

HAPPY SECOND BIRTHDAY!

On 4th August the Galleries Shop & Café celebrated its second complete year of trading. Hasn't time flown! A free glass of prosecco and a piece of birthday cake (courtesy of Penny Blamey who makes many wonderful cakes for the shop) were on offer to anyone helping us celebrate.

Some statistics below:

- ◆ We sold over **15,000 hot drinks** this last year
- ◆ Customers now spend on average **£5.07** each visit
- ◆ **133 families** use the Reverse Credit scheme and find it useful
- ◆ We have awarded **64** of our **£5 reward vouchers** to those shoppers hitting the £500 mark.
- ◆ And thanks to everyone's custom and our excellent corps of volunteers, we were able to increase our **turnover** by **33%** in our second financial year.

There WILL be a surplus again for FLISCA to spend on community projects.

BORROW BAGS!

We are glad that our borrow bags are so popular – anything that reduces the use of plastic bags - but do bring them back as we are now getting quite low!



A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

The shop could not exist without our enthusiastic team of volunteers who contribute almost 150 man/woman hours on the shop floor per week. It says a lot for our two communities of Freshford and Limpley Stoke that so many people give up so much time to ensure the running of the shop.

Naomi AFFLECK
Bridget BAKER
Christian BAMBER
Krissy BAMBER
Jenny BARKER
Jim BARKER
Mary BATEMAN-WANG
Joan BENFIELD
Jamie BENJAMIN
Janet BISHOP
John BLAKE
Penny BLAMEY
Richard BLAMEY
Erin BLAND
Ann BOUCHER
Sally BREEDEN
Graham BROOKS
Stuart CAMPBELL
Deborah CHALLINOR
René CLOSUIT
Georgie COULING
Mary CROSTON
Peter DAVIS
Sue DAVIS
Gitte DAWSON
Caroline DEAKIN
Hugh DELAP
Maureen DELAP
Margaret DODGE
Sophie DUTORDOIR



Susannah DUVAL
Enid EVANS
Jane GOWER
Candy HARRISON
Penny HARWARD
Beata HØST
Tabitha HUTCHISON
John JENKINS
Steph JENKINS
Graham JENKINSON
Judy JENKINSON
Peter KING
Sue KING
Patrick LAWBRANCE
David LINDOP
Jenni MITCHELL
Rachel MOORE
Orla MORRISH
Charlie MURRAY
Mike NEWBY
Steph NOBLE
Gay O'REILLY
Alison ORME
Barbara PAINE
Tom PECK
John PETTIT
Lizanne PETTIT
Jan PITT
Elayne RICHARDS
Heather RIDEOUT
Ann ROBBINS
Florence ROTHMAN
Annette SHARP
Mary STANHOPE
Maria STEVENS
Jackie TOLLIT
Alison UNDERDOWN
Fran USHER
Philippa WOOLFREY
Sheila WYATT

Volunteering is fun! Pick up a leaflet at the shop that tells you more about it.

WEEKEND CLOSING AT 12.30 ALWAYS



We have tested longer Saturdays – offering lunches into the bargain – but it hasn't really paid off. It's always really quiet between 1 and 2! Therefore, from now on the shop will shut at **12.30 pm** again on Saturdays. To make closing times easier to remember, we are making Sundays half an hour longer, so closing time will be the same all weekend

including bank holiday Mondays – at **12.30 pm**.

BUT there will be **bacon butties** still on Saturday mornings!



NOW ON OUR SHOP WALLS

Two artists share our shop walls this month – you may know both through their work on King Bladud's Pigs in Bath. **Jane Veveris Callan** in Bath painted "Country Pignic" which is on the shop terrace. Jane is exhibiting



prints of a series of original ink and coloured pencil drawings entitled HAPPY GARDEN.



Charlotte Moore in South Stoke also painted three King Bladud's pigs. She has brought us three large oil paintings, a monoprint and an aquatint etching. Do come and have a look – both painters' work is for sale, and prices are posted.

We are hoping that **Sonia Follows** or **Hedevig Blakstad**, both in Freshford, will be next. Do contact the shop if you would like to display your work or want to suggest someone else who should.

LIVE OFF THE SHOP ENTIRELY?

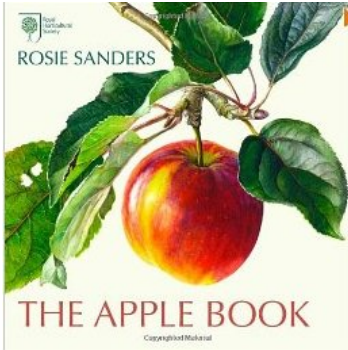
Quote from a customer: *"We had an amazing meal over the weekend with everything from the shop. A truly incredible quiche, a packet of salad, plus vine tomatoes with mozzarella cheese and sage from the herb garden, and an interesting loaf of bread - walnut I think it was. Washed down with a really lovely bottle of Pinot Grigio, I think it was £4.99. And Oven to You pastry for dessert.*



Why not ask customers to submit their amazing meals - on a postcard - made entirely from Galleries range?

Well, why not? Are you one of our residents who have discovered that you CAN survive without visiting the supermarket? Please let us have your ideas!

APPLE DAY – SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER



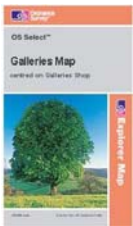
The Galleries Shop Apple Day will be on **Sunday 9th October this year, from 11 am to 2 pm**, courtesy of the Greener Together Group. Again this year you can bring your apples and take away a bottle or two of juice (not necessarily made from YOUR apples!).

There will also be apple recipes to taste and to buy, children's activities, and help with identifying your apples. The Shop's Apple Book is available to borrow even now.

Do you have apple trees you never get around to picking? **Call the shop on 723249** – we may be able to find volunteers to pick them! Do you have so many that you might like to do your own pressing? Call us, we might be able to make a press and crusher available for a weekend.

Would you like to help PICK apples? This can be a nice family day out! Tell us!

OS MAPS – WITH GALLERIES IN THE MIDDLE



We have **OS Explorer Map 155** - the 1:25,000 scale walking map that Freshford and Limpley Stoke are on (at **£9.95**) but which also includes Bristol and Bath and therefore doesn't go very far South and Southeast.

To make up for that, we have also had a map specially printed - same scale - but centred on the Galleries Shop! That map goes as far east as Corsham and Trowbridge and as far south as

Beckington and Westbury. This **site-centred map** is obviously rather more expensive - at **£22.50 each**.

PIEMINISTER PIES – AT LAST

Our shop now stocks Pieminister pies from Bristol – something many have been waiting for. Their makers say: "free range chirpy chickens, carefree cows, smiley sheep and perky pigs help us make our lovely food". There are both savoury and sweet pies, and both individual portions and ones to share. See <http://www.pieminister.co.uk/> for an amusing website. And tell us what you think of them!



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OPENING HOURS

Shop and café: Monday-Friday 8-6, Saturday 8.30-12.30, Sunday 9-12.30.

Post Office: Tuesdays and Fridays 9-1