

Unique Gloucestershire coffee shop you ‘wouldn’t expect to find’ has its own 50s diner-style floor

Standing in a prime position overlooking the village and the surrounding Forest of Dean, The Coffee Shop is not quite what you would expect to find in Bream, as a lot of customers keep telling owner Doug Lewis.

Since opening its doors just over three years ago, the quirky establishment has garnered a strong customer base, and has become the go-to hangout spot for mums at the local primary school, families, friends, cyclists, and poetry clubs.

The idea was born in Doug’s mind whilst dropping his grandchildren off at school, and noticing the amount of mums stood at the gates, having a catch up. He

thought it would be ideal if they had somewhere to sit down and have a coffee nearby, and so he got thinking.

Doug, 63, who was born just 500 yards from the site of his beloved business, said: “This particular building used to be a photography shop upstairs, but downstairs was empty.

“Steve, the owner of the shop’s mum was going to turn downstairs into a coffee shop but unfortunately she passed away, and it never happened.”

The idea of opening a coffee shop for the people of Bream and beyond had been floating around Doug’s mind for some time, when a friend of his told him up the pub that Steve was looking for someone to carry out his late mother’s dream of opening a coffee shop.

When snow could arrive in Gloucestershire as temperatures plummet



Snow could arrive in parts of Gloucestershire at the end of the month, weather charts show.

It follows a trend set across northern parts of Britain, like Inverness, which could see 30cm of snow when the mercury drops to -13C.

Jim Dale, a senior meteorologist at British Weather Services, said that the colder weather will hit on January 25, after a much milder, more “tranquil” period over the coming week.

He urged people to remember that “winter is not over”, as the “coldest parts of the year” are yet to come.



Card plea to give Edna a 101st birthday to remember!



A Glasgow care home is on a mission to make it a birthday to remember for one of its most-loved residents.

When staff found out she had spent her milestone 100th birthday alone with no visitors, and no celebration, they decided to act.

Manager Angela Todd issued an appeal for people to send Edna birthday cards.

Now the care home staff want to make up for the missed

celebration. Because of this, the care home has asked the community and wider public if they would send Edna a card this year. “We have put an appeal out to ask anyone to send a birthday card,” said Angela. “Pop one through the door to make her day special and make up for the birthday she never had.

Hector House is inviting anyone who wishes to write a card for Edna’s birthday on 31 January to send it to Hector House, 2 Hector Road, G41 3RL.

Running for Charity



Following the recent fatal stabbing of Remarni Crosby, hundreds of Gloucestershire residents have been running 5K every night throughout January to raise money for local youth outreach charities.

So far the runners have raised £6740 to help knife crime prevention in Gloucestershire.



Man calls RSPCA after discovering a ‘snake’ in his sofa

The RSPCA has revealed that a man called them out to collect a “snake” that he believed was trapped in his sofa.

The Weston-Super-Mare man reported lying on his sofa and feeling “the body of a snake” inside the furniture. He told the animal welfare charity that he

had recently purchased the sofa, so the RSPCA sent out inspector Kim Waters to investigate.

The man was left red-faced when the inspector discovered that the distressed man had mistaken a part of his sofa for a snake!!