

SIBFORD STORES NEWS LETTER

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Things are changing again at your local stop and we thought that this was the best way to keep you all advised.

MOBILE PHONE TOP UPS

We now offer electronic top ups for the 4 main mobile phone companies. If you don't know how to top up electronically please speak to one of our full time staff who will be pleased to "get you started". This is the way that the market is moving so forget paper vouchers and change to this more secure method of keeping your phone ready for action.

CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS

We can now accept payment for goods by either credit or debit card, for amounts over £10.00. This includes Visa, MasterCard, Switch, Delta & Electron.

Don't worry we're still more than happy to accept cash and cheques but we're told we must 'move with the times'.

SHOP OPENING TIMES

There seems to be some confusion over our opening times so just to clarify:

Monday to Saturday	6.00am – 6.00pm
Sundays / Bank Holidays	6.00am – 1.00pm

Please note that the Post Office is closed on Saturday afternoons although we can usually supply you with 1st and 2nd class stamps.

SIBFORD STORES OWN LABEL PRODUCTS

Many of you have already sampled our 'own label' products which currently include preserves, marmalades, lemon curd, meat accompaniments, chutneys and pickles. These are quality products which are ideal for either your own consumption or as small gifts to friends and family.

We also currently offer either a box of Biscuits or Fudge that show 4 views of the Sibfords. These have been selling fast to both locals and visitors alike and we have had to replenish our stocks. What better way to let people know how beautiful our villages are?

We will be increasing our range over the next few months so please do let us know if you have any special requests. We are also hoping to have some special lines for the festive season, which should help solve the present problems for those 'awkward' people. These will include smaller sized products, which are often very convenient for those living alone, and also some of the old fashioned confectionery lines which are very attractively packaged. (Apologies for daring to mention 'the festive season' but we have had to place some of our orders already!!)

As the warm weather marches on we are continuing to see an increase in the orders for **freshly baked bread**, especially rolls and flutes. Don't forget we are please to bake to order ; to ensure you are not disappointed, simply phone in your order and we will have it ready for you.

We have recently changed our supplier of **fresh fruit and vegetables**, which has provoked some good reports. Have you noticed a difference? Any comments are always appreciated, as this is the only way we can learn if we are getting it right.

POST OFFICE NEWS

We are constantly asked whether Sibford Post Office is affected by all the changes and closures of offices that are reported by the media. Obviously this is a concern to many people, especially those who are reliant on a local service.

The answer quite simply is that is up to you. Provided you continue to use all our services the Post Office will remain open, it really is a case of **"Use it or lose it!"**

Many of you will have heard the news that there are some increases in prices for mail, but we are please to let you know that the standard 1st and 2nd class stamps are still valid and there has been no increase at this base level. The cost is still 27p and 19p respectively. There is an increase in mail to places Outside Europe so please do check before using those 45p and 65p stamps as you will need to add to them.

The Post Office **Cheque Encashment** facility is proving very popular with those customers who bank with Co-op, Barclays, Lloyds-TSB, Cahoot and Smile banks. Don't forget that for those banks mentioned we also accept either cash or cheque deposits to personal account. We must also remember that Alliance & Leicester Girobank customers can also use the Post Office for their transactions.

Have you noticed our **new electronic postal scales**? These are sited on the customer side of the counter and tell you to within a gram of the weight of your letter. This will enable more accurate pricing of mail, which should help to speed your items through the system.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

We now undertake the deliveries in Epwell so are able to include a number of additional outlying houses. Would you like to have your paper/magazines delivered? Have you notice the number of magazine titles we now carry? Just ask if the one you want isn't on display.

For those of you who haven't heard our news:

Wedding Invitation

*Terry & Judith
Request the pleasure of*

Friends and Customers

*At the blessing of their wedding at.
Sibford Parish Church
at 3.00pm on Friday 26 July 2002.*

The reception to be held at Sibford Village Hall.

(Children are welcome at the Village Hall)

*Terry & Judith
Sibford Ferris Post Office
Sibford Ferris
Banbury
Oxon
OX15 5RG*

We do hope that you can come along and join in our day.
To assist with catering we would be grateful if you would speak
with one of us over the next couple of weeks and let us know if
you will be coming.