

SAVE OUR VILLAGE POST OFFICE UPDATE

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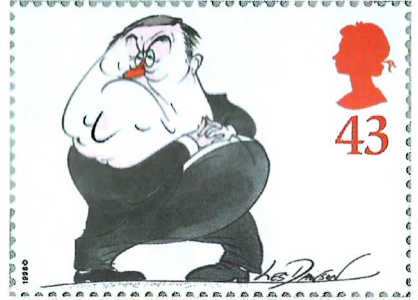
Felpham, you have been amazing. You have donated over £30,000 with promises of more. We are now rolling the fundraising out to small businesses and larger corporations and applying for grants. Detailed plans have been drawn up and we've been canvassing your thoughts and opinions. If you haven't already filled it in, please find a questionnaire at - friendsoffelpham.org. We'd be very grateful if you could spare the time to answer it.

And for those who may think - we have an impossible amount to raise, what's the point? Well, the more money we can raise, the more people who fill in the questionnaire, means when we apply for grants and match funding, the more successful we will be in acquiring considerable outside funding.

Community projects, such as ours, are viewed very favourably by funders, especially in a community like Felpham where the residents have been extremely clear how important our Village Post Office is to us and the life of the village. So please, if you've been hesitant about donating, we can do this. And, if for any reason we fail to acquire the Post Office, your money is guaranteed if you donate through gofundme, the link is on the website - friendsoffelpham.org. Or by cheque, made payable to Friends of Felpham CIC, that can be left at the Post Office or at Rolly's accountants, 75 Felpham Rd. Please include your name and address.

Christmas time was such fun around the Post Office. People were laughing, chatting, sending their mail, the staff were tremendous, the pop-ups tempting and the coloured lights warm and welcoming. Then a shiver as a resident said "the trouble is, we don't always appreciate something until it's gone, do we?"

February is a time of growth with the promise of Spring, the sad, grey month of January left thankfully behind us. It's not unusual to face the New Year with both hope and trepidation. But the dark nights are shortening with the tease of sun ahead. Let's make it the year when, we, the community of Felpham, can proudly say, we took the future into our own hands - We Saved Our Village Post Office.



This Gerald Scarfe cartoon of Les Dawson was issued as part of a series of Comedian stamps in 1998.

PLUS, a FUN event for your diaries -

MAGIC AWAY THE FEBRUARY GREY. A MAGIC SHOW
with the one and only, Malcolm the Magician, "A five star plus. An amazingly funny show."

Saturday, 17 February, 3.30pm St Mary's Centre, Felpham.

Tickets in advance £3 each, £11 for four (refreshments included) available at the Post Office.
£4/£12 on the door.

Ages 4 years old to 400, all are welcome. You're never too old for magic!! Proceeds towards the Save the Post Office Campaign. BE AMAZED, BE ENTHRALLED, BE TOGETHER.