



SHOP NEWS

June 2011

GOODBYE ANDY!



A crowd of 30 volunteers said goodbye to Andy our first apprentice at the shop last month. He gained his retail qualification as



planned, learned a great deal and made many friends! We are sure he will find a suitable job soon.

Meanwhile, we are looking for a new apprentice – see below:

NEW APPRENTICE WANTED

We now seek a NEW full-time apprentice who will work 40 hrs per week over 5 days including weekends. A local youngster would be best – if you know of anyone, please encourage them to apply!

This role would suit a **16-24yr old**. It is on an apprenticeship wage of **£120 per week** on a **12-month contract**. The candidate will be trained on a Retail Level 2 Apprenticeship including Key Literacy & Numeracy Skills.

Candidates are welcome to visit the shop to find out what it might be like. Applications are handled by **First4Skills Ltd**. Call **Jason on 0845 071 9011** for an application form and further details, or email him on **jason.parry@first4skills.com**.

10% OFF EVERYTHING MONDAY

This is happening again next on **Monday 6th June** and again on **Monday 4th of July**. A good day to stock up at lower prices!

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LONGER SATURDAYS – A TEST



Saturdays are always very busy – so we are trying to stay open a little longer for three test weekends in June to fit everyone in.

We will be open **until 2 pm on 11th, 18th and 25th June**. If the customers keep coming until then, we will make it permanent – and perhaps even offer lunches on that day.

GREAT BRITISH MENU – ON BBC2

Several of our customers and volunteers DID actually 'star' on the Great British Menu with celebrity chef André Garrett – in the evening of Friday 6th May. Many saw the program – others were sorry to miss it. We tried to get a copy to put on our website – alas the BBC wanted £6000 for a five-minute clip!



COMING TO OUR SHOP WALLS



Next on our shop walls will be paintings by local artist Ali Greenwood whose pictures cover a wide range of subjects.

They will be replacing Jim Robin's popular "Trees of Life" which will stay up until about the middle of June.



At about the same time – from **Sat 11th to Sun 19th June**, an exhibition of paintings and sculpture can be seen 'next door' – at Wheat Paddock Barn, at the other end of the playing fields from the shop. Artists represented are **Jan Pitt, Alison Harrison, and Anna Shutt**, already well known locally (and elsewhere!)

CHARCOAL FROM OUR OWN WOODS

This charcoal – for sale in the shop – comes from Stoke Wood just over the A36 where Karen and Adam of the Heartwood Project are 'reviving the pulse of the woodland culture' with the help of a grant from the Cotswold Sustainable Development Fund. They run occasional courses in charcoal making and greenwood work and hope to offer activities and exploration days for children and young people. See their interesting website at www.heartwoodproject.co.uk.



BORROW BAGS!

The shop's guiding principle is "**reduce reuse recycle**" so we are very reluctant to offer our customers NEW plastic bags. Customers often bring us USED plastic bags, but sometimes we run out. We don't want to be unhelpful to that lovely customer who has just done a big shop but forgotten their bag – so we now also have some "borrow bags" – bags made of leftover material which customers can borrow for the day and return the next time they come in. Or strong paper shopping bags for 15 p each.



RECYCLE YOUR TETRAPAKS

Tetrapaks CAN be recycled but neither of our two Councils collects them from the doorstep. A kind volunteer whose journeys regularly take her past a recycling station is now running our own TetraPak recycling scheme for us. A **TetraPak box** has been placed by the back of the shop, visible from the entrance, where customers can put their tetrapaks – ideally flattened.



LUNCH AT THE CAFÉ



We've made more room for our café as it is now so popular. Our café's summer menu includes delicious home-made quiches and salads, as well as paninis. And **cream teas** are back – every Friday between 3 and 5.

Working from home? A great place to go for a break. You can even bring your laptop as there is WiFi in the shop.

TWO NEW LOCAL CHEESES



Fresh Ewes
Cheese
150g pots



Old
Demdike
400g rounds

These two cheeses come to us from Manor Lodge, Litton, Radstock. They are very popular – ewes cheeses even form part of some non-dairy diets.



Tapwater.org encourages people to drink tap water – rather than buy water in plastic bottles. They have put us on their Internet map – as we are

happy to refill anyone's drinking bottle from our tap.



FROZEN 'FRESH' FISH

We have found a good source of frozen 'fresh' fish, eg tuna and salmon steaks, haddock kipper and plaice fillets, prime rainbow trout, and smoked mackerel.

Find them in our freezer by the entrance.

THE ALPACA BABY IS HERE

Visitors to the shop have enjoyed looking at the lovely four alpacas in the field opposite. One of them was pregnant – now the baby is here! But it's moved closer to home as it needs keeping an eye on: find it along Sharpstone Lane now.

Picture by Bridget Baker, Freshford's 'court' photographer, who never fails to record important happenings in our villages!



BAREFOOT BOOKS



Did you know that one of the founders and still editor-in-chief of the very popular and successful children's book publishers Barefoot Books lives in our midst? That's where our range of beautiful children's books comes from – donated for the benefit of the community.

Barefoot Books is about a whole way of life. There is a wonderful website, www.barefootbooks.com.

THE BIG VILLAGE FETE

The Freshford and Limpley Stoke joint Summer Fete takes place on **Saturday 11th June, 2-5 pm**. Falconry display, bouncy castle, tug o'war, BBQ, and lots more.

The Manager and Committee thank you for your continued support!

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OPENING HOURS

Shop and café: Monday-Friday 8-6, Saturday 8.30-12.30, Sunday 9-12.

Post Office: Tuesdays and Fridays 9-1