

Volunteers Needed

We need all the help we
can get now!

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The Shop

At Bromsberrow

July Newsletter

Environmental Issue

A Game of Two Halves!

We are familiar with this phrase related to football, but how will it apply to us as we start the second half of 2020. Certainly none of us have ever experienced a first half year like it. There is a sense of moving forward as more people return to work, “non-essential” businesses open, appointments with the hairdresser become a reality and even Test Cricket will be back in empty bio-secure venues!

From the Shop’s perspective things have never been better (not the same as problem free though!), however we are aware that we need to remain the shopping destination of choice as other options become available. One exciting development is to increase our online presence – some customers remarked that if only they could see what we have to offer they would continue to shop with us. More news to follow on that as the system is built.

In this edition we have contributions from Wendy Hooper (who is counting down to Super Saturday!), Emily Thwaite one of our volunteers, currently at home, with crusading eco-thoughts and a welcome return from Dot and Mav. There is a letter from the Parish Council on dog (poo) bags. We are pleased to announce that our first Member of the Month is Jo Davidson who receives a £25 voucher to spend in the Shop. (You’ve got to be in it[become a member] to win it!)

Our Planet and Environment - probing thoughts from Emily Thwaite

How do you address the ‘big picture’ without being seen as preaching, po-faced, hypocritical etc..?



I’m talking about the situation we’re all in - this pandemic.... And climate change..

They’re connected.

Some of you might remember me - vaguely...?! We moved to Redmarley last summer and in the autumn I started volunteering in the shop - for only a couple of hours once a fortnight, on Tuesdays. To coincide with the Newent Community bus times- an idealistic attempt to keep public transport going! After the Christmas break, I made the generous upgrade to offering my services every week (on Fridays)!

(A picture taken from Symonds Yat Rock by Emily’s daughter – our green and pleasant land!)

Anyway, every time I was in the shop I tried to refer to the world situation...

Since our first grandchild was born last November, I’ve been very concerned about the future of our Earth.

One fellow volunteer echoed the feelings of many by pointing out the destructive policies of China and the United States. So do we just give up and continue adding to all the pollution?

Another stalwart volunteer, whom I worked with often, remarked how wasteful I was with water, in contrast to my mission against single-use plastic...

So, I suppose what I’m trying to say here is - I’m not setting myself up as a ‘perfect citizen’.

I just find it all **SO** important and hope that more of us will come to the same urgent conclusions.

The world needs to change, renewing a healthy relationship with Nature.

We can start in the UK by joining the ‘Build Back Better’ movement - please write to Mark Harper (a supporter of the shop, happily) to ask him to get ‘on board’.

And check out my blog if possible, please, written throughout lockdown!

www.grandmothersquestions.blog

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As if they'd never been away!

"Hi Dot, welcome back!" "Hi Mav!" "Have you emerged, blinking into the daylight from the Lockdown, Dot, and are ok and back to normal?!" "I have, Mav and back to normal!....What day is it, what happened, did I miss anything?!" "That's great Dot, back to normal...(nothing new there then!)"

"Anyway, Dot, hasn't The Shop been doing well?" "It has, Mav, really well and lots of lovely veg. and local produce and lots of lovely new customers!"

"And Dot, a letter from your friend, Mrs. Trellis from North Wales," "oh yes, Mav, what did she say?" "Well Dot, she has just discovered that everyone else was Locked Down, and she was Locked Up!.....she says that she was told that it was the best thing for her...how well do you know her? Dot, do you feel any affinity with her, by any chance..(please)?" "I'll have to look that up, Mav, but it sounds good!"

"Anyway, Dot, back to The Shop, a very special thanks to Marie, James and Callum for doing such a wonderful job, in making the shop such a flourishing success over the last few months.

And all the lovely volunteers helping out in so many ways." "And aren't they all such nice people, Mav, I even heard on the news today, that nationally people who have volunteered all over the country say that they will continue whenever we are all back to normal (even me!)"

"I know Dot, so much better that just sitting on one's backside and pontificating!"..." Oh Mav, that's another two new words I'll have to look up..."

"And I've even met some near neighbours that I didn't know before!..."and it's fun going out on deliveries, all sorts of interesting people and places to explore in all sorts of ways",

"Back to The Shop, Dot, we are delighted to welcome Sam and Kirsty as assistant managers for hopefully the time being, to give Marie much needed help and stress relief!"

"And Mav, there's another Sam volunteering, I met her on Saturday, she's called SAM2...I'm confused Mav, isn't that a Surface to Air missile?!"

"Yes it is Dot, how did you know that? But she seemed very nice and unlikely to explode!"

A Note from the Parish Council

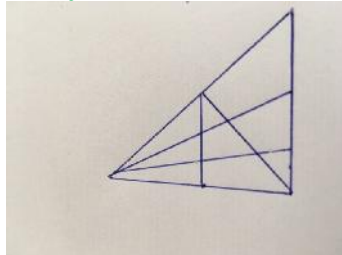
I am writing to advise you that the Parish Council have decided not to supply dog bags to you free of charge any longer. This was decided at the Parish Council meeting on 26th May, here is the extract from the Minutes:-

"70.2 There was discussion about dog bags which are supplied free of charge to the village shop; 4,000 dog bags were bought in January, and they have been used up in 5 months rather than the usual 14 months. On instruction, the Clerk ordered another lot, at a cost of £70. It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** – not to order any more dog bags. The Clerk was asked to write to the shop, stating that the Council will no longer buy the bags, and suggesting that they make a charge for them, however the Council will order them if the shop prefer, the shop to reimburse the Council." I am sorry about this, but please let me know if you want me to order some for you on the basis that the shop reimburses the Council.

(I'm uncertain of the Council's priorities but it seems to me a retrograde step not to supply bags free. Are there any dog owners (or not) willing to cover the cost of these bags? Let me know Percy (07977521684))



Jenny's Puzzle Corner (Last month's answer was 51 squares)



How many triangles?

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