

**Harvest season at the store**

Don’t miss the chance to buy the freshest of fresh produce - with less than one food mile on the clock - before the season ends! Since the spring, a group of volunteers has been growing, tending and harvesting fruit, vegetables and flowers in a local garden. The fruit and the first crop of flowers have now been enjoyed but courgettes, chard, several varieties of beans, tomatoes, shallots, dahlias and cosmos should be available for a few more weeks.

**New starts and farewells**

If your little person is starting school this month, or your bigger person has flown the nest for uni or to travel the world, you may need a bit of TLC to help you through those first days apart! Make your way to the store where you will always find a cheery welcome. Treat yourself to a mug of Moon Roast coffee, a slice of cake and a chat and you’ll be feeling better in no time! And on the subject of uni, we would like to wish the best of luck to those of our lovely youth workers who are off to pastures new this month. Thank you for all the shifts you have worked at the store! Do come in to tell us how you are getting on when you are next back home.

**Staff and volunteers’ summer party (in the drizzle!)**

One of the gloomiest evenings in August threatened to spoil the party we hold each year to say a most sincere thank you to our fantastic staff and volunteers. But all was well! The marquee overlooking the Candover Brook vineyard gave us cover from the elements and a fun night was had by all, even if we weren’t properly able to see the normally beautiful views. We are grateful to the Sainsbury family, Preston Farms and Candover Valley Wines for allowing us to use the marquee for our event.