

December 2016

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Both our shop and café have got busier – and we feel we need two volunteers on duty at any time, in addition to the paid staff. We want to avoid queues and have the shelves well stocked with what our customers want to buy. With our current shift pattern, this means that we need 48 volunteers doing a shift once a week.

### Can YOU spare a few hours once a week?

Working in the shop and café is fun! Tasks may include (but none are obligatory):

- working the till
- baking bread and pastries (from frozen)
- receiving and checking deliveries
- restocking shelves
- checking use-by and best-before dates
- serving café customers and/or clearing tables
- helping with food preparation
- checking chiller temperatures
- allocating newspapers to customers in the morning and parcelling up returns in the evening.

Generally, helping to make our shop and café as customer-friendly as possible. You can volunteer in the shop or the café – or, better still, be flexible and help out wherever needed!

If you would rather not have a specific shift but take on a particular task, such as ordering goods from a particular supplier, putting away a particular delivery or helping with data input or paperwork at a time of your choosing, that is also possible.

**Interested? Ask for an application form** and have a chat with one of our long-serving volunteers. We are flexible, and training is provided!



## NEW PLANT STALL

We now stock a range of Christmassy plants: cyclamen, hyacinths, narcissus and thyme – and mini Christmas trees - costing between **£2.30** and **£5**, all beautifully presented with decorative sleeves.

We hope they will be popular! They come from the Barbers Nursery in Chapmanslade, near Westbury.



# LATEST FLISCA GRANTS

**FLISCA – the Freshford & Limpley Stoke Community Association** - owns the shop and distributes any surplus to community projects.

At its AGM on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the following grants were announced:

- **£250** for a new **table tennis table** in Limpley Stoke Village Hall
- **£1500** towards a **handrail** along the steep Twizzle in Limpley Stoke
- **£500** for a **special bench** in memory of Alan Dodge in Freshford
- **£704** towards **car park repairs** at Freshford Village Memorial Hall.



This brings the total amount which FLISCA has been able to spend on community projects since the shop's creation in August 2009 to **£39,200**. A success story for all of us! The next opportunity to apply for grants will be in March next year. Applications for £250 or less can be made at any time. Find more details on the FLISCA page of the shop website [www.galleriesshop.co.uk/flisca](http://www.galleriesshop.co.uk/flisca).

## DID YOU KNOW...? SOME PEOPLE DIDN'T...

- that you can use your **reverse credit** account **in the Café**?
- that you can **top up your reverse credit account by card**? That way your receipts still go into the monthly prize draw, with the chance of winning a **£20 café voucher**.
- that we send out **regular emails** to our customers to keep you informed of new products, special offers and events? Complete one of our **contact cards** if you are not already on our list.
- that you can get your **parcels delivered** at the shop if you can't be home when they arrive?
- that there is **free Wi-Fi** at the shop? Just ask for the password
- that our coffee comes from a very **local coffee roaster** (Dusty Ape in Hilperton)?
- that we often have spare bubble pack and always lots of boxes for **your shipping needs**?
- that we are **happy to deliver** your shopping if you have a reverse credit account? Just phone or email in your order
- that you can **buy** all our store-baked **loaves and pastries frozen** for baking at home when you need them?
- that we offer **dry-cleaning** and laundry services (but not shoe repair)?
- that you can buy **Galleries Shop gift vouchers** in various amounts?
- that you can order specific **Cavendish Cooks frozen meals**, including larger portions than for the usual two persons?
- that we get boxes full of **Bath Life Magazine** at the shop, available free - and recently the monthly **Bath Magazine** also?
- that we now **charge 5p for plastic bags** in line with the national campaign to reduce plastic bag waste? The 5p goes into our charity box even though new plastic bags actually **cost us 5p a piece**. We try to stick to recycled bags where we can, or let you have a "borrow bag".



# HELP WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS

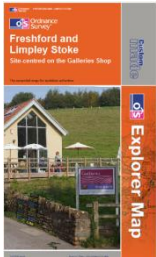
We can help you with your Christmas preparations in many different ways, including quite a selection of attractive local gifts:



**2017 Freshford & Limpley Stoke calendar** produced by Ann Boucher.

12 original local views - at **£4.50**. Post one to a friend!

**German gingerbread**, almond biscuits, stollen, marzipan and other Christmas specialities



**Galleries OS Explorer map** specially printed for the shop - with our villages in the centre of the map! Also many other maps and books with local walks.

**Mince pies** made by **Enid Evans** of Lemon Drizzle Cake fame. However she will not be making Christmas cakes this year.



Wide selection of charity **Christmas cards**. Also, two Christmas cards with

local views. And a range of attractive gift wrap, boxes and gift tags.

## Galleries Shopping bag

Strong large jute bag with Galleries logo and comfortable padded handles **£5.40**



Lots of **books by our local authors** - Alan Dodge's Freshford Book, Daniel Start's Wild Swimming books, and many children's books by local authors or from local publisher Barefoot Books



**Christmas hampers** You choose the contents, we do the arranging. Two sizes - small in a basket, large in a box

**A special bottle** We can make any bottle look special as a gift. Galleries wine can come in a presentation box for two bottles; there is also Prosecco, cider brandy, champagne and a range of special liqueurs.



**Galleries mug** - bone China, with one of Dani Affleck's designs. Find it on the café windowsill.

# CHRISTMAS FOOD TO ORDER

**Turkeys, geese or ducks;** venison; extra vegetables, cream or cheeses: we can get it all for you. Place your Christmas orders in good time! Order forms are at the shop.

Deadline for ordering turkeys: **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.** Collection is on Christmas eve or the day before, as agreed with you beforehand.



# CHRISTMAS TABLE



Check out our Christmas table by the round window! Divine chocolate Advent calendars, Amaretti biscuits, Monty Bojangles truffles, chocolates, and Dundee cakes. Mincemeat, cranberry sauce, cranberry jelly, pickled walnuts, goose fat, chutneys, nuts etc. More stock will be arriving over the next few weeks.



# KNIFE SHARPENING SERVICE



Robin Bailey of [www.sharppknives.co.uk](http://www.sharppknives.co.uk) will once again bring his knife-sharpening van to our shop for a morning on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 9-12:30**, ready to see to all your sharpening needs. He will sharpen not only your knives, but your dull scissors and your garden tools. Not saws, however. Check his website for his very

reasonable fees and all the many services he offers. Don't miss this opportunity!

# IN-HOUSE SUPPER CLUB IN DECEMBER

Vito won't after all be able to organise a supper club in December as his family are going to Italy early. But Alessandro, Jane and Cheyenne are getting together to lay on an **in-house supper club** on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.** The menu is not yet decided – but it will be three courses at £25, and you may bring your own drink. Look out for a shop email with the details.

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## Opening hours

**Shop:** Monday-Friday 8am -6pm, Saturday-Sunday 9am-12:30pm

**Café:** Monday-Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 9am-3pm, -Sunday 9am-12:30 pm

**Post Office:** Tuesday and Friday 9am-1pm

PLEASE NOTE that the shop and café will be CLOSED on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Any other Bank Holidays will open as if they were Sundays.