

## September Shop News

This month Mike Goss, Chairman of the shop's management committee writes.

You will have seen the various activities going on in the shop to celebrate our tenth anniversary, leading up to the BBQ at the shop on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The tenth anniversary is a significant event. When we first opened back in 2012 there were some who didn't think we would last past six months, but here we are, still trading healthily ten years on.



We do however, have a problem, and that is a lack of volunteers. When we first opened, we had enough to staff the shop with at least two volunteers per shift, every day, all day. The problem has turned into a crisis this summer with holidays and some ill-health and as a result we have had to close some afternoons.

The good financial health of the shop is largely due to those who give their time to help the part-time management staff the shop. For us to continue for another ten years we need more volunteers.

If you are new to the village what better way to meet people, fellow volunteers and customers. Even if you have lived in the village for years, I can guarantee you will get to know new faces. You can be of enormous help to us even if you can spare only a couple of hours a week. The job is not difficult to do, but it does need the commitment to do well. Full training will be given where needed but don't forget you will be joining an experienced, and friendly team who will be delighted to see you, and very willing to help you learn the ropes. If you don't want to serve in the shop, we have vacancies on the management committee and other non customer-facing positions.

Perhaps you volunteered at the shop in the past, and had to give it up. Could you consider coming back to us?

Please contact me, Mike Goss on 01825 872016, or Sue Fletcher on 01825 872949, or just call into the shop for a chat. We are happy to organise "taster" sessions with no commitment if you would like to find out more about what is involved.