack and coffee?

We have a great range of popular ice creams and chilled drinks as well as new wines: reds, whites and rosés. You will find new flavours in cold milk shakes and soft drinks, with a wider choice in low sugar drinks

We will soon be able to provide tea, coffee and hot chocolate to drink in store or to take away.

We hope that there will still be some fine dry days this autumn. 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?

Additional Shop Services

You can still buy postage stamps from the shop. Regrettably there is no longer a cash-back facility available. The shop still provides a dry-cleaning service. If you leave your clothes with us, we will let you know when they are ready for collection. Normally this takes about a week.

Shortage of Volunteers

Keeping the shop open for the hours that we would like is still the main problem that the shop faces. Yes, the shop has remained open for the published hours but only because current volunteers have done extra shifts. If you could spare a few hours a week, initially working alongside a trained 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 shop for a chat or contact Nic on the above telephone number or email.

Young People

Are there any youngsters out there working towards a Duke of Edinburgh award? If so, there are many things you could do in the shop to fulfill your volunteering requirements. We have had D of E candidates in previous years and would be happy to take more. So if you, or anyone you know, is working towards a D of E award, please get in touch with Nic, our shop manager.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are planning to hold an event in November. Please let Nic know if you would like to make/donate a cake and/or help on the day.

Store Opening Hours

Monday - Friday.....08:00 – 17:00
Saturday08:00 – 10:30
Sunday08:00 – 10:30

Post Office Opening Hours

Wednesday.....14:00 – 15:45
Friday.....14:00 – 15:45

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 2.00pm and 3.45pm each Wednesday and Friday.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Monday 17th November

10-12 in the shop

**All donations to Macmillan to support
people living with cancer**

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 the shop committee. To become a shareholder, just email the shop at bishopscaundleshop@gmail.com.

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

Bishops Caundle Community Store