

With Christmas just over the horizon, once again in the shop we are offering our turkey ordering service, with free-range birds provided by Walters of Aldworth. Full details of prices, etc, are now displayed in the shop and you can ask our staff if you need any further information. Do remember to order early to be sure of getting exactly what you want, and please note that **a non-returnable cash deposit** is required by Walters.

In the Post Office, we're gearing up for our busiest time of year. Christmas stamps go on sale on 7th November, so stock up early—they tend to run out! In December, we shall be doubling up our staff as much as possible to reduce waiting times, but there are lots of things that you, our customers, can do now to help us:

- Separate your cards for posting into Europe and non-Europe destinations.
- Come in before you wrap your parcels to check the size and weight limits and pick up a prohibited/restricted goods leaflet.
- Remember that non-EU parcels will require you to fill out a Customs Declaration.
- And very importantly, be sure you know what you are posting and please don't be offended when we ask. We have to ensure there are no dangerous or unacceptable goods in your parcel.
- Finally, do remember, the shop also sells first and second class stamps—which can be useful if there's a queue at the post office counter!

We shall give you all the last posting dates for Christmas in next month's bulletin, but for now, if you are sending anything to Africa or the Middle East, the date to remember is **Saturday 2nd December**.

Now, a few reminders:

**Old £1 coins:** we cannot exchange them. The **ONLY** way we can accept them is if they're being paid into a bank account.

**Bags of coins:** as above! Please don't ask us to exchange bags of change for notes—we can't do this any more. We've had to put our foot down as we have been handling so many that we couldn't get them all

into the coin safe.

**Amazon purchases:** These can be delivered directly to the Post Office through the Local Collect scheme.

Thank you for your co-operation—it helps us to help you!