

Shop newsletter November 2025

You may have noticed that supermarkets and garden centres started stocking their Christmas fare during October or earlier. We have been more restrained but we will be holding our annual [Christmas tasting event](#) in the Community Room on [Saturday 22 November from 10.00 until 12.30](#). This is an opportunity for our customers to preview the products specifically purchased for Christmas such as cards, chocolates, beverages and many other things. You can also taste items that we stock all year round such as trout pates and cheeses. Many items can be ordered in time for delivery before 25 December.

Whilst mentioning fish pate, this is supplied to us by Butlers Country Estate, a Hampshire based company who make a unique product with trout sourced from the Test, Itchen and Meon rivers, some of the finest chalk streams in the World. We sell this product throughout the year with deliveries every other week. There are various flavours from dill to watercress and beetroot/horseradish. Each punnet is currently priced at £5.75. See the image below.



In addition we sell quality smoked salmon supplied from Severn & Wye Smokery, 200 gm packs at £12.

Despite the long absence of rain during the Summer months, we have enjoyed a spectacular apple crop this year. As a result, we have been overwhelmed with donations of apples, in particular, and other fruits and

vegetables available for purchase in return for a donation of whatever you wish to give the shop. Many thanks to all those who have contributed.

On the subject of fruit and vegetables, we now stock a greater variety of produce. Recent additions include peppers, squash, aubergines, sweet potatoes, melon, plums, pineapples and kiwi fruit; these are in addition to the regular stock. We want the Shop to be regarded as a destination for good quality and fresh produce. If you are unsure whether we might have a particular item, please call and check with our supervisors.

A reminder that the Community Room is available to hire at £7.50+VAT per hour and can be booked through our supervisors. Regular Yoga classes have started and the first session of the monthly book club took place a few days ago. For details, please contact on jane.baikie69@gmail.com.

Finally we are pleased to report that our 5 star food hygiene rating has been confirmed again by Basingstoke & Deane Council. This rating is important because it demonstrates that we operate at the highest standard in the preparation of our extremely popular deep filled rolls (at £2.50) and in other areas. Our thanks to our band of dedicated volunteers who prepare the rolls at the start of each weekday.

The Management Committee

Opening Hours	Shop	Post Office
Monday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00, 14.00-17.00
Tuesday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00, 14.00-17.00
Wednesday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00, closed pm
Thursday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00, 14.00-17.00
Friday	6:00 - 17:30	9:00 - 13:00, 14.00-17.00
Saturday	6:30 - 12:30	Closed
Sunday	7:30 - 10:00	Closed

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