

Creaton Village Shop & Post Office



December 2019

Its nearly Christmas...

Let the Shop take the Strain

Time may be running away as the Festive Season draws ever nearer but help is at hand at Creaton Village Shop. The turkey and other meat can be something that you think about early enough, but do you have to travel far to get it? Not if you order it through Creaton Village Shop. Order your Christmas meat requirements from us, by **December 18th** and they will be delivered to the Shop for collection. The final delivery will be on Christmas Eve, but please check in the shop when you order. Supplied by Joseph Morris, who provide our regular meat and pork pies, you can be sure of excellent standards and low food miles—all the way from South Kilworth.

While you are ordering your turkey, why not to pre-order other things you will need over the Christmas period? You can order cheese, cream, bread—in fact anything that you think you will need and want to be sure that you get. Talk to our counter staff for help.



Did you know?

Five fun festive facts courtesy of factretreiver.com

- Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.
- All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.
- According to data analysed from Facebook posts, two weeks before Christmas is one of the two most popular times for couples to break up. However, Christmas Day is the least favourite day for breakups.
- According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington.
- The world's largest Christmas stocking measured 106 feet 9 inches (32.56 m) long and 49 feet 1 inch (14.97 m) wide. It weighed as much as five reindeer and held almost 1,000 presents. It was made by the Children's Society in London on December 14, 2007.

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

	Post Office		Shop	
24 th December	7:30am	1pm	7:30am	3pm
25 th December	Closed		Closed	
26 th December	Closed		Closed	
27 th December	8am	1pm	8am	1pm
28 th December	8am	12 noon	8am	12 noon
29 th December	8am	12 noon	8am	12 noon
30 th December	8am	1pm	8am	1pm
31 st December	8am	1pm	8am	1pm
1 st January	Closed		9am	12 noon
2 nd January	7:30am	6pm	7:30am	6pm

Please note that when the Post Office is closed, all financial and banking services including **cash withdrawal will not be available.**

Local Focus

Flowers!!



It cannot have escaped your notice that we now have flowers at the Shop. Local supplier Abi Shand Kydd produces these wonderful blooms and small plants from Harlestone. Abi, a florist and garden designer has a passion for creating glorious seasonal arrangements. In addition to supplying the shop Abi provides flowers for weddings and displays. To find out more go to abishandkydd.co.uk.

Was Cider with Rosie this fruity?

It used to be that cider was one of two brands, usually defined by which one your parents would allow you to drink. How far have we come? Among the ciders on the shelves at Creton Village Shop are a selection from Saxby's Cider near Wellingborough. A selection?

Yes, we currently stock five different ones—three fruit, one low alcohol and of course, the Original. I know that cider already has fruit but now you can have it with added Strawberry or Plum or that favourite of all gin mixers, Rhubarb.

Whichever you choose, the taste is great and in fact Saxby's are a Great Taste Producer having won the Great Taste Awards for more than three years in a row.

You can find lots of local beer, cider and wine on our shelves. Give it a go and drink local!



In Spain marzipan is a traditional Christmas dessert, although in Toledo, where the first written reference of this product dates back to 1512, it is eaten all year round. In Italy, particularly in Palermo, marzipan (*marzapane*) is often shaped and painted with food colourings to resemble fruit—*Frutta martorana*—especially during the Christmas season and on *Il Giorno dei Morti* (All Souls' Day) on November 2. In Portugal, where the confection was traditionally made by nuns, marzipan (*maçapão*) is used to make fruit- and animal-shaped sweets.

Creaton Village Shop

Share in our Success!

Your shop, Our Shop – Creaton Village Shop

As you may know, Creaton Village Shop has been open for more than a year now and is becoming more successful every day. If you are already a shareholder, thank you.

If you are not yet a shareholder, consider becoming part of an exciting community project, providing a valuable village amenity. By becoming a shareholder you will be supporting the shop and the community, as well as receiving regular updates, and invitations to exclusive events - and you'll be able to have your say in the future of the shop.

Shares cost £20 each and a single share entitles you to vote as part of the Creaton Community Benefit Society. Shareholders must be at least 16 years old

Why not tell your friends and family about our success and suggest they buy a share, or give them a share as a gift?

To purchase a share please complete the enclosed form.

Even if being a shareholder is not your thing, please support the shop as well as the Post Office, so we continue to have this valuable local amenity in the village. Keeping Creaton's Community Shop retains the community sense and acts as a vibrant hub for all who use it.



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Christmas - in a Basket

Stuck for a present idea? How about a Creaton Village Shop basket filled with a selection of our own brand foods? Following last year's successful hampers, this year Creaton Village Shop is offering the chance to put what you like in the basket. Choose your products and the staff will wrap it for you. Give a little bit of Creaton this Christmas!



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

Opening Times

Please see the front page for details of opening times over the holiday period. When the shop is open but the Post Office is closed, cash withdrawal services will not be available.

Normal opening times will be observed up to, and including, December 23rd. Normal hours will be resumed from January 2nd.

^{always} Volunteers Needed

This is Your Shop – Our Shop. Please help keep it that way.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to

Our vibrant volunteers

Our special staff

Our sensational suppliers

Our smashing supporters

Our capital customers

But mainly to **YOU!!!**

Keep in touch

We are keen to see and hear what you have been doing over the Christmas period. Let's have some Christmas dinner pics!!

- See what's happening by visiting www.cretonvillageshop.co.uk
- Like us on Facebook to get up-to-the-minute news
- Tell us what you think on Twitter: @cretonshop
- Send us your pictures via Instagram: cretonvillageshop

Finally....

...don't forget the brandy butter.



Did you know the Post Office holds Euros and Dollars? Other currencies can be ordered.