

## POST OFFICE

You may remember that back in 2010 an issue of the Spaxton Community News contained a questionnaire about your use of a future community shop. The positive response gave the small group confidence to formally start the project that has resulted in the wonderful shop we have today. A notable feature of the results was how highly a Post Office service in Spaxton is valued.

After a lot of paperwork and an interview our application to have a post office in Spaxton Community Stores has been successful. Subject to contracts, we are on track to have a Post Office counter open at about the end of the year. Before then there will be a public consultation period (not sure why), staff training and internal alterations. Whilst Christmas might be good for business we would rather avoid a Christmas rush just as volunteers are getting used to the job!

## STORES MANAGER

Due to a lot of hard work by the committee and the many other volunteers Spaxton Community Stores has got off to a great start. To ensure that the good work continues we followed the example of most Community Shops and decided to employ a manager to keep an eye on the day-to-day running of the shop. The imminent arrival of a post office will add further responsibilities.

In the last SCN we announced that the post of part-time shop manager was about to be advertised. We are now pleased to announce that Karen Dennett has been appointed. She will start her duties in early October and will be a valuable member of the Spaxton Community Stores team. We wish her well and hope that as many people as possible will come along and say hello.

The management committee will still play an active part and will continue to be responsible for the whole business.

## NEW PRODUCTS/BARGAINS

**PLOWRIGHT ORGANICS :** Plowrights are now supplying us with fresh, organic, seasonal produce from their farm at Stowey Rocks. The quality and flavour is superb. Our first delivery included kales (which sold out almost immediately), lettuce, beetroot, cauliflowers and a lot more, all grown just a couple of miles away.

**BEERS:** The range continues to expand with Quantock Nightjar and local stout. All less than £2 for a 500ml bottle.

**READY MEALS:** A reminder that we stock 7 varieties of excellent, frozen, locally produced ready meals which include traditional English favourites such as Chicken Balti, Beef Stroganoff and Vegetable Lasagne. All are hearty meals for one or "delicate" meals for 2. All can be microwaved from frozen. We hope to increase the range with chilled meals soon.

**WINTER ESSENTIALS:** The bags of logs are back. We have also introduced WD40 and de-icer to help with the car. And you might get a good deal on BBQ charcoal!

**PLANTS:** It's getting near to the time for planting out perennials. We have a selection of plants grown in Oake, near Taunton.