

October 2016

MEET OUR NEW MANAGER

We are happy to announce that we have a new Shop and Café Manager who is probably already known to many of you: **Julie Forster**. She lived in Freshford for a few years (during which time she worked briefly as a shop and café volunteer) and now lives in Hinton Charterhouse. She started with us in mid-September.

Julie has wide-ranging experience – and is incredibly widely travelled. Her most recent role (for the last four years) was at **Iford Manor**, helping to run **Iford Teas**, which we sell in the shop and serve in the café. She has also helped out from time to time in **By the Way**, a gift shop in Bradford-on Avon.

Julie has hit the ground running! Her retail experience is limited but she knows our community well. We have no doubt that she will pick up the intricacies of our shop and café quickly, helped by our existing team and our many now very experienced volunteers.



NEXT FLISCA GRANT ROUND



FLISCA - the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Community Association which owns the shop, receiving rent and any surplus - invites applications for grants for community projects NOW - **the deadline is 15th October.**

FLISCA has distributed over £25,000 for local projects in the seven years since the shop opened. This picture shows the very first such project - **painted pavements** between Limpley Stoke and Freshford which created safer routes to school. Wiltshire County Council put these in when the villages were able to make a financial contribution.

The 15th October deadline applies only to grants for more than £250. Applications below that sum can be made any time of the year. Please see the FLISCA page on our [shop website](#) for more detail.

MORE GALLERIES SUPPER CLUBS



Supper clubs are on a roll with the next one being another delicious **North Indian** meal by **Taj Manu-Scott** on **Wednesday 19th October**, a repeat **Vegetarian Feast** from the **Free Range Chef** on **Saturday 12th November** and a **delicious meal by Vito**, well known to many from when he managed our Café, on **Saturday 17th December**.

Delicious meal that you can actually walk to, with the cost kept down because you may bring your own drinks.

TENNIS SUPPLIES



We apologise for running out of tennis supplies recently !

Slazenger Wimbledon **tennis balls** – at **£5.95** for a tube of four - are back in stock, and the Tennis Club have replenished our box of tokens for the tennis court lights.

You can recycle your used tennis balls at the shop - dog walkers are always keen to have them.

ART ON OUR WALLS: AMY YATES

The colourful town scenes currently on our shop and Café walls are by **Amy Yates** who is based in Frome. Amy was born in Bath, went to school in Radstock and studied art at the **Hertfordshire College of Art and Design**. She has become widely recognised for her highly personalised style of painting, producing many particularly striking and colourful images of local buildings and townscapes. There are also images of Pembrokeshire, Devon and Cornwall, where she travels regularly in her camper van with her two children and a dog.

From 12th November and over Christmas our wall space will be shared by Catherine Beale and Julia Trickey.



OUR NEW TEA SUPPLIER – A LOCAL TEENAGER!



The **Leafy Tea Company** supplies a variety of interesting teas, ranging from Coconut to Camomile and Lavender Infusion to Spicy Chai and Moroccan Mint – as teabags in packs of 20, at **£2.95**. But the really remarkable thing is that this company was set up by 16-year-old **April Collins in Hinton Charterhouse** – while studying for her GCSEs at Monkton Combe School! She imports her teas from India and the Far East and packages them herself at home, for sale in farmers' markets, fetes and local shops. Just look at her very attractive [website](#)! She has won an industry Award for Enterprise.

WE NEED A NEW SHOP CHARITY - HELP DECIDE



Every year we choose a new shop charity. Officially, this merely allows the chosen charity to place their collection tins by our tills, no more. In fact, however, each year the chosen charity has had a strong champion so that extra funds were raised in many different ways. A particularly good example was our outgoing charity, **Alzheimer's Society**. The final event was a **Memory Walk** - see picture with Candy, Pam, Alison and Steph who took part - and which in itself raised £1015, bringing the total for the year to **more than £5500!**

It's now time to choose a new charity. The following four have been nominated:

Sanitation First - nominated by Louise Kirby-Garton

Dorothy House - nominated by Hugh Delap

Support our Paras - nominated by our café apprentice Cheyenne Ladd

Mary's Meals - nominated by Mary Stanhope.

Voting slips are available at the shop - which also give you a bit of detail about each of the charities. **Make sure you have your say!** Votes must be cast by **Sunday 16th October**.

THE GALLERIES "O RANGE"



We try to accommodate customer requests for specific brands of goods - for which reason we often carry more than one version of a particular product. Fortunately, we have the shelf space to do this.

However, we are particularly concerned about those of our customers who are on a tight budget or who just want to watch the pennies. We have identified some **40 very popular items** and made sure that we stock lowest-cost versions of them. This is our **Galleries O-Range** - our range of ordinary everyday products at the lowest price possible. You can easily recognise these products by their **Orange labels!**

Pick up a list of these products at the till.

Note that we have also started highlighting our **gluten-free** products, a list of which is equally available from the till; and we plan to do the same with the organic products we sell.

DO YOU HAVE A REVERSE CREDIT ACCOUNT YET?



We now put every **Reverse Credit receipt of £5** or more in a special container - and at the end of each month we get a young customer to pull out a winner. The prize is a **£20 café voucher!**

A **Reverse Credit Account** is the convenient way to pay! You set the amount you wish to pay into the shop each month - and you can then spend it in the course of the month. No need to carry cash! If you end up spending more than you allowed for, topping up your account with a credit card is easy. **Get an application form from the shop.**

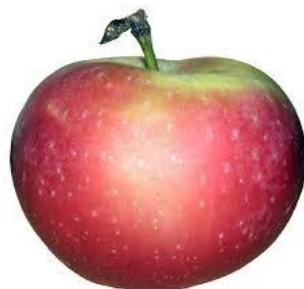


Apple Day

on Sunday 9th October

11am – 2 pm on the Galleries Shop terrace

- bring along your apples and empty clean screw-top bottles
- help us work our crusher and presses
- help fill and label bottles
- leave with your own freshly pressed apple juice!
- or just come and join in - and buy some of the most delicious and local apple juice available
- consult our Apple Bible to identify unusual apples and view our display of 25 or more local apple varieties



To allow sufficient time for pressing and juicing please be sure to **bring your apples before 1pm.**

Everyone welcome

NOTE: If you want to organise your own apple juice pressing, you can hire our crusher, press and pasteuriser for a day for £10. Call **Gary Parker** on **720251** or [email](mailto:gary.parker@galleriesshop.co.uk) him.

Also, if you have nice **eating apples** to spare even now – why not donate them to the shop to sell? They are always very popular with customers!

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Opening hours

Shop: Monday-Friday 8-6, Saturday-Sunday 9-3

Café: Monday-Friday 9-4, Saturday-Sunday 9-3

Post Office: Tuesday and Friday 9-1