

“God gave us memory so we could have roses in December!”

This newsletter follows on the heels of the November edition, and will hopefully encourage you to factor in our shop when you are doing your Christmas shopping. You will see a marvellous selection of gifts both edible and otherwise. There are a variety of stocking fillers and other gifts, not to mention an elaborate selection of exotic chocolate delights! Fabulous honeys from local beekeepers are delicious, healthy and make great gifts.

If you want to order a turkey, ham or stilton for Christmas do ask Lal and of course the shop will be offering Christmas wreaths and holly. Turkeys will come from Kimbers and you must order **by 15th December**.

The wide selection of gift items complements our usual extensive array of foods and household products. How so much can be available in our little shop boggles the mind!

Our featured suppliers this month are:



1. **Shaftesbury Wines** was established in 1997 on Shaftesbury's High Street and taken over by the current owner David Perry in 2009. A year later he was joined by his daughter Alice. They specialise in finding “real” wines from small producers who farm responsibly and use minimal intervention in their wine making. Shaftesbury Wines supplies Semley Village Stores with its finer wines as well as the excellent own-label French house wines.



2. **Lievito Bakery**. The bakery in the village of Lovington near Castle Cary was established by Phil Nicodemi and his wife six years ago. Lievito is Italian for yeast and Phil and his team bake a range of artisan breads using locally sourced organic flour and top grade yeast. The bakery slow ferments the breads for up to 24 hours which increases flavour and makes it more digestible. The shop carries a variety of fabulous loaves in addition to croissants and Lovington Buns. There are deliveries three times a week.

In September we introduced black pudding from Macleod & Macleod in Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. This proved very popular with black pudding aficionados and more is on its way by popular demand. It really is the king of black puddings. Try putting a scallop on a slice as a starter. The shop AGM was held on 23rd November and we should record our sincere thanks to Mark Butler and Sarah Howard who are retiring from the committee on which they both served since the beginning of the shop. Mark has been our efficient secretary and has been a rock of support to the shop. Similarly, Sarah has done sterling work both on the till and making brownies and sandwiches. We owe them both a great debt of gratitude, but thankfully they have both agreed to continue as valued volunteers.

As a reminder, Semley Village Stores is our shop and as such we depend on volunteers to ensure that we can all benefit from having a shop in the village. If anyone can spare a couple of hours a week please drop in and put your name down or email Rosie Catherwood on rosie.catherwood@gmail.com

Very Happy Christmas to all our supporters and happy Christmas shopping!