

## CLOSURE OF WORMELOW STORES



This is the sight that greeted anyone wanting to visit the village shop at Wormelow today – closed with the shutters down. It appears that the owner, Stephen Gilbert, placed the business into voluntary liquidation on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Not only was this the only local shop left in the area, but the post office was used by many in the local community leaving them a 3½ mile trip to Lock's Garage to cash their pensions, get their stamps etc etc. It was also a typical local shop where you could catch up on all the gossip as you bought your paper and the pint of milk that you needed for your daily cuppa.

The local community has been stunned by this closure, but looking at recent financial figures available in the public domain, it appears the store had been struggling recently.

Where do we go next? Speculation is rife as to whether someone else will take over the business or will the area be sold for development? It is too early to tell.

A sad day for area.