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This time, I write about Benson's High Street. I suppose we all range wide from time to time for our shopping, 'though sometimes I wonder why. We have a truly convenient Convenience store in our Co-op, a wonderful fruiterer, all the eating places we can manage, including our visiting chippy. Just off the street we have one of the best doctors and dental surgeries around. Why bother to leave the village?!

All that said, this month I want to highlight The Benson Village Butcher, currently settling in to its new management. It's great to meet Steve, long experienced in his trade, but now with a butcher's shop of his own. His welcoming smile together with an outstanding selection of meat, (let alone the bread and cheese!) tells it all.

And what a handover he's had from Chris. I first knew Chris years ago when he reigned over Crudgington's delicatessen in St Mary's Street in Wallingford. The result - he sells the best sausages and the best cured ham for miles around. We shall all surely miss him as he eases himself into a well earned retirement.

But finally a special word about Mary. She started in that shop in 1959! Well done that lady, ever with a smile and welcome.



Mary serving in the Benson butcher's