

Ripple News Quarterly – Winter 2012



This publication aims to keep members and those interested up to date with activities at your local community food co-operative. Email us at: ipswichripplecic@googlemail.com.

New stock now on sale at Ripple...

Unbleached white, wholemeal, rye, spelt white and spelt wholegrain flours from Maple Farm, grown and milled near Saxmundham are now in stock again. A small group are trialling cheese from Baylam too. Are there any **local** products you'd liked stocked? Let our local sourcing helpers know by email / at Ripple.

Ripple trialling a new venue at UCS in January – dates and details to be confirmed soon!

Steve Marsden and others have been working on organising a trial to see if this venue works better for us, and to see if we can involve local students. If you can help on these days, which require more people to move stock, contact Steve on 07889 751578. Do we need to stock any new items to cater for students? Do you have any other ideas for the trial? Let us know.

Trial helping and trading times are here to stay!

To help fill the rota and avoid cancellations we trialled a new helper rota recently, which involves:

- 3 members setting up from 9am-10:30am, then trading for 30 minutes until 11am,
- 2 members trading for 2 hours from 11am - 1pm,
- 3 members trading for 30 minutes from 1pm then packing away from 1:30pm-3pm.

This means **shopping** hours are now between **10:30am** and **1:30pm**. Please help the lovely people on the final shift finish on time by completing all your shopping within these hours – thanks all.

Upcoming Meeting dates will be emailed with the rota reminders early next year.

Upcoming trading dates for 2013 are:

- 5th and 19th January (plus a trial date at UCS tbc)
- 2nd and 16th February and 2nd, 16th, 30th March
- 13th and 27th April and 11th and 25th May
- 8th and 22nd June and 6th and 20th July
- 3rd and 17th August and 14th and 28th September
- 12th and 26th October and 9th and 23rd November
- 7th and 21st December.

A full printed calendar of trading dates will be available at the next trading session in January.

Goodbye Iain! Iain has been a great helper of Ripple over the years, and alas 2012 sees his move away from Ipswich. We all wish him good luck with his new life!



Iain printing Ripple bags!

Situations vacant: Prices monitor (paper and till) Expressions of interest by email or come to the next meeting and let us know you're interested.

Previous **meeting minutes** for the November meeting and other general info can be found at: www.ipswichfoodcoop.co.uk or our google account. Both are currently being re-organised and updated so please bear with us if you can't find what you need.

Spotlight on Ripple Roles: Tom Wilmot explains the role of Rota Coordinator

So Tom, what have you done in your role as Rota Coordinator this month?

I've sent a number of reminder emails out seeking volunteers to fill the rota and asking people to sign up on the online doodle poll. The rota seems to be filling up more quickly the last few weeks but we're still often short. Once we have a full complement of helpers I email those signed up with instructions/reminders for what needs doing on their shift, including arrangements for collecting keys and the paper rota at the end of the trading session so I know who has signed up for next time. To keep track of helper credits worked by active members I update a spreadsheet every session of who's helping, and print a list of active members who have done their 6 shifts. This helps the till operators know who gets their 12% discount at the till. I deliver this list and a blank rota to Ripple, sometimes collecting keys en route, in time for the start of trading. Occasional hiccups aside, it all seems to work!