



Toft Village Calendar

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July 2022



DIARY DATES

TOFT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

[Over 50s Club]. On July 13th – the Club will take a round trip on the City sight-seeing bus finishing with tea at Coton orchard. For more details please contact Doreen Jacklin (262789) or Ann Mitchell.(262516)

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### Sewing, Knit and Natter

Sewing, Knit and Natter are having a break in July and August and will meet again in September when we hope to resume with fresh Christmas ideas to make.

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The Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 27th June.

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## EDITORIAL

Is there a law of diminishing returns which applies solely to technological breakthroughs? Google doesn't know - suspicious in itself - but I'm starting to think there must be. Because it does seem that the more tech we ladle into our everyday lives, the more rubbish everything is getting. Take those machines you find in car-parks that demand you tell them your licence plate number. Just have a look, one day, at the number of people who, having traipsed two hundred metres or more to the machine, now wearily retrace their steps, just to check if it's 'XYZ' or 'XZY' at the end. Or the cheery robots who, when you phone to complain your broadband doesn't work (again), tell you there's loads of information available on their website. Which, of course, you can't see.

Time was, if you fancied a holiday, you could bowl into the nearest travel agent armed with your passport and, after a little humming and hah-ing, unbelt some readies and come out clutching two or three bits of paper. Job done. Try that now. "Have you downloaded our app? And the Insurance Company's app? And the Airline's app?" "No. But I am here now, in person, hoping that you - as a supposed travel agent - can deal with me direct and sort all this out." Pitying smile. "That's not how it works, I'm afraid. There's lots of information on our website, though."

Then there's the 'Customer Service' department of major companies, of course: "Press 1 for nothing to happen. Press 2 to keep listening to this awful, tinny music. Press 3 to be cut off. Press 4 to be put through to someone who hasn't got a clue what you (or they) are talking about. For all other enquiries, why not have a look at our website?" Or that other favourite: "Your call is important to us. You are number 78 in the queue. We're sorry for the delay, but hey, we just planted some trees." Of course, you probably wouldn't need to call them anyway if they hadn't closed their nearest branch 'for your convenience'.

Government departments and public bodies are anything but immune from tech-induced floundering. I recently had a troublesome joint X-rayed. Two weeks later, I got a letter telling me that the X-ray I'd just had had been rearranged for another day later the next month. At 11.00 that morning, I phoned the clinic's admin office to try and find out what was going on. A recorded message told me that the office was only open between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm (There was some stuff on their website, though, if I fancied a look). On the third attempt, I got through to a human. They would look into it and phone me back. That was a month ago. No-one, it appears, has any idea what has happened to the original X-ray and neither, it seems, does anyone care. Rather disturbingly, no-one seems in the slightest bit surprised or concerned that this has happened, which rather makes you wonder how and why they've got so used to it.

The list of these petty, avoidable annoyances we are all now subject to on a daily basis is long and growing. But they do have one thing in common. In every case they - the app, the website, the chatbot, the help-line, the 'FAQ' - have but one function. And it is to remove the onus on actually doing anything from someone you're paying to someone you're not: You.

Oh well. I guess if technology is going to render us all redundant some time soon, we'll need something to do all day. I'd just hoped it wouldn't be hanging on the phone or gawping at websites.



### Toft Car Scheme - New Co-ordinator Required

Toft Car Scheme is one of many similar schemes overseen by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. It provides an affordable means of transport to people in the village who would otherwise be unable to get to medical appointments, public transport being unsuitable for their needs.

The Toft scheme typically provides transport to the local GP surgeries, hospitals, opticians, dentists, etcetera. As I will soon be resigning **we are urgently seeking a volunteer to become the new co-ordinator**. The role involves receiving requests for transport from people living in the village and then finding a volunteer, from the group of willing drivers, who will be available at the time requested. There are various other administrative tasks.

In the 6 months from last October to this March the scheme completed 55 trips. The co-ordinator can also be a volunteer driver or can be someone who does not drive.

Would anyone interested in becoming the next co-ordinator **please contact me for further details**.

Colin Southgate. Tel: 262814

**MINISTRY TEAM****THE CHURCH IN TOFT**

St. Andrew's Parish Church

Team Vicar:

Rev David Newton 01223 665654

Lay Minister: Barbara Preece Tel: 263466

Churchwardens:

Ann Mitchell 262516

John Quenby 263949

**Methodist Church**

Minister (1.5.22) Revd Charity Nzegwu

01763 241803

Stewards:

Diana Tebbit 01223 263557

Stephen Acklam 264055

Mrs Pat Morton 264010

*The Church in Toft***SERVICES OF WORSHIP***3rd July* 8.30am Holy Communion - Revd David Newton

11.00 am Holy Communion – Methodist Church – Revd Alison Walker

*(this is Alison's last service after 8 years - see below)**10th July* 11.00am Morning Worship– St. Andrew's – Revd Robert Dolman*17th July* 8.30am Holy Communion - Rev Prof Michael Reiss

11.00am Morning Worship,- Revd David Newton at Methodist Church\*

*24th July* 11.00am Morning Worship - Mrs Cathy Michell at St. Andrew's*31st July* 8.30am Holy Communion - Rev Prof Michael Reiss

10.30am Lordsbridge 5th Sunday Holy Communion at Barton

Revd Claire Robertson &amp; Mrs Cathy Michell

There will be morning prayer at St. Andrew's every Wednesday at 9.15 am (about half-an-hour) – this may change to 9.30am during July so please check with Wardens

Also on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm, via zoom a service of compline: ID: 899 215 191 or follow the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/899215191>

Zoom services available at 11.00am

MEETING ID: 823 1147 3640

**D**ear friends,*In Praise of Complexity*

I was listening to 'The World at One' today and the new German Ambassador to the UK was being interviewed, primarily about the government's attempts to unilaterally change parts of the Northern Ireland Protocol. He spoke convincingly about the ongoing possibilities for negotiations and the lack of engagement from the UK government. The interview moved quite quickly to talk about 'express corridors' (proposed by the EU) and the red and green lanes (being proposed by the UK). And the ambassador noted, in passing, how this was a very technical and complex matter, aware that there was no space in the programme to get into the details of such things. Yet, of course, it is, in fact, the details that actually matter.

Unfortunately, sound bites sell far better than technical matters or complex ideas (as that former Archbishop, Rowan Williams, occasionally found out to his peril). So today, I heard our PM suggest that the lawyers raising objections about the flight to Rwanda were 'aiding and abetting criminals'. I heard another speaker return to that weary trope of 'taking back control'. And I heard people repeat, 'it's illegal', 'it's not illegal' over and over again (in relation to the Northern Ireland protocol) like some 5 years old in a playground.

Rhetoric replaces reality; complexity gets canned, in favour of simple tweets that make truths closer to lies.

In Christianity, God has traditionally been thought of as 'Simple'. This does not mean God is stupid, but that he is not made up of lots of different parts. Whatever we mean by the word God, is not something composite or modular. And that means there is only the 'whole', no simple (as we understand the term) bits to take a part, but only unending depth and mystery. And this matters here, because it suggests that trying to think about anything real, or truthful, in our world means thinking about it as a whole, as interconnected, and so very complex indeed.

*- David Newton*

**3rd July:** Rev Alison's Walker last service will be followed by a bring and share lunch. We hope everyone who has shared Alison's ministry in whatever way will be able to be there.

On **17th July** there will be a Barbecue at Haslingfield Methodist Church at 12.30 followed by a farewell service at 2.00pm from all Alison's churches.



## THE CHURCH IN TOFT DIARY

### **LORDS BRIDGE TEAM RECTOR**

We are delighted to report that Rev David Newton has been appointed by the Bishop as the new Team Rector of the Lordsbridge Team. He has been 'acting rector' since Alison Myers left the team in September. David was interviewed by a panel of parish representatives and patrons at the end of May. The work of the rector – to ensure collaboration and mutual support across the team, and to oversee the central administration of the team – compliments his ongoing primary work as a parish vicar in Toft and beyond.

*You are Invited...*

To the Institution – Fri 15th July at 7.30pm

David will be Instituted and Inducted on **Friday 15th July at 7.30pm in St Mary's, Comberton**. The service will be followed by drinks and nibbles. He would be delighted for you to attend.

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WEDDING: We send every good wish to **Ben (Ince)** and **Jess (Mowles)** who will be getting married in St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, 9th July. We hope they have a wonderful day and a long and happy marriage.

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**CONCERT:** Jubilee Jaunt 23rd July , 7.00pm at St. Andrew's – see Page 11

**HENRY** – we were very sad to find that our vacuum cleaner, Henry, had been stolen from the church and hope he has found a good home!

### **J. ROBERT RAW 1936-2022**

Robert was a well-known character around Toft, chatting outside the shop, walking around the village often with his wife Sarah, running the bottle stall at Church Fetes, attending 8.30 Sunday service. We will miss his wit, his laughter, his twinkle as he told yet another great story.

Robert was born just before the war; aged 5 his father was posted to India, returning 5 years later a stranger. Robert was sent to boarding school young and spent many of his youthful holidays in Richmond, Yorkshire. After Stowe, where he was good at rugby, he became an accountant and developed a love of motor sports and car rallying. In 1961 he married Shirley, and they had three surviving children. Holidays were spent in Cornwall, Norfolk, Scotland, sailing and fishing. His accountancy took him to large construction firms, until having moved to Cambridge he started his own consultancy helping small firms. He and Shirley lived in Comberton where sadly she died far too young. Marrying Sarah in 2000 they came to live in Toft. They have travelled extensively including New Zealand & safaris; he was a frequent visitor to Lords, loved golf, Morecombe and Wise, horseracing and was a marvellous friend to all. We will miss him greatly.

[There will be more about Terry Osborne next month.]



### **A Thank You**

I'd like to thank all our lovely friends in the village for their kind messages following the sad death of Robert. I know he will be sorely missed and we, his family, take comfort from the many happy memories he has given us. Love Sarah Raw





## TOFT SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

It was a busy **Jubilee Weekend** – great to see many new faces in the Club over the 4 day holiday. The bar was busy during the Street Party, the pasties on Friday night were very popular, and members had a right royal time at the Jubilee Quiz on Sunday – if you weren't there, ask someone who was, about the ballet dancing Barack Obama.....

There isn't a **Food on Friday** in July as it is our **Annual Barbeque!** The Club Barbecue is always great fun and an extremely sociable event. Great food, great company and great value at only £8.00! (Children under 8 just £4.00). Doors will open at 5pm - we expect food to be served around 6pm. As last year, we will be serving to the table to minimise queues! Please let us know when buying tickets if you have any seating preferences. Tickets are available from the Club - and when booking do let us know if you have any dietary requirements (ie vegetarian, GF, etc).

We are holding a **Gin Experience Evening** on Saturday 23rd July. During the evening there will be a variety of gins to try, including Dry, Traditional, International and Infused/Flavoured Gins. There will be different tonics and fruits to see just how you may prefer your gin, which is often seen as England's traditional spirit. There is no admission charge, you will only pay for the drinks you have. If you've never had a gin experience then this is your chance!

The **Film Club** returns to its normal third Saturday slot, on the Saturday 16th. We will be showing the 2020 film "The Duke". Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren star in this story set in 1961, when 60-year-old Kempton Bunton stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend. An uplifting true story about a good man who set out to change the world and managed to save his marriage. Doors open at 8pm and the film starts promptly at 8:20. Film Club membership is £10 for the year, or evening membership is £2.50.

**Carpet Bowls** is on Friday 8th July, doors open at 8pm – why not come along and give this popular and family friendly game a go.

**Toft Art** is on Thursday 1st July – new members are always welcome.

**Toft Quiz Night** is on Thursday 14th July - teams of up to 6, just £1 per team member. Doors open at 8pm.

The ever popular **Toft Bingo** will be on 28th July.

And don't forget - we are open every Thursday and Friday evening from 8pm – come along to chat and meet friends.

*Advance notice:*

Planning is now well underway for the return of our ever popular **Beer and Cider Festival** – it will be held over the weekend of **2nd - 4th September**, and will feature a wide range of beers, ciders and gins, plus food throughout the weekend and music on Saturday evening. We will have full details in the next Calendar, or keep an eye on the website for more details.

Your Committee is: : Martin Sebborn (Chairman), Roger Thorogood (Vice Chairman), Gill Collett (Treasurer), Paul Hercus, Sonia Cox (Secretary), Koran Collett, Ron Gouldstone, Liz Tomes, James Nairn, Brian Roberts and Angela Unsworth.

Keep up to date here:

[www.toftsocialclub.org.uk](http://www.toftsocialclub.org.uk)

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/ToftSocial>

**Toft Parish Council**

Clerk: Mrs Gail Stoehr (clerk@tpc.toft.org.uk)

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*The Council is your locally elected Council at the first tier of local government. Meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the first Monday of each month (excepting August) at the Toft People's Hall in School Lane starting at 7.00pm.*

*Notices of meetings and agendas are published on the Parish Council Noticeboard near the bus shelter together with minutes, which can also be viewed at [www.toft.org.uk](http://www.toft.org.uk). Among other things, the Council considers local planning applications for the planning authority, the South Cambridgeshire District Council; provides the local recreation area, the People's Hall, litter bins, dog waste bins and the bus shelter; arranges for local verge cutting on behalf of the Cambridgeshire County Council and works with that authority to ensure the maintenance of local footpaths.*

**Next Meeting:** We're pleased to report that our first Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 27th June. We are still looking for **an additional Councillor** if you are interested. One of the agenda items at the meeting will be the setting of the next meeting date and that may be the first Monday in August or September. After that the Council will resettle into its first Monday of the month.



The **Schoolroom Community Café** will be serving Cream Teas at The People's Hall, in aid of the National Garden Scheme, on **Sunday 3rd July from 12.30 to 4.30.**

We have been sponsored by Roddas clotted cream who will be donating jam as well as cream.

Please come along, see the gardens and sample the scones and cakes.

**Harvest time!**

Have you any surplus produce from your garden or allotment? Do you have any fruit or vegetables you'd like to sell, donate or barter with others? Why not bring them along to the Schoolroom Community Café – open every Wednesday from 10.30 until 1.30? We'll be pleased to provide a table on which any of your 'spare' produce can be displayed.



Should there be any leftovers at the end of the day, the Café will be happy to use them as ingredients for soup the following week! Any monetary donations would go to an appropriate charity.

*\* Please note that it will be the responsibility of the produce owner to organise any direct sales or bartering activity. The Café organisers will be too busy in the kitchen to help with that!*



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### Comberton Library

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

[your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Tel: 0345 045 5225

· Opening hours:

· Monday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

· Wednesday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm and  
2.30 – 5.30 pm

· Friday: 2.30 – 5.30 pm

· Saturday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

We are delighted to announce that Comberton Library has restarted rhymetime. The sessions run every other Monday during term time from 10:30 – 11am. Sessions running up to the summer break are: 20th June, 4th July and 18th July please do come and join us for a lovely half hour of rhymes and stories.

Get ready for the **Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge**. Join the Gadgeteers to discover the amazing science and technology behind the world around you! Read amazing books, collect awesome scrap & sniff stickers. Complete the Challenge and claim your own special Gadgeteers Medal and Certificate. Sign up for free at your local library from Saturday 9th July.

Alongside the reading challenge we will also be holding two events during the summer holidays - Monday 1st August for Lego & Monday 15th August for crafts. The events will run from 10:30 – 12:00 keep a look out at the library for more details nearer the time.

The Cambridgeshire Library service has just become the proud owner of two book bikes. If you are in Cambourne between 15th to 29th August you might be lucky enough to see Jessie the Jubilee bike. Jessie has mainly children's books, crafty materials and dressing up clothes for children. Our other bike Bessie will also be out and about over the summer visiting fetes and festivals, schools, playgroups, days centres, etc.

Bookings are open for the Spring/Summer Library Presents events and there are some great events to choose from: <https://www.library.live/the-library-presents-events>

Is your Bus Pass due to expire soon or are you newly eligible? If you or someone you know needs help renewing or applying for their pass we can assist them at the library, you can renew your pass up to six weeks before it expires. Please contact us at: [your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or call 0345 045 5225 to book an appointment. You are also welcome to just drop in, for renewals all you need to bring is your current bus pass.

Please help us raise awareness that Cambridgeshire Libraries are safe spaces for domestic abuse victims. All libraries have contact details for appropriate support agencies. Our computers are free to use, and your search history can't be tracked.

### Help improve health and care services

**healthwatch**  
Cambridgeshire

**healthwatch**  
Peterborough



Book your free place at Healthwatch in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's 'Championing Access' event this summer.

It's on **Thursday 7 July**, 10am to 3pm at the KingsGate Centre, 2 Staplee Way, Parnwell, Peterborough, PE1 4YT

This year the spotlight is on equal access to health and care services and on the big changes to how services are working. Health and care services are under huge pressure and are working hard to meet the needs of local people. But many people still find it hard to get the care they need, such as older and disabled people. And people from our poorer communities are dying ten years earlier than their richer neighbours.

We've got guest speakers, a mix of interesting workshops and a free lunch!

And local health and care decision makers will be there to hear your feedback and share their plans for the future.

Find out more and book your place at [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/championing-access](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/championing-access) or call 0330 355 1285 (local call rate) or text 0752 0635 176

## NGS Gardens

### Open in Toft Sunday 3rd July

National Garden Scheme gives visitors unique access to private gardens and raises impressive amounts for nursing and health charities.

This year we have four gardens open for you to enjoy here in Toft

In Colm Sheppard's garden at 21 Comberton Road you are sent on a journey through various interconnected zones which reflect the history of the English garden and it's connection with the pastoral landscape. The strong design takes us from ancient Britain and Classical Greece to Renaissance Italy and then through to the elegant Georgian era. The garden is packed full of great ideas and interesting plants.



Cross the road the Old Farm and you will find a delightful cottage garden of island beds of gorgeous perennials in carefully chosen textures and colours, dissected by grassy paths. Make your way further on to the vegetable and cut flower beds or stand and watch the bees and butterflies in the wild flower meadow. The house and garden are picture perfect.

At The Gig House you enter though a shady path which leads to two dry beds. Through the archways you will find a cut flower bed, a fruit cage and a small vegetable plot and further still a mini orchard, wild flowers, small pond and circular lawn with herbaceous beds. There are plenty of places to sit and watch the wildlife.

Manor Cottage garden, set in extensive grounds opposite St Andrews Church, has many beautiful borders with a selection of perennial plants, shrubs and trees. The roses are particularly lovely and the design of the garden uses clever repetition and careful colour combinations to great effect. You will also discover a greenhouse and carefully tended vegetable plot as you wander around.

Please come and visit our gardens. A combined entrance fee is £5.00 (children free)





# toft historical society

## CRICKET IN TOFT

The Exhibition for the recent Platinum Jubilee weekend included a photograph of participants in a cricket match that was held during the 777 celebrations. This prompted this article which drawn from THS records.

Cricket has long been a favourite with children and in his autobiography (see the THS website) Terry Osborne wrote that *"Cricket was played in Mr. Bernie Ward's garden, which was quite small. If we hit the ball outside the garden or on his vegetable garden we were out. So not many runs were scored but we had lots of fun in his garden."* Also, whilst at school in Comberton: *"The two best players at both football and cricket were Roy Wilson and Derek Oser. I was only a medium standard player in these sports but I played for the school teams in both and went on to play for the local village teams - wicket keeper in cricket, defender at football."*

Cricket clubs are an iconic feature of rural England and can be found in many English villages and towns. Although there are no formal written records relating to a cricket club in Toft, other than a scorebook from 1939, it does appear that the game was regularly played from around 1840 onwards and that the village team in the 1920's used Home Meadow for its home fixtures. According to the late Bert Sparks, the club was still playing there in the 1930's and he mentions Papworth as being one of the visiting village teams. The 1939 scorebook indicates that the club was playing in the Milton and District League at the time and would almost certainly have also been playing various friendly matches. The outbreak of War caused all matches to be suspended but there are indications that matches had resumed in Home Meadow by 1947/48.



*Twenty Acre pitch, Manor Farm - Reg Ward out to bat (with cap) 1951/52*

Colin Ward played with the club in 1951/52. By then it was part of the Cambridgeshire League, although he did not recall in which division Toft competed. The Club colours were a dark green cap with an embroidered yellow-gold coloured "T". Home games were held at the Twenty Acre

meadow at the back of Manor Farm when it was owned by Mr Butler. In later times the club played in the field owned by Ken Tebbit at the back of Manor Cottages in Church Lane.



Geoff Balcombe has memories of a Toft team playing for two or three seasons on Home Meadow in the early 1960's. The team was certainly playing in the lower divisions of the Cambridgeshire League at that time and players included Koran, Paul, Malcolm, Peter and Derick Collett, Reg, Bernie, Pat and Ronnie Ward, Geoff Balcombe and Len Halsall. Pat Ward is shown left at Parker's Piece in the late 60's. Visiting teams included Stetchworth, Harlton, Granchester, Over and Coton cricket clubs. Geoff recalls that the first game, against Stetchworth, was played in jumpers and jackets because of the cold weather. Aside from frozen fingers the result is unknown.

The club does not appear to have continued into the 70's but celebratory matches were played on Home Meadow as part of the 777 fundraising events in 1994, and again at the Millennium celebrations sports weekend in 2000. The 777 match featured the then Bishop of Ely, the Rt. Rev. Stephen Sykes as a member of Jake Tebbit's XI whilst the Rector, Rev. Andrew McKearney, played for Kevin Jacklin's XI. The latter team were the overwhelming victors on a pitch which apparently saw balls ricocheting off in all directions!



Reverend Andrew McKearney      Richard Preece      Brian Elsdon

### *777 Cricket Match on Home Meadow*



Back row: Mark Catley, Stephen Sykes, Trevor Jacklin, Dave Stewart, Kevin Jacklin, Brian Mitchell, Richard Preece, David Mahony, Jake Tebbit, Andrew McKearney, Paul Hollow, Robert Jackson, Jake Stewart, Alex Hoskins, Stephen Pugh, Patrick Hoskin, Oliver Pugh  
Front row: Keith Jacklin, Philip Jacklin, George Hoskin, Ian Mahony, Peter Johnson, Joseph Hodson, Michael Tebbit, Clive Jacklin, Philip Ling, Gary Marsh



Alex Hoskin      Brian Mitchell      Paul Hollow





**Toft Choir and Toft Session** invite you to a  
**Jubilee Jaunt** musical journey  
around Britain

on Saturday 23rd July at 7 pm

at St Andrew's Church, Toft

followed by a glass of Pimms

**Free concert.** No ticket needed but  
Donations welcome

Church will be ventilated

Concert will last approx one hour



### **Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire**

The summer months are great for butterfly and beetle spotting on

our nature reserves. Longhorn beetles are especially visible as they are quite big, sometimes colourful, and have long antennae. A common species is called the spotted or black and yellow longhorn (for obvious reasons!) The larvae develop in rotting wood, and the adults feed on flowers. You might also come across the sexton beetle, a type of burying beetle that feeds on carrion. Males and females cooperate to bury a corpse of a small mammal or bird, the female lays her eggs next to it, and then they care for the larvae after they hatch. These beetles are being studied in our West Cambridgeshire Hundreds reserves as part of a research project by the Department of Zoology at the University of Cambridge.

In dappled shade you might see the brown and cream speckled wood butterfly, the adults feed on honeydew which is the sugary sticky liquid made by aphids as they feed on plant sap. In the sunnier rides, you might spot the speedy bright orange silver-washed fritillary.

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants are protecting and managing the West Cambs 100s woodlands to ensure these special place remains for generations to come. They are not average woodlands:

- they have unusual geology and therefore soil type, which means they support some unusual species like oxlip
- some are unusually large in size, which means they have a great diversity and abundance of common species
- they have been woods for hundreds of years which makes them very rare habitat

In order to look after our reserves, we need your help. People and dogs disturb wildlife, so please stick to the official paths and keep your dog on a lead. Barbeques risk setting soil alight where it has a high carbon level like in woodlands or in peaty areas. They are not permitted on any of our reserves.

Please get in touch if you are interested in how you can volunteer on this reserve.

We run walks and family sessions throughout spring, summer and early autumn, and also attend events. These are a chance to learn more about local wildlife and how we manage our reserves, and also to ask questions directly to a staff member. Members receive a discount on most of our events. Please check out our website for more information.

[www.wildlifebcn.org/events](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/events)

## Wheelie Bin Collections For July

(N.B. This schedule may be subject to change)

### Black Bin:

Weds 6th July

Weds 20th July

### Blue/Green Bin

Weds 13th July

Weds 27th July

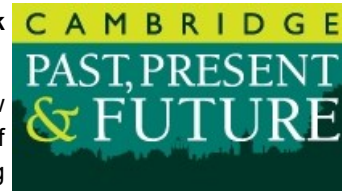
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 Ashcroft Veterinary Surgery: 01954 210250  
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 Cambridge AIDS help-line: (01223) 508805  
 Cambs County Council: 0345 045 5200  
 Cambridge Dial a Ride 01223 506335  
 Cambridge Water: 01223 706050  
 Care Network Cambridgeshire 01954 211919.  
 Citizens Advice Bureau: 0844 848 7979  
 Comberton GPs' Surgery: 01223 262500  
 Comberton Village College: 01223 262503  
 Community Warden (Age UK CAP) 07812 495997  
 County Councillor: 07402351821  
 CVC Community Education: 01223 264721  
 District Councillor: 01954 210040  
 Household Waste/Pest Control: 0345 045 0063  
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 Member of Parliament: Phone 01223 603677  
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 Police: 101 (Emergencies: 999)  
 (Local Beat Officer is PCSO Sam Kennedy)  
 Road/Pothole Reporting: 0345 045 5212  
 Street Lighting: 0800 7838 247  
 Street Cleaning: 03450 450 063  
 South Cambs District Council: 03450 450 500  
 South Cambs Fire and Rescue: 01480 444 500  
 Toft Car Scheme: 262814. If no reply 262708  
 Trading Standards: 0345 0455206  
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## Cambridge Country Park Expands



People in Cambridge can now enjoy an extra 30 acres of wonderful countryside. An opening event took place one Thursday for two new expansions to Wandlebury Country Park, which is owned and cared for by local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future. One of the new areas is called The Gallops and was used for training racehorses when Wandlebury was a stables during the 1800s. It is a lovely meadow with a new viewing area which has a wonderful vista over Cambridge.

The other area is 25 acres which was previously farmland. Over winter, volunteers planted 2,000 trees and the remaining land is being cultivated to be sown with a meadow seed mix to create rare chalk grassland, which is a priority habitat for nature conservation. A new path has been created around this area so that visitors can enjoy the views and watch nature colonise the new habitat. This area doesn't yet have a name and Cambridge Past, Present & Future is offering donors the opportunity to help name it.

Ros Aveling, Chair of the charity, is delighted to be expanding the park "Thanks to generous supporters and the hard work of our team, this wonderful countryside is now open for the public to enjoy. What is also great, is that this project is helping to restore nature, absorb carbon and improve our environment, not just for us but for future generations. This is part of our collaborative effort to deliver the Cambridge Nature Network, which is a large-scale initiative to enable nature to recover in the Cambridge area."

Writer Robert Macfarlane, helped to support the project and cut the ribbon at the opening "Wandlebury is a wonder: a place where the city comes to breathe. It's thrilling to see it grow; two new areas of land opened for people and nature now and in the future".

The new land was purchased by the charity thanks to support from donors and supporters and the work to improve the habitats has been supported by grants for the Cambridge Nature Network from the government's Green Recovery Fund and Natural England's Nature Recovery Programme.

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