

Shop Local – Think Local – Love Local

May News

Our volunteers have had (or still have) all sorts of different careers, here's a little bit about Bettina...

'I was born and brought up in Brighton. My father was a shopkeeper there and for some reason I have always loved playing "shops". It was absolutely my favourite game as a child! After a career in radio, for the BBC and British Forces Broadcasting, I then spent fourteen years in the Glyndebourne shop, selling beautiful things and listening to glorious music. The hours were long though and we didn't finish until 11.30pm so a few years ago I retired. But that yearning to be in a shop lingered and then I found Chiddingly. I wasn't used to selling food or being a barista but the challenge was there and I learnt a lot. I am still learning a lot, every week there's something new and my brain is exercised! Old friends have come in for a coffee and it's been lovely to reacquaint, regulars pop in for Flint Owl bread or a flapjack. There's French Conversation on a Thursday morning and I have now joined the Chiddingly/Lachelle twinning society and am looking forward to a trip to France in May.'



I hated wearing a mask all through the Covid years but it was good to get out of the house and feel part of a community again. I am so glad I have become part of Chiddingly, although I actually live in East Hoathly! I have made many new friends, learnt new skills (my children think their aged mum making a cappuccino is very amusing) and I look forward to many more years of serving behind the counter.'

Please get in touch with Sue the manager or pop in if you fancy volunteering:
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MAY BANK HOLIDAYS

We will be open on both bank holiday Mondays in May (6th and 27th) from 10am to midday.

TREASURER APPEAL

You may have heard that Chiddingly Shop & Café is looking for a volunteer new Treasurer to replace Michael Parr, who is standing down at the next AGM in September, after years of service.

The day-to-day work (paying suppliers and wages for our employees) is undertaken by a local firm of accountants, so we are looking for someone to interpret the figures the accountants provide us with, and manage the long-term finances of the shop.

Are you that person or do you know someone who might be?

You'll need a few hours to spare each month, with an accounting, book-keeping or management background, and be happy to work with a small committee to ensure the shop continues to function successfully into the future.

We are a volunteer organisation. The manager and a few others are paid, but most of those who work in the shop and in the background are volunteers.

The shop opened in 2012 and continues to operate now as a non-profit making Community Interest Organisation.

If you think you can help, please contact me, Mike Goss 01825 872016, or the manager, Sue Fletcher 01825 872949 and have a chat. If you know of someone else you think might fit the bill, then please let us know and we'll speak to them. Mike Goss