



December 2020

CILCAIN COMMUNITY SHOP CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



**Nadolig llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
To all of our Members, Volunteers and
Customers.**

It's been a strange year but with your help, and that of the Village Hall Management Committee, the shop has been able to continue to provide a beneficial service for the community.

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Cilcain Community Shop Management Committee
Milly Riley (Chairperson), David Facer (Vice-Chairperson),
Sarah Parr (Treasurer), Lucie Skates, Duncan Hayes,
Jonathan Wells, Philip Higgins (Secretary).

Sam Fox - Manager, Di Rycroft - Assistant Manager



*Cilcain Community Shop is very grateful for support from
the community of Cilcain and these organisations*



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We have been asked to thank all the people who have been donating to the Foodbank via the box in the Village Hall. It passed the ½ tonne of donations point recently, including donations from Nannerch village and St Mary’s Church, Cilcain. The collection box was moved into the Village Hall in April when the church had to close.

“All goods collected at the various Foodbank collection boxes go to the main depot in Mold for Flintshire Foodbank and are distributed out to 8 locations across Flintshire. Having boxes in the Village Hall and St Mary’s has helped collect more food during the crisis. Flintshire Foodbank is delighted with the contributions as the effects of the Pandemic and knock-on effects on employment bite. Please keep contributing”. **THANK YOU!**

Avoiding the Christmas Queues

Measures are being put in place to reduce the potential for queueing on Christmas Eve when many people will be collecting turkeys and other lovely Christmas goodies. One of the measures being put in place is the provision of a second till. This till is an extension of our current arrangements and has all the same security arrangements to take card payments. Anyone can use this till in the main hall but please note that only card payments can be taken (contactless or Chip’n’Pin) on this till, and printed receipts cannot be issued although text or email receipts can be issued if required.

Wonderful Staff and Volunteers!

2020 has been a very trying time for everyone, but throughout the various lockdowns, the Shop has run successfully thanks to our many volunteers and the extra (several) miles that our wonderful staff, Sam and Di, have gone to.

During the first lockdown, we ran a delivery service to anyone who was shielding or self-isolating and continue to do this for the most vulnerable in the community, and those who get the ‘isolate’ text. We were delighted by the response from volunteers who stepped in to run the deliveries and maintain safe shop operations, and we were particularly impressed by the young people in our community who stepped-up to the challenge and took the deliveries out each morning, and those who helped in many ways to keep the Shop stocked and running.

The Shop Management Committee have written to the Head Teacher at the Alun School to say how pleased we were with the contribution from the young people who made such a valuable contribution. They can be justifiably proud that during a difficult, confusing and worrying time they helped to bring order and reassurance, and used some of their unexpected time off to such worthwhile, constructive effect. The Head Teacher has sent a congratulations postcard to each of the young people mentioned.

Many other people ‘rolled-up their sleeves’ to support the community and continue to do so. Thank you all on behalf of the Community of Cilcain.

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.