

# Save Our Village Post Office

The Campaign to Save Our Village Post Office has reached over £151,000.00 including donations and promissory notes – AND RISING. That is wonderful. From the Friends of Felpham, a BIG thank you.

But we can't stop there. We have made it through the first stage of Government Grant Application and are now facing the tough requirements for the second stage. The more money we can raise, the more the Government will match it. If we can hit £200,000 in the next few weeks that would be tremendous. Please go to [friendsoffelpham.org](http://friendsoffelpham.org) for a link to our gofundme page or for details of our bank account. You can also donate by cheque, make it out to Friends of Felpham CIC, and leave it behind the post office counter in an envelope with your name and address.

PLUS – as part of the terms of qualifying for this grant we need to prove our lovely Felpham Community supports, values and needs the essential services of the Post Office. Small businesses and organizations are very kindly producing letters of support. If you spot our petition clipboards around the village, PLEASE, spare a minute to sign, it could make all the difference. Or sign the online petition, see link on the main page of our website – [friendsoffelpham.org](http://friendsoffelpham.org)

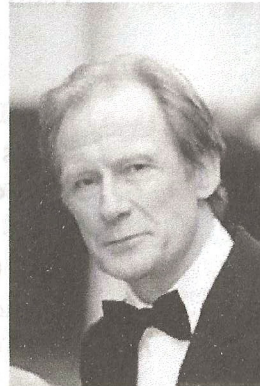
## NOW EVEN MORE EXCITING NEWS –

We are delighted and honoured to have two internationally renowned personalities who are generously giving their time and support for our Campaign to Save Our Post Office. These are extraordinary gestures of faith in our fight.

### AN EVENING WITH BILL NIGHY

Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, St Mary's Centre, Felpham PO22 7NU. Bill will be talking about his career and answering pre-submitted questions from members of the audience.

Bill Nighy is an award-winning actor of the stage and screen whose extensive filmography illustrates an amazing career. Amongst others, he has received a BAFTA Award, a London Film Critics Circle Award, and an Evening Standard



British Film Award. Nighy is perhaps best-known to international audiences for his memorable performance as washed-up pop singer Billy Mack in *Love Actually*, which won him a BAFTA. He has also made appearances in many major franchises. Recently he starred in the acclaimed movie, *Living*, and the television series, *The Man Who Fell to Earth*.

### AN EVENING WITH CHRIS WATSON

Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, St Mary's Centre, Felpham PO22 7NU. Chris, the world's leading wildlife sound recordist, will be talking about his life, accompanied by images and sounds from his prodigious career.



Watson went from influential 1970s band Cabaret Voltaire to recording sound for David Attenborough's wildlife documentaries. His television work includes many programmes in the Attenborough 'Life' series, including 'The Life of Birds' which won a BAFTA Award for 'Best Factual Sound', the BBC series 'Frozen Planet' which also won a BAFTA. Chris has recorded and featured in many BBC Radio 4 and World Service productions, including 'The Wire', which won him the Broadcasting Press Guild's Broadcaster of The Year Award, 'Springwatch' and 'Tweet of the Day'.

Tickets for these events are available from the Post Office or go to our website [friendsoffelpham.org](http://friendsoffelpham.org)

We're not alone in understanding the value of preserving local services. Much has changed in this village since we started this campaign: car parking meters in our car parks, the axing of the 600 bus, changing it to an hourly service stopping in South Bersted.

The fight to Save Our Post Office is one we will not lose!

*Lizzie Mickery*