

Creton Village Shop & Post Office



December 2020

The Good News is it's nearly

Christmas

and we're here to help you enjoy it!!!

Yes, Christmas has come around again, but what a relief! To help you enjoy the festive season after this hard old year, Creton Village Shop & Post Office is here to provide for your needs, on your doorstep.

You can order meats, cheeses, and all of the usual products available in the shop, as well as our additional seasonal range. We have also extended our wine range, (list inside) and there's a discount of 5% for any purchase of 6 or more bottles.

To place an order, visit our website www.cretonvillageshop.co.uk, or complete the form enclosed with this newsletter and hand it in at the Shop.

When we have received your order we shall get in touch to arrange payment. Please make sure you give us your email address and/or your phone number!

Free home delivery is available for locations within 5 miles of Creton. For deliveries outside this area, please ask for details.

The closing date for orders is **SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER**. Any questions, call on 07789 828423.

Opening times for Christmas and New Year 2020

Date	Post Office	Shop
24th Dec	7:30am - 4:00pm	7:30am - 4:00pm
25th & 26th Dec	Closed	Closed
27th	Closed	8:00am - 10:00am
28th (B/H)	Closed	8:00am - 12:00am
29th & 30th	8:00am - 6:00pm	8:00am - 6:00pm
31st	8:00am - 4:00pm	8:00am - 4:00pm
1st Jan	Closed	9:00am - 12:00pm

Did you know?



- Jingle Bells was written for Thanksgiving and not Christmas.
- Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.
- In the Netherlands, Sinterklaas, the Dutch Santa Claus, arrives from Spain, not the North Pole.
- In Germany, Poland and Ukraine, finding a spider's web on a Christmas tree is believed to bring good luck.
- With over 2,100 million children in the world, apparently Father Christmas uses Relativity Clouds to stretch time to get to them all on one night.
- Two weeks before Christmas, according to Facebook, is one of the two popular times for couples to break up. The other? Two weeks after Valentine's Day.
- The first artificial Christmas trees were made in Germany in the 19th century from goose feathers that were dyed green.

Thanks to <https://www.pastbook.com/>

Christmas Wine List

Whites

Louis Moreau Petit Chablis – France - £13.99

Fresh and vibrant, with aromas of green apples, lemon zest, spring flowers, with characteristic flint and chalk notes.

Aotearoa Sauvignon Blanc – New Zealand – £9.45

Gold medal winning Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, with flavours of gooseberry and citrus with a long rounded creamy finish.

Gavi, Castellari Bergaglio DOCG – Italy - £12.85

Top Italian wine from the famous Piedmont region, superb white with great balance of fruit and acidity as smooth as silk.

Boschendhaal Pavillion Chenin Blanc – NZ - £11.99

Exotic tropical fruit aromas with subtle guava and pink grapefruit notes, dry wine with great acidity and tropical aftertaste.

Reds

Le Versant Pinot Noir – France- £10.95

Rich Pinot perfume, lots of black fruit flavour with a smidgen of Oak on the palate. Very stylish.

Altos D'Olivia Gran Reserva Rioja – Spain -£11.60

Fabulous aged catalunyan red. Deep and rich Oak flavours, multi award winning.

Montepuluciano D'Abruzzo – Italy - £8.45

A rich and complex wine, with flavours of juicy black fruits, savoury spices and a chocolate finish.

Senora Rosa Merlot – Chile - £9.35

A full bodied and well balanced Merlot. This wine is raspberry red in colour with berry like characteristics. Easy drinking

Please use the Christmas Order Form and don't forget there is a **5% discount** for any 6 or more bottles

JOSEPH MORRIS BUTCHERS LTD
01858 575210

PRICES
PER Kg

TURKEYS

9 – 22 LB	£12.04
22 – 30LB	£9.10
30 +LBS	£6.79
BRONZE TURKEY	£14.70
TURKEY BREAST BONED & ROLLED	£13.02

COCKERELS

5 LB	£6.44
6 LB	£9.66
7- 12 LB	£11.17
FRESH DUCKS 4 – 6lbs	£9.10
FRESH GEESE 10 – 14 lbs	£16.10

PHEASANTS (BRACE)

PARTRIDGE (EACH)	£9.10
VENISON STEAKS	£4.20
VENISON JOINTS	£21.70
	£18.90

GUINEA FOWL

£8.33

BEEF JOINTS, TOPSIDES, CHINES, ROLLED SIRLOINS,
LEGS AND LOINS OF PORK.
BONELESS AND BONE IN GAMMONS, PLAIN AND SMOKED.

HOME MADE PORK PIES 1lb	£3.20
LOCAL MADE PORK PIES 2 LB	£11.20
HOME MADE PORK & STILTON PIES	
GALA PORK PIES (NO EGG)	£25.20 WITH EGG £28.00

A LARGE SELECTION OF CHEESES, PATES, SCOTCH EGGS,
HOME MADE PIES SAUSAGE ROLLS
A LARGE SELECTION OF COOKED MEATS

HAND MADE SAUSAGES AND SAUSAGE MEATS
UNSMOKED AND SMOKED STREAKY BACON AVAILABLE

PIGS IN BLANKETS

0.49p EACH £12.60 KG

Meat Orders

Christmas Orders for Joseph Morris (price list left) are being taken now - closing date is Saturday 12th December.

You can order on-line at www.creatonvillageshop.co.uk, or complete the enclosed order form and hand it in at the shop.



Merry Local Christmas

Have you spotted some new local drinks, with a seasonal twist, on sale in the Shop?

We've got gift packs from **Creaton Grange Ales**, containing two 500ml bottles of beer and a conical pint glass with stylish etched logo.



From **Saxby's** there are two new lines that have already been selling well. Their Sloe Gin Slider is a smooth blend of sweetness and sloe bitters, and Saxby's Christmas Cheer is a cider-based liqueur that tastes like a mince pie in a glass.



Go on, make merry. Cheers!

Big News! - Bigger Shop!

We are very excited to share the news that we are moving ahead with our plans to develop the Shop by adding a large, secure storage unit to the side of the existing building.

This will allow us to improve product availability as well as widening the range we stock. In particular we will be increasing the range of fruit and vegetables on offer, and in response to popular demand, every day we will be baking our own bread, baguettes, rolls, pastries, and croissants!

This investment has been made possible by the award of two cash grants. The first is £10k from the Government for supporting small businesses in response to Covid-19; the second is a further £10k grant awarded by the National Lottery Community Fund which is also prioritising Covid-19 projects. We are very grateful for these, as it means only a small proportion of the project costs will need to come from our own retained profit.

The work should be complete by mid-December. During the works, we intend to operate business as usual as far as possible, although it may be necessary to close the shop and Post Office for a short period. If we do shut, we will still provide newspapers throughout.

We hope you are as excited about this as we are! We saw how much you valued the Shop during the height of lockdown and know that extending the range and availability of products is key to keeping your custom.

Fruit & Veg News

We have extended our fruit and veg range and invested in a new fruit and veg display unit which will give us a lot more selling and storing space. You cannot miss it, by the door giving you lots of opportunity to shop before you go inside!



COVID Update

Please remember that we can still only have 2 customers in the store at any one time. The new screen has really helped as we can now serve people at the PO and Shop tills at the same time.

Bags



It's time to 'bag a bargain'. These high quality, CVS-branded jute shopping bags have recently arrived and we're selling them at a promotional price of just £1!

Creaton Village Shop & Post Office

Keeping a shop and a Post Office in the heart of the community

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Opening Times during the Covid-19 crisis

Mon: 7:30am-12:30pm
1:30pm-6:00pm
Tue: 7:30am-12:30pm
1:30pm-6:00pm
Wed: 7:30am-12:30pm
1:30pm-6:00pm
Thu: 7:30am-12:30pm
1:30pm-6:00pm
Fri: 7:30am-12:30pm
1:30pm-6:00pm
Sat: 8am-12noon
Sun: 8am-12noon

**When the shop is open,
the Post Office is open.**

Creaton Village Shop is run by Creaton Community Benefit Society Ltd (CCBS) on behalf of the local community. CCBS is grateful for the support from the organisations listed below.



LEADER Programme
North & West
Northamptonshire



**THE PRINCE'S
COUNTRYSIDE
FUND**

Supported by
The Community Business Trade Up Programme



power to
change



school for
social
entrepreneurs



**Northamptonshire
Community Foundation**
Giving back to our county



**NATIONAL
LOTTERY FUNDED**

Volunteers ^{always} Needed

So much more than a 'project'

When I first heard that the village shop was going to open and was looking for volunteers, I decided to sign up because we need a village shop and post office in Creaton and the surrounding villages and it felt like a good thing for the community to undertake.

However, working in the shop is so much more than contributing to the community. It's fun! I know things now that I might never have known: how the lottery works, what a huge and varied range of local producers we have around us, how much the Racing Post costs!

But the most important thing that I have learnt is that we live in a community of lovely people. Customers, staff and volunteers are courteous and charming and to a person, grateful that the shop is there. In these times we know that the shop and the delivery service have been a lifeline to some, and they have been generous in their words of appreciation.

With the support of our staff and volunteers the shop has come a long way in a short space of time and if you could volunteer a couple of hours a week, I guarantee you will enjoy it. However, if you can't, please do support the shop with your custom, it's a lovely and personal place to shop.

Claire Morrell, Volunteer Director
volunteers@creatonvillageshop.co.uk

Does your supermarket...



- Always offer FREE NEXT DAY delivery?
- Call back to advise of any out-of-stocks and suggest alternatives?
- Make deliveries with friendly local faces?
- Help the environment by sourcing and delivering locally?

Local is very important to us and we source our products from over 30 local producers and suppliers. !

Our deliveries are FREE (up to 5 miles) and NEXT DAY. There is no booking a slot and no minimum spend. If we have not got the item you need, we will call you to tell you and either suggest an alternative or get it for you as soon as possible.

To find out more, to check availability, or to order, call our dedicated order line: **07789 828423** or call the shop on: **01604 328877**

Did you know the Post Office holds euros and dollars? Other currencies can be ordered.