

2nd December 2020



CILCAIN COMMUNITY SHOP NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS



MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



If your suffering from “Lockdown Blues” then hopefully you will feel a lot better after reading the content of this newsletter. See page 2 for our Christmas Plans.



The period of time we will be able to use the Village Hall main hall as an extension to the shop, has been extended into the New Year, thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee. Hopefully, sometime in the New Year the

Village Hall can be re-opened for group activities and when that time comes we do have a plan for moving out of the main hall and back into “the shop”. There’s some procedural work to be completed to ensure that we will be able to comply with whatever rules are in place at the time.

Christmas Opening Hours (subject to volunteer availability and any other restrictions)

Thursday	24th December	Christmas Eve	08:00 to 13:00
Friday	25th December	Christmas Day	Closed
Saturday	26th December	Boxing Day	08:00 to 11:00
And every day to:			08:00 to 11:00
Sunday	3rd January 2021		08:00 to 11:00
Monday	4th January		08:00 to 13:00

We are open on New Years Day

Post Office Service

Good News - The Outreach Post Office Service mobile van will continue to be in the Village Hall car park every Monday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am until March 2021.



You might find this “Blog Post” interesting.

KIND-HEARTED VOLUNTEERS AND LOCAL PRODUCERS HELPED A PICTURESQUE VILLAGE THROUGH THE FIRST CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN.

Click on the link to find out more:

<https://tastenortheastwales.org/kind-hearted-volunteers-and-local-producers-helped-a-picturesque-village-through-the-first-coronavirus-lockdown/>



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



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Our Plans for Christmas

Christmas will soon be upon us and our “Christmas Planning Team” are busy putting everything in place to help lift our spirits up in these difficult times.



Turkey Sales as usual - various weights and also “crowns” available for collection from the Village Hall on Christmas Eve morning (time to be announced). See the list in the shop. Payment preferably by card. We can invoice you if we have your email address.

The Christmas Tree Vouchers £20, will be on sale as usual (Cash/Cheque payment only). This year you will need to take your own equipment to fell the tree of your choice.

We do have a selection of hampers (that have been selling quite well).



The “Go Green” range of wrapping we are stocking this year, includes biodegradable ribbons, bows and sticky tape, all made from renewable materials.

We also have 10m rolls of plain brown paper, and 2m rolls of printed brown paper. Both are made from recycled paper and are 100% recyclable.

In this strange times, we might not be able to meet with loved ones over the festive season. So we have sourced packaging pre-approved by the Post Office, suitable for posting gifts within the UK.

Checkout our Facebook page for more details, product updates, and of course, visit the shop.

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Annual Members' Meeting (AMM) 2020 - held on 20th September 2020

The AMM went off quite well and the online voting form proved to be well received with 100 responses, so the voting system will be the same next year, with postal votes also available.

Simon Redford retired from the Management Committee and a presentation was held in the Village Hall Garden for him and Ruth Conway during the following week. Many of you will be aware of the amount of time and effort that Simon put into getting the Community Shop established and he will be missed by all of us.

We now have a procedure in place for the distribution of a member's shares upon the death of the member. A member can also nominate a person to be entitled to receive the member's shareholding upon the member's death. It's not the sort of procedure we would want to see invoked very often but it's just one of the necessary procedures we have to have in place.

Many of you may not be aware that Cilcain Village Hall electricity, broadband and phone costs are paid for by Cilcain Community Shop Limited. This is quite a substantial sum and we are always looking to reduce these costs where possible (that doesn't mean by not switching the lights and/or heating on) and some changes have already been made.

All of the shop lighting is provided by LED tubes, resulting in a 50% reduction in electricity consumption. The uplighters in the main hall have been changed from halogen fittings to LED fittings and this will result in an 85% to 90% reduction in electricity consumption, amounting to a 44p saving for every hour the lights are on.

We were hoping to have been able to complete the widening of the shop entrance before Christmas but have not yet received approval from the Community Council for the work to proceed.

The Management Committee meets monthly using the Zoom video conferencing service.

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This year, as last year, we sponsored one month of the Village Hall Calendar

Cilcain **2021** **Calendar**

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Again, this year, we have had some fantastic photos submitted for the Calendar on the theme of 'Life In And Around Cilcain'.

Thanks to everyone who submitted prints

Our printing costs have been covered by our generous local business sponsors. (Please support them where you can).

All proceeds go towards maintaining and improving our Village Hall.

Calendars cost £8, or two for £15 and are available from the Community Shop.

Cash or cheques payable to 'Cilcain Village Hall'. You cannot pay by card, sorry!



Thank you to everyone for helping to keep the shop running, Sam, Di, Milly and Dave for keeping the shop well stocked with essential items and our customers for your patience and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment.

Websites: <https://cilcaincommunityshop.co.uk/> <https://siopgyunedolcilcain.co.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cilcaincommunityshop/>

It is important that we have your correct email address or postal address and that you inform us of any changes. You should also put the following email address in your email client's "safe senders" list - let us know if you need any help with this.

Sam: manager@cilcaincommunityshop.co.uk

Di: di@cilcaincommunityshop.co.uk

Secretary: secretary@cilcaincommunityshop.co.uk



Cilcain Community Shop Management Committee

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