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#### WE'RE OPEN:

MON-FRI 8am-2pm SAT 8am-1pm SUN 9am-12pm

## A shop for all seasons



Thank you for your valued custom over the summer, it has been lovely to see so many of you which has kept the shop buzzing. It's also great to see so many of our youngsters using the shop after their exams finished, popping in to purchase well-deserved treats and then hear about their exam results and future plans.

# Summer's welcome return

We at the shop have had the pleasure of welcoming back Katie Johnson after her graduation. Katie first worked at the shop when she was 14. March forward some considerable time and it has been a joy to have Katie back serving behind our new counter, even if it is just while she pauses for a well-earned rest before the next part of her journey.

Thank you, Katie, for helping us fill the gaps on our summer holiday volunteer rota board.



### Next up - Halloween

October obviously brings Halloween when we will have many spooky delights on sale and, of course, lots of orange and black treats.

## And then it's Christmas!

Writing this in 30 degrees of early autumn heat it's hard to visualise snow-laden or even frost-encrusted holly and ivy but we have to plan ahead and orders are already being placed to meet the usual Christmas demand.

And it's not just at Christmas but if at any time you want to ask if an item is in stock, we are only ever a phone call away – 01442 891167.

Or please email: info@wilstonecommunityshop .org.co.uk

and we'll do our best to help you even if we don't normally stock it, so please do get in touch.

### A very sad loss, and a personal tribute from Ali, the shop's manager

It was with great sadness that we recently received the news of the death of Tony Short.

Long before the shop was completely refurbished, Tony and I could be found squished in a corner of the shop's back room working at the computer, never my favourite activity!

Tony regularly and selflessly dedicated his time to the shop by helping me work on obtaining stock when we were under threat of Booker pulling our deliveries. If I couldn't get stock through on-line ordering Tony would take the time to drive to Booker with a list and get whatever he could for us. His help to me was invaluable and in turn helped me keep the shop running, at a very turbulent time.

Tony was never one for fuss and fanfare but I feel it's important that his no nonsense, practical, let's just get on with it attitude - 'Ali the price of your butter is wrong' - should be recognised publicly.

So, THANK YOU Tony, from me and all the staff at the shop.

You will be greatly missed.