

Aveton Gifford Village Shop Association Newsletter

Official Opening Ceremony

Welcome to the official opening ceremony of your new shop! Below is the timetable of events:

- 6:00 – 6:15 – Iowa 4 (Harmony group)
- 6:15 – 6:45 – Speeches and Blessing
- 6:45 – 6:50 – Ribbon cutting
- 6:50 – 7:30 – Iowa 4 and BBQ
- 7:30 – 7:40 – Raffle draw
- 7:40 – Onwards – Penguins in the Memorial Hall

The shop will of course be open and we hope you will take some time to look around tonight, if you haven't already, to see the results of all the hard work that has been done. We hope you enjoy this evening, and particularly hope you will enjoy your new shop!

The Aveton Gifford Village Shop Association Ltd



Good news!

In order to fund the construction and fit out of your new shop, a number of bodies were approached. Amongst those was the Rural Community Shops project (formerly ViRSA) from the Plunkett Foundation. As a stipulation of the grant they required the association to take a loan from the Co-operative Loan Fund (a part of Co-operative and Community Finance). Thanks to careful planning this loan was not used and was kept in the bank as working capital. After construction and fit-out were completed it became apparent this loan was of no benefit to the shop. We have therefore agreed with the Co-Operative Loan Fund to return these funds without having to pay redemption fees. This move helps to make the shop more sustainable, so thanks to the Co-Operative and Community Finance!

Website

Your new shop now has a website! The website can be found at www.agvillageshop.co.uk. The site will tell you about the shop and any important events or offers on the way. It will also act as a portal for you to feed back any suggestions you may have for the shop.

In the near future we hope to make on-line ordering available through the site so you can place an order for the items you want and collect them at your convenience. We even anticipate being able to offer out of hours pickup in the coming months.

Please do have a look at the new site and give us your feedback.

Thanks!

We would like to take this chance to extend our sincere thanks to all those who have been involved in making the new shop a reality. Special thanks to the previous committee who worked tirelessly to secure funding, planning permission and oversaw construction of the building. Thanks, of course, must go to the various bodies that provided support and funds. Finally, many thanks for the ongoing support from all of the villagers, and thanks to you for attending today's event.

And finally... Did you hear about the new stamp commemorating man's best friend, the dog?

It's the first stamp in history that can lick itself!

Annual General Meeting

We will shortly be sending out letters inviting our shareholders to attend the next AGM. We hope you will be able to attend to hear an update on events since the last meeting, plans for the future, and to raise any queries you may have.

The AGM will only be open to shareholders, if you do not yet own a share and would like to, please contact Cass Ford (registrar@agvillageshop.co.uk) or enquire in the shop for a share form.