

Shop News

Kennerleigh and District Community Stores Limited



Shop Coffee Morning

All customers of the Shop and members of the Kennerleigh and District Community Benefit Society are invited to a Coffee Morning on **Friday 27th May at 10.30am**. Fresh coffee, soft drinks and delicious cakes will be on sale in order to promote the idea of the Shop opening a coffee bar.

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New local lines introduced

The Shop is adding new lines such as Devon Flower Honey (£3.66) and on Fridays there will be fresh vegetables including salads and tomatoes on the vine. We also hope to repeat the success of last year's strawberries. Later on in the season we can supply red currants, blueberries etc via Sue and Nigel Marshall who at present also supply us with duck eggs. Pop in to see what we have.

Society AGM

If you were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting in March, the Treasurer reported the shop is trading very well. Our turnover for the twelve months was just over £71,000 and we aim to increase this by 10% over the next twelve months. We are now half way through our second year of trading and hopefully we will achieve this.

There are at present 168 members of the Community Benefit Society and we are always looking to increase our membership. If you would like to become a member all you have to do is just complete a form and purchase a share or shares. Each share is £50. Or, if you prefer, you can donate a gift to the Society. Please give our Secretary Laura Austin a ring on 866443 who will be able to give you a membership form.

Bread

We continue to provide fresh bread from the bakers in Chulmleigh on Wednesdays and the more artisan-type loaves from Stevie B's of Crediton on Fridays. The aroma of the loaves when they arrive is mouth-watering but it does not last long as they are amongst our most popular sales. We also have steak pasties and steak and ale slices. We can also take specific orders.

Bulk Orders

Did you know you can buy items in bulk by ordering through the Shop: pasta, olive oil, cereals etc. and make significant savings on the retail price? One of our regular customers bakes all his own bread from spelt flour ordered in bulk.

The next order will be placed on Friday 27th May. The minimum order per individual is £20 and you need to provide us with a written note detailing the product code, item description and quantity. Have a look online (www.essential-trading.coop) or pop into the shop to borrow the catalogue. Exact prices may vary slightly and the Shop will add 10% admin fee.



Burridge Farm Plants

The Shop stocks a small range of vegetable seedlings and small plants from nearby Burridge Farm, a residential and day service facility for adults with learning difficulties with horticultural activities being part of their therapy. Selling well at present are lettuces, leeks, tomatoes, beetroot and cabbages. Come and see what else there is.

Box of Cards

We will be stocking several new ranges of locally produced greeting cards and as a result are selling off some of older ones. Look out for the Bargain Box where all cards are priced 50p.



Fundraising for the Shop

Among our most successful fundraising activities has been the sale of all 200 of our locally designed tea towels of a map of Kennerleigh. Many thanks to all of you who helped in this venture. Our next venture will be a calendar of local views.

Please submit by 31st July any colour photographs you have of your favourite haunts in the area, preferably as a jpeg to

peter@pscott-smith.orangehome.co.uk

We plan to have this available in September but to also use the photographs later on as cards and notes. One contender could be the photo above.

Any other ideas for fundraising will be gratefully received.

Cakes and all things nice.

Friday is also Cake Day, newly baked by local confectioners, Peck and Strong from Crediton. Their delicious yoghurt topped apple and black-currant flapjack is very popular and usually sells very quickly, so they must be good.

Gifts and Things

We will continue our range of interesting little gifts, small jewellery and colourful scarves. We will also be stocking (pun alert!) a new range of summer socks and small gifts for children.

Spread the Word

A few more regular customers for the Shop would make all the difference. If you are passing - drop in. If you need something - the odds are the Shop will have it, or something similar. If your neighbour has not received a newsletter, please pass it on. Help spread the word. Jo and Kelly are guaranteed to give new customers a warm friendly welcome.

Volunteers

The Shop is well-supported by its community but it is always keen to have some extra volunteers to carry out some of the routine or one-off tasks. If you have a free couple of hours once a week, or once a fortnight, please let Jo or Kelly know when you are available .

Any potted flowering plants to donate for the shops exterior always greatly appreciated and huge thanks to Joan King who continues to decorate the outside of the shop with beautiful plant displays.



A Brain Teaser For You

To your left below you will notice the shop opening times and that on some afternoons it is closed. This can be confusing so we would like a quick pithy way to sum up the opening hours. The shortest memorable way suggested so far is: “*We are open all day Mondays to Saturdays except Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays which are half-days*”. There must be a better way of saying it! Any suggestions?

Shop Opening Hours

Monday	9am-1pm	closed
Tuesday	9am-1pm	2pm-5pm
Wednesday	9am-1pm	2pm-5pm
Thursday	9am-1pm	closed
Friday	9am-1pm	2pm-5pm
Saturday	9am-1pm	closed
Sunday	closed	closed

Shop Tel: 01363 866452
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Support your local shop:

“Research on spending by local authorities shows that for every £1 spent with a small or medium-sized business 63p stayed in the local economy, compared to 40p with a larger business.”

<http://www.theguardian.com/money/2013/dec/06/shop-locally-small-business-saturday-seven-reasons>