

VILLAGE SHOP OPENING FROM SATURDAY 16 JUNE

From Saturday 16 June, your Community Shop and Cafe will be open from 08.30 to 12.00 each day. As well as the usual newspapers, there will be a range of goods for sale which will develop as we gain experience of your preferences. There will be Henllan Bakery bread, which you can now pre-order by completing an order form on the shop counter – ask one of the sales volunteers if you need help. There will also be Thai ready meals available, which many of you have been asking for.

Visit the shop on Saturday if you can, to take a look, shop, and talk to us. Do also come to the Saturday Café in the main hall from 13.00, in memory of David Johnson, who did so much for our community. He would have been delighted to see our new Community Shop opening.

It had been our intention to open the shop from 08.00 each day, but this would have been difficult to achieve initially because of all the work involved in preparing newspapers and setting up the café and shop for sales. We will review opening hours as we gain experience – our aim is to open for longer hours as soon as we can.

Shop volunteers – including the Management Team – are being trained in preparation for shop start-up. You can be sure we will be doing our very best, but inevitably some things won't go according to plan. None of us are experts in running a shop – we are all volunteers! Patience and understanding whilst we are all learning will be appreciated: it's important for all of us to enjoy the experience, and a growing number of us will be both customers and volunteers.

If you haven't yet volunteered to help in the shop and would like to help, even if you only have a small amount of time available, and if only infrequently, do let us know, and we will accommodate you. Just give your name and contact details over the counter, and we'll get in touch with you.

Enjoy your new shop, and keep letting us know about how you think we could improve – the things we sell, the services we provide, and how you are being served.

Best Regards

Cilcain Community Shop Management Committee

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