

Village Business

Fresh at the Deli

Chris Morton was brought up in Shipton and educated at Burford School.

Wanting to set up his own business, he had been looking for a suitable opportunity, when he heard

that the lease on the delicatessen shop in Milton was coming up for sale.

Although a completely new challenge for Christopher, he has been helped by his girlfriend Valda, who works in retail and also has experience in the catering trade.

A Bright Welcome

Michael Gorton helped Chris to completely re-vamp the interior of the shop, and create fixtures and fittings to present a clean, fresh, bright welcome as you enter the front door.

Christopher is committed to sourcing his supplies locally and selling only organic vegetables. His fruit and vegetables are delivered twice weekly from Cirencester. Chris is happy to take orders for meat from Foxbury Farm and these are delivered on Friday mornings, ideal for weekend entertaining. There is also a shop delivery on Tuesdays.

Mark Champness, the previous proprietor, still supplies cheeses, hams and a good variety of cooked meats. A delicious array of pies, from Pork and



Stilton or Mediterranean Vegetable to sausage rolls and pasties are all made in Winchcombe. Bread and much too tempting-looking cakes are delivered daily from Huffkins in

Burford. If you think that parking can be a problem by the shops in Milton just remember that it is still much easier than driving to Burford for bread!

All Sorts of Goodies!

Add to all that biscuits from Moreton in Marsh, eggs from Barrington, cream from Upper Norton, flour from Matthews Mill in Shipton and chocolates from Somerset; what more can you ask? Well there are also ready-prepared meals, including a 'dish of the day' and a wide choice of sauces and pastas, herbs and spices, jams, pickles and mustards as well as local honey.

Perhaps you could be tempted by the filled rolls and sandwiches, prepared fresh each morning by Valda? If there is a special filling that you fancy, and you have time to wait, Christopher will even make it up just for you.

Good luck with your enterprise Chris; we are so lucky to have our village shops.

Christine Halliday

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