

CENTRE RENDEZVOUS

St. Michael's Community Lunchtime Cafe

Centre Rendezvous was set up in 2011, and its objective from the start was to provide a place where anyone in Colehill could meet once a week to meet and chat, find companionship and a chance to have some simple food.

Over time we moved away from that concept, introducing a greater variety of food, becoming more a semi lunch club. All of this, of course, was entirely dependent on having enough volunteers to work in the kitchen and others to take orders and serve food.

We now have a situation where we have fewer volunteers and so those we have are being asked to work more frequently to a point where some no longer wish to continue to work on the present basis. We also have to recognise that all our volunteers are seven years older than they were when they started!!

Following a meeting of all who work in the kitchen or serve, we have decided that if Centre Rendezvous is to continue we need to revert back to the original concept outlined above. Some volunteers did want to continue 'as we are', but the majority felt that a change was needed.

From Easter therefore our menu will consist of soup, plain and/or filled rolls, cakes, crisps, and tea or coffee. This will allow us to work with a team of three covering the kitchen and serving, rather than the five required at the moment. As a consequence, volunteers will not have to work quite so frequently as at present.

We are also going to try a different layout of tables that we hope will create a greater opportunity for people to meet others.

When it was created Centre Rendezvous was seen as an opportunity for outreach to the community, a way in which St Michael's Church could serve the community, given that service lies at the heart of our faith. Can we encourage all of you to 'bring a friend'?

A CAFE FOR ALL
THE COMMUNITY

