

Whiteparish Store & Post Office – Newsletter No: 16

Betcha thought nothing was happening!!

A BELATED UPDATE...

It's been quite a while since our last newsletter which was cheering the news that we had planning permission to save the shop. You may be forgiven in thinking that we have been sitting back for a much deserved rest, but no, quite a lot has been going on behind the scenes.

We have been spending considerable time in trying to resolve some access issues; and we are hopeful that these are near completion. We have secured our first estimate of build costs to enable us to go out to tender. We have relocated Julie into her new home and have personally guaranteed all costs.



Before...

We have renovated, decorated, carpeted and immediately let the flat above the shop to a young local couple to enable them to stay in Whiteparish and we wish them well in their new home. We have practically re-wired the shop and flats to include new smoke alarms throughout.

On top of all that we have taken the opportunity to seal off the original downstairs lounge and knock through to create more sales space. We have also installed a new inside toilet for the staff (aren't we kind!) and more of that later.

We have built a new storage area and will be installing new work tops and better cleaning facilities. As well as renegotiating all insurances and services to the premises.

PHEW!!!

SO WHY UPDATE...

You may be wondering why we have spent so much time and effort in sorting out the shop, well apart from safety reasons (i.e. rewiring) we know it will take time to get to our final destination of replacing the shop so we wanted to secure as much income as possible and make every customers visit more enjoyable, safe and interesting...

Which is why we have just received delivery of 260 floor tiles to lay in the shop **so if you fancy helping us get them down...?**



Like the new color?

PAN-DEMONIUM...

With the new inside toilet installed our lovely ladies have stopped dancing on one spot and crossing and re-crossing their legs... However... if you hear a loud banging and yelling it may be Mandy who managed to lock herself in when the Yale lock clicked in place, luckily our tenants heard the commotion and came down to let a red faced Mandy out!

So dear customers please no singing **'oh dear what can the matter be...'**



New luxury staff toilet.

IN THE NEW EXTENSION

If you haven't had a look around our new shop extension... shame on you! We have now moved all the cards into the new area and they are much more accessible, we have installed a hot drinks machine and new tables and chairs so feel free to chill out!

Keith Weymouth has been single handedly running the book swap club which used to be outside once every month but we have now installed a large selection of his books inside so you can swap any day of the week. I know he has more books available so if anyone has a bookstand that would fit inside the new area we'd be delighted to take it off your hands.



After, new extension, cards and coffee!!

CHILL OUT TIME

I almost forgot to mention the new air-con units we've now had installed, **and what a difference**, no more hot chocolate in packets!

And amazingly it has reduced our electric bill!



Staff perks, taking a cooling break ...

NEW HOT FOOD LINES

Just in time for the new sit down area Mandy has come up trumps with some new hot food line, come and try her baps they are amazing!

Meaty burger with or without cheese and the breakfast roll... they are *well brill* and all freshly cooked!



Tasty...!

OUTSIDE

You may have noticed the new grab handle on the front door a welcome for those needing to haul themselves up the steps! Constructed by our ever resourceful Hugh it also serves to hold the window in place!!

We've also got our hands on three new sign lights ready to install but looking at the old shop sign we really do need a new one or better still the existing one renovated... So, do any of you lovely customers fancy building us a new one or even better repairing the old one, and if there are any of you out there are up for some sign writing... we would be gratefully for any help. Please have a word with Mandy if you think you can help us out.



In need of complete restoration!!!

NEW STOCK ITEMS

Have you tried the new curry mixes yet, they have all the spices pre mixed and come with a packet of coconut milk all you need to add is an onion and your prawns or chicken to make a very authentic tasting dish, I've tried the prawn one and was very impressed!

We are always on the lookout for new items and if you have anything you'd like us to stock or trial, just ask Mandy to see if she can source it.

WELCOME TO...

We have several new members of the team...

Jenny, Irene and Glenn.

So if you see a new face, say hi and be nice to them!



Even the luvverly Julie came back for a volunteer session!!

WANNA GET INVOLVED?

We are always looking out for additional Monday morning helpers so if you fancy giving up just two to two and half hours every eight weeks or so we'd love to hear from you.

You'll get full training in opening the shop, setting up cooking and operating the till, and of course you'll meet so many interesting people early in the morning!!!



Volunteer staff going through early morning warm up!

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

We could also use some help with our **web site** re-building it, monitoring and maintaining the site... and also someone to take over editing and drafting this **newsletter!**

....PLEASE...!!!

CAPTION COMPETITION



Best caption wins a prize, no idea yet what it will be! But Mandy will rustle something up!!!

Caption entry.....

Name..... tel no.....

CHEQUES

Due to increases in costs we have regrettably decided that cheques will no longer be accepted from 1st July 2011. We will of course still take all major debit cards and credit cards.

SPONSORSHIP

If you fancy sponsoring this newsletter and having your details added, let us know we'd be delighted to speak to you.



FOR SALE

Tredaire Dreamwalk, we have 2 rolls (equivalent to 30 sq meters of this top quality underlay) for an amazing price of £80 to include a number of Concrete and Wood carpet gripper!! See inside shop for details.

Go on, grab a Real Bargain!!!

AND FINALLY.....

Overheard in the shop...

"this is not just a shop... it's a drop in for the bewildered!" hmmm...