

April 2011

## BEST IN THE SOUTH-WEST!

Our BathNES councillor Neil Butters kindly nominated the Galleries Shop for the **Countryside Alliance Village Shop Awards**. They checked us out and voted us best in the South West! They liked us for selling so many local goods and for the friendly community atmosphere in the shop. Here are Sunday volunteers Bridget and Elayne advertising the fact.



We MAY yet win Best Village Shop nationally – at a House of Lords ceremony. By the time you read this we will know.

We also came second nationally in the Telegraph Magazines Small Shop awards. Christine our manager had nominated us.

## 10% OFF EVERY FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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off

Remember it's **10% off everything every first Monday of the month** – 4<sup>th</sup> April is just coming up, then 2<sup>nd</sup> May (a bank holiday) will be next.

A great time to bring someone NEW to the shop – we know there are still local people who haven't yet set foot inside! Bring someone along

... and a free cup of coffee for both you and a new customer!

who hasn't yet been and **enjoy a free cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate** with them. We will make them as welcome as we can! **This offer is valid for the next two months – until the end of May.**

# GET A LIFT TO THE SHOP

Call the shop on **any Monday** and we will come to pick you up in the afternoon and give you **a lift to the shop**. Come to shop, or just for a coffee and a chat! Call us on **723 249** and we will put you in touch with your chauffeur who will also take you home again afterwards. We can also deliver your shopping if you need us to – any day of the week.

## EASTER

We have a good selection of chocolate eggs for your Easter hunt and other festivities.

But PLEASE NOTE that this year we will be **SHUT for EASTER SUNDAY**, and there will be **NO NEWSPAPERS** on that day.

We wish all our customers a very Happy Easter.



## LONGER BANK HOLIDAY HOURS

Four bank holidays are coming up – and as an experiment we will stay open an hour longer than usual – that is, **from 9 am to 1 pm** (but not long enough for lunches). On the wedding bank holiday we will stay open all day – and hope even to have a TV screen in the shop so no-one need miss anything.

We will be considering bank holiday and weekend hours generally in the next few weeks, so would be very grateful for your views – see contact details at the end.

### BANK HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Good Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9-1
Easter Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9-1
Royal Wedding Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9-6
May bank holiday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9-1

## CAFÉ DEVELOPMENTS

Krissy Bamber, one of our key volunteers, has taken on an extra role as part-time café manager – and is tackling the job with great energy. The café menu is expanding – special Galleries salads are back for the summer at £4.95 with fresh bread. The popular paninis will continue. A hot cabinet is coming so we will be able to offer warm sausage rolls, quiches, pasties, pies and even bacon sandwiches. Do try us for lunch!



Cream teas will be back every Friday from May.

The café also now offers a lunchtime sandwich service to local companies. Call Krissy on 720005 or email her on [cafe@galleriesshop.co.uk](mailto:cafe@galleriesshop.co.uk) for details.

Some notice is obviously required.

## WINES OF THE MONTH AT £4.99



We now carry a regular supply of good-quality low-cost wines – different all the time – carefully sought out by enthusiastic volunteer Richard Blamey – all at £4.99 a bottle. They have been so popular that they have taken over two thirds of our wine rack.

We are now looking to populate the last third with a good selection of special up-market wines and – if our customers like them – we hope to offer those by the case of 6 at reduced cost. Please contact us if you have views about what wines you would like to find in our shop.

## REMEMBER THE SUGGESTIONS BOOK

These wholemeal crackers are the result of a request from a special customer. It took us a while to track them down and we are now the only local shop that carries them! They are generally popular.



If YOU have a particular request – do try us. The suggestions book is always available at the shop and if you leave your contact details we will get back to you with the result of our researches.



We also now stock a selection of reading specs – some brightly coloured!

## MUSHROOMS WITH ZERO FOOD MILES



Our mushrooms – large Portabella mushrooms and small closed-cup ones – come from Dorset Down Mushrooms – a small family business near Sherborne, run by George and Nicola Pointing.

We discovered them at the Bath Farmers Market and persuaded George to stop off

at our shop on his way there very early every Saturday to deliver to us.

Therefore, the mushrooms are freshest – straight from their mushroom fields – on a Saturday! They do just about last until the following Friday but if you want them at their best, Saturday or Sunday morning are the times to come.

At Bath Farmers Market George always has some mushrooms for tasting – cooked on site in just a little butter – and they are delicious. He has also given us some very nice mushroom recipes, copies of which are available from the shop and, soon we hope, downloadable from [www.galleriesshop.co.uk](http://www.galleriesshop.co.uk), our website.

## WIFI – ALSO AT THE HALL

We have WIFI at the shop and welcome anyone who wants to use their laptop at the shop over a cup of coffee – either if just visiting or possibly when having Internet problems at home. By adding an extra booster we've made our wifi connection also usable from the Village Hall, serving both the Pre-School and anyone needing Internet access while using the Hall.

## DID YOU KNOW ...

... that the Freshford Inn now specially welcomes locals every Friday evening – with a selection of **free bar nibbles from 7 pm onwards**? It's lovely to have a busy popular pub back at last – Friday evenings at the Inn are now almost as crowded as the Hop Pole!



## RED NOSE DAY

Thank you all for your support at Red Nose Day at the shop. We were pleased to be able to contribute **£25** to the Fund.

## THE GREAT BRITISH MENU – ON BBC2



The production team of the BBC2 series the Great British Menu spent a day at the shop filming last November with celebrity chef André Garrett. The programme featuring André goes out in the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May. Will the shop actually be in it? We can't be sure!

Amazing how much effort goes into every little clip...

## PRICE CHECK REVISITED – 6% IT IS!

We have rechecked all the prices in our shopping basket comparison – and found that the price difference between Sainsburys and the Galleries Shop – for strictly comparable items – remains at **6%**. Less than the cost of petrol for a £20 shopping trip! And the Coop continues to come out rather more expensive than Galleries Shop & Café. See our website for details.



*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