



Toft Village Calendar

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DIARY DATES

TOFT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

[Over 50s Club]. On June 8th 2.30 start - A Royal Occasion – we will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with a special tea and an appropriate programme for the day! Guests always welcome

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### Sewing, Knit and Natter

Sewing Knit and Natter have been working on displays for the windows at the Chapel - see p.2 for more...

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The Parish Council

Next PC Meeting will be at a date to be determined. See the PC notice board for details. (There will not be a meeting on the usual first Monday of June.)

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## EDITORIAL

There'll be plenty to celebrate in Toft this month, with the Jubilee preparations now in full spate. You should have received a full programme of events by now, but we're reproducing it in this issue just in case you missed out. As you'll see, there's (as they like to say) 'something for everyone', so I hope we all enjoy good weather and can get out to visit some, if not all, of the various attractions on offer. But what if, for some mysterious reason, you fancied casting your net a bit wider? Might you be tempted to wonder what was going on elsewhere in our unsung county on this surely unique occasion? Well, shame on you for even thinking it but...just in case you have, here are a few of the things you'll be missing elsewhere in the county.

Pop up the A10 to Ely and you'll find what they describe as (Ho-ho-ho) their "unique Jubil-Eel Day!" *Visit Ely* are combining the much loved Ely Eel Day with a celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. Returning after two years is our Eel Parade, they say. Commencing from Cross Green it will wiggle its way, in all its regal glory, down to Jubilee Gardens where the Jubil-Eel Day celebrations commence. On the way back, you could detour into Cottenham, where they're holding an exhibition of 'Jubilees past', as well as a chance to bop the night away with a gent sporting the unlikely cognomen 'Disco Dave'.

If you'd prefer something a bit more sedate, an outfit calling themselves 'Eboracum Baroque' can be heard in Gt St Mary's Church in Cambridge on Saturday the 4th June. They promise 'a Royal programme of music featuring Handel's glorious Coronation Anthems including Zadok the Priest. It's also a chance to hear selections from his Water Music and some fiery operatic arias (including one with 4 trumpets!).' This one, though, will set you back 25 smackers, so bring your wallet. As an aside, the Cambridge City beacon - in a pitiful attempt to steal our thunder - will also be lit on Thursday 2nd. That's at Castle Hill.

Rather curiously, over in Bourn they'll be holding a Jubilee Car Boot Sale, which doesn't seem to hit quite the right note, at least to me. However, if you're so-minded, it's at The Willow Tree on the Friday. Mind you, hitting all the right notes (and hopefully, in the right order) will be bell-ringing displays at Swaffham Bulbeck, whilst, slightly nearer home, Great Gransden promises a 'Jubilee Tinnabulation'. They'll be ringing their bells over the whole of the long weekend. If peace and quiet's more your thing, you might enjoy a trip to Houghton, where, amongst other delights, you'll find what they bill as a 'Silent Disco'. I have no idea...

This is just a brief round-up, but we really ought to mention an event that shows every sign of slipping under most people's radar. Held later in the month so as not to conflict with other events - it's on 23rd June - will be "the first ever Cambridgeshire County Day [which] will celebrate The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen while also showcasing the very best of Cambridgeshire and raising money for charity. With more than 6,000 attendees expected, the event will provide a wonderful opportunity for the county's diverse and vibrant community to come together and get inspired by the best of Cambridgeshire, as local business, charities, clubs, voluntary groups and public sector organisations from every corner of the County showcase what they do and why they are great." Organised by - well, to be honest, I'm not sure who - it is felicitously located in - ummm - Newmarket.

Wherever you find yourself this long Jubilee weekend, let's hope it's memorable for all the right reasons. And, from this magazine, 'Congratulations, Ma'am'.



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

Toft Car Scheme is one of many similar schemes overseen by the Cambridge 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***5th June* 8.30am Holy Communion - Rev  
Prof Michael ReissSee Jubilee Programme – there is a short  
outdoor service in am3.15ish – Service of Thanksgiving in St  
Andrews led by Barbara Preece & Rev  
David Newton*12th June* 11.00am Holy Communion – St.  
Andrew's – Revd David Newton*19th June* 8.30am Holy Communion - Rev  
Prof Michael Reiss11.00am Morning Worship, - Rev.Dr  
Michael Wilson Methodist Church*26th June* 11.00am Morning Worship - Rev  
Robert DolmanThere 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 June so please check with  
WardensAlso on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm,  
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191 or follow the link: [https://  
us02web.zoom.us/j/899215191](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/899215191)  
Zoom services available at 11.00am  
MEETING ID: 823 1147 3640**D**ear friends,

"So long, farewell, auf wiedersehn, goodbye" – so sang the Von Trapp children as they tried to delay their bedtime and stay up late at the party. (The Sound of Music). I too must leave, as is the custom for Methodist Ministers as we serve for usually 5 to 10 years and then move to a new appointment. My leaving is as drawn out as the Von Trapp's, I fear, because I have left Haslingfield and Toft churches to my colleague Charity already, but don't actually move house (and leave my other two churches) until August.

So this letter is my chance to say "adieu" to you (and you, and you, and you....) "Adieu" means to commit the person you are leaving to God's safekeeping. So in thankfulness, that is exactly what I want to do. Thank you for the welcome that I have felt so warmly even though I don't live in Toft. Thank you for joining me in special celebrations and entrusting me with sad moments. Thank you for enthusiastic barn dancing and maypole dancing, for big breakfasts and a lot of cake and lunches, for the sense of rootedness in the history of Toft and the land. Thank you for the creativity, art and music that overflows particularly at festival time, for the willingness to sing a new song, even if sometimes with trepidation at first! Thank you for rejoicing as we celebrate the waters of life by sprinkling the cold fresh well-water as liberally as possible. Thank you for the conversations along the way. I have many memories to take with me.

And "adieu" – may God keep your arms wide open as the village changes and grows so you welcome in many others who will shape Toft anew. May God keep alive the joy of community. May God stretch your hearts to respond to those in need in our communities through the foodbank, through charities and continuing to be good neighbours to each other. May God make you yearn for justice and inclusion, to protect the earth and all who live. May God make you restless to explore and ready to return home. May God lead you to the peace of the churches when your whole being needs tranquillity. May God bless you with the realisation of God's endless love for you.

*Yours in Christ, Alison*

**Sewing Knit and Natter** have been working on displays for the windows at the Chapel which will feature our ideas to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We do hope many of you will come and see what we have been making - quite different to our usual creative work and which we hope will bring back memories to some and to the younger generation amazement, of everyday life in the early years of the Queen's reign. We will then meet again on the 22nd June, 10.30 am at the Chapel to continue creating the ideas that we love to make.



## THE CHURCH IN TOFT DIARY

On 3rd July **Rev Alison Walker's** last service in Toft after 8 years. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch

It is with great sadness we report the death of **Terry Osborne**. He came to Toft from London as a small boy, not strictly an evacuee, and spent all his working life here, living in Kingston. A service of thanksgiving for his life will take place at St. Andrew's on June 1st either 10.45 or 11.00 – please check with Wardens.

We have also just heard of the death of **Robert Raw** (22nd May), who has lived in Toft with his wife Sarah for some years, having previously been much involved in Comberton and St. Mary's

### SALE of BRIAN MITCHELL'S DAHLIAS

Toft Village Green, **FRIDAY June 10th** 4.45 - 6.15 pm

If you wish to buy dahlias and cannot come that day please contact the Mitchells, 20 High Street, Toft  
[ann@mitchella.ndonet.com](mailto:ann@mitchella.ndonet.com) or 262516

**N.B. St.Andrew's Summer Fete this year will be in the autumn**

**HARPSICHORD CONCERT** to be given by Robin Walker, gifted musician husband of Alison.. **Friday, 24th June 7.30** at the Methodist Church, in aid of the Church maintenance fund. Ticket information from the Methodist Stewards



## Meridian Primary School

*Learning for life – striving for excellence*

Greetings Neighbours,

Our Year 5 children had a wonderful time at Hilltop Residential Centre in Norfolk at the end of April – this was a great week of outdoor education and activities which has been always been a highlight for our children.

Our first few Meridian Music Makers' orchestra sessions have been a great success and all the children are doing really well.

Our EYFS class had a fantastic and interesting visit from our local community police officers. They explained to the children a bit about what they do and also showed them the special gadgets on their uniform and car.

Our EYFS class have achieved the RHS School Gardening Level 1 award and are currently working towards Level 2.

Our Y1 and Y2 children went along to Watts wood and had a great time exploring the woods.

In sports news, our Y6 netball teams played in the top division finals of the South Cambridgeshire Schools Netball Competition. They played brilliantly as a team and showed great skill and determination. In addition, we have teamed up with Comberton Squash Club and Y4 children are benefiting from some taster squash lessons.

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school at the end of May with a whole school picnic on the field and we look forward to the delicious scones our Y5 and Y6 children will be cooking for the school. Classes have also been working on three large portraits of the Queen to display around the school.

We are extremely proud of our Y6 children after their week of SATs (national testing). The children showed resilience and determination and we had 100% attendance for the week! Our Y6 enjoyed a fun Friday at the end of the week with a spot of bowling.

Kind regards, *Mrs C. Etchie, Headteacher*



## TOFT SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

### Jubilee Weekend

The Club will be open over the Jubilee weekend:

*Thursday 2nd June:* Open as normal (from 8pm) – **Toft Art** will be taking place as usual, or why not join us for a drink before heading over to Lot Meadow to see the beacon being lit; or come along afterwards for a post beacon chat and drink with friends.

*Friday 3rd June:* We will be open for the duration of the **Toft Street Party** from 3pm. We will then open again at 7:30pm – it would normally be Food on Friday but as the Street Party is in the afternoon we thought we'd do something a bit different this month – we are going to have a "Pasty Night". Our home-made pasties are very popular and there will be various flavours on sale during the evening – so why not come along and enjoy a pasty and a drink.

*Saturday 4th June:* The Jubilee team are running a bring your own food barbeque (please note that this is NOT our annual barbeque) and the Club will be open on the evening to support this.

*Sunday 5th June:* We are hosting a **Jubilee Quiz** – this will be a variation on our normal quiz with a few rounds on royal matters! Door open at 7:30pm – teams of up to 6, £1 per person.

### Other events in June

We had intended to hold a normal **quiz** in June as well as the Jubilee Quiz, but this has proved to be impractical, so the quiz will return to its usual slot in July.

**Carpet Bowls** is on Friday 10th June, doors open at 8pm – why not come along and try this family friendly game.

**The Film Club** will again be earlier than usual in June, on the 11th.. We will be showing the film "*Late Night*". Starring Emma Thompson, the film is a comedy drama - a late-night talk show host's world is turned upside down when she hires her first and only female staff writer. Originally intended to smooth over diversity concerns, her decision brings about unexpectedly hilarious consequences as the two women who are separated by culture and generation become united by their love of a biting punchline. 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.

On *Friday 17th* we will be holding a "**Table Top Sale**" – rather like a car boot sale, you can rent a table for the evening to sell any unwanted items – a chance to clear some space at home and make a little money! Full details on the Club website.

*Saturday 18th* is the date of our next **Open Mic / Music evening** – these evenings are proving very popular and feature a mix of music, comedy and poetry. Come along and enjoy some excellent local entertainment. Doors open at 8pm and entry is free of charge.

The ever popular **Toft Bingo** will be on *23rd June*.

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

*Advance notice* – dates for your diary:

*Saturday 9th July* – we will be holding our **annual Barbeque** – an event not to be missed! Full details on the website – tickets on sale in mid June.

*Saturday 23rd July* – we are holding a **Gin Evening**, giving you a chance to try a range of gins. Again, more details on the website and in next month's calendar.

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**

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30 West Drive

Highfields Caldecote

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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:** As reported last month we didn't have enough nominations to form a new Parish Council before the May election date. A new Election date has been set and there are more nominations for the election. The expectation is that we will have enough to form a new Council but not so many that we will need an election. That being the case we will have a First Parish Council Meeting towards the end of June at a date yet to be decided upon but which will be posted on the PC notice board.

# THE BIG TOFT BREAKFAST

Dear Friends

Wow... what a wonderful event! Thankfully, the rain held off for us and we were able to feed the masses of people who turned up to support this amazing occasion. It was a huge success and we need to thank everyone who did so much to make it happen....!!

Huge thanks to all of the helpers on the day, the bakers and shoppers who did things before the event, the people who gave donations because they knew they couldn't make it on the day, the people who came to eat, drink and be merry and to donate on the day, the cooks, washer uppers, table clearers, food replenishers, servers, greeters, balloon blowers up, drinks makers, table and chair shifters and sweepers up (and... anyone else I have stupidly forgotten....).

After the costs of food were covered, **we made a profit of £1084.00**

**That means we can donate £542.00 to both 'Fairtrade' and 'Farm Africa' to continue with their vital work!! 😊**

**HUGE THANKS ONCE AGAIN.... AND HERE'S TO THE NEXT TIME....**



# FOUR LOVELY GARDENS OPEN IN TOFT Sunday 3rd July 12noon to 5pm

**The National Garden Scheme gives visitors unique access to private gardens while raising impressive amounts for nursing and health charities.**

This year our open gardens in Toft are:  
Colm Sheppard at 21 Comberton Road  
Kay Brown at The Old Farm  
Jane Tebbit at The Gig House  
Mary Paxman at Manor Cottage.

Please come and visit. Entrance is £5.00 for all four gardens (children free).



Colm Sheppard's garden

## *The* **SCHOOLROOM** *Community Café*



We have been asked to open our Café on Sunday 3rd July for the National Garden Scheme to coincide with the NGS Toft Garden Group (see left).

The four Toft gardens will be open from 12 noon to 5 pm and we would like the Café to run in two shifts, 12.30 - 14.30 and 14.30 - 16.30.

### ***Cream Teas***

Our plan is to serve cream teas, cake and homemade biscuits, cold drinks and tea and coffee. We will not be serving lunches or hot food so that should make the task easier.

***We are looking for volunteers to bake scones and cakes and others to help run the café.***

We shall need two people to be leaders (not necessarily our café team leaders), two who can take the money and use the card reader and four to six others to serve, clear and wash up. You choose which time you would prefer and bring a friend if you like.

It should be fun and we can introduce our lovely Café to some new customers.

The NGS raises money for lots of health charities including Marie Curie, MacMillan Cancer Support and Parkinson's UK.

***Your help on 3rd July would be appreciated very much.***

Please contact Gill [gill.ppugh@gmail.com](mailto:gill.ppugh@gmail.com) or Jane [jane@tebbitdesign.co.uk](mailto:jane@tebbitdesign.co.uk) or phone Jane on 262309 if you would like to help. Thank you.



### 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: 6th June, 20th June, 4th July and 18th July.

Get ready for the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge, arriving in your local library this summer. Join the Gadgeteers to discover the amazing science and technology behind the world around you! Read amazing books, collect awesome

scrap & sniff stickers, join in with our marvellous science-themed activities. 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 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.

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.

### A Thank You...

...To the lovely residents of Toft. My husband Matthew and I came back to live with my parents, Gordon and Christine at 5 School Lane in February last year. Since then, we have been furiously house hunting for our first family home. A couple of weeks ago, we finally got the keys to our new home in Ramsey and will be moving in next week. We just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you very much for making us feel so welcome over the last year. We have loved getting to know you and have enjoyed being part of the community. We have been to quiz nights and church events; I have been a regular at the new baby group and have met some lovely new friends. I will miss bumping into some of you on my daily walk around the village with baby Eden and of course, popping up to the shop to get emergency biscuits and post lots of parcels! Sorry, Justin!

We will of course be coming back and we are hoping we can join you for the jubilee street party in June.

*All our love, Ilona, Matt and Eden*



Ain't Mis-Behavin' - Just Entertainin'...The Open-Mic night in May.

# toft historical society

## TOFT & ROYAL JUBILEES

Toft has celebrated the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II since her coronation in 1953 and has marked each of the milestones in her long reign ever since.

### SILVER JUBILEE 1977 – A contemporary report

“The day began with the Church bells ringing across the village. At 10am. the Jubilee parade began to process around the village with floats for the playgroup, the Brownies, the W.I. and the junior girls. A decorated bicycle competition was held for children, who followed behind the floats. The floats finished in Mr. C. Tebbit's Home Meadow, where games and competitions had been organised and a picnic lunch was enjoyed.

In the afternoon, the Morris Men danced on the Green and the Brownies danced round the Maypole, joined later by other children. In the Meadow, Mr. D. Robinson organised the Children's Sports helped by Mr. J. Hansford. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The day ended with an adults' dance in Mr C. Tebbit's thatched barn.

Throughout the day a Flower Festival took place in the Church. The arrangements illustrated the life and history of the village. Mrs J. Sewell from Comberton directed the work of a band of village ladies, and the display was made possible by the generous gift of so many flowers.

Simultaneously an exhibition of Arts and Crafts was held in the People's Hall, together with a children's painting competition, whilst in the Church Institute various Bygones, Photos and Pictures were displayed. The latter had been arranged by Mr Barnhurst helped by Mrs Moody, Mr T. Long and Mrs Harrowell.

The catering for the day and the tea for both junior and senior citizens had been organised by Mrs Kate Roberts, Toft Women's Institute and others.”



On the left is the pennant, for the **Golden Jubilee** in 2002. On the right is a photo of the Golden Jubilee ceilidh. There was also “an enthralling magic show by Dr. Bondini”, as one commentary records.



## Carers Week 2022

Carers Week 2022 is on the way from 6 to 12 June. The week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges people looking after a family or friend face and recognise the contribution they make to communities.



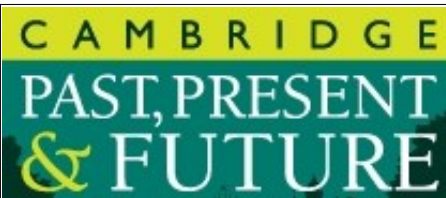
The theme for Carers Week 2022 is 'Make caring visible, valued and supported'.

Caring Together have a range of activities, workshops and information sessions planned for throughout the week. There are also fun activities planned for young carers in the half-term week before Carers Week.

If you look after a family member or friend, see how you can get involved. Find out more at [caringtogether.org/news/carers-week-events-activities-countdown](https://caringtogether.org/news/carers-week-events-activities-countdown)

If you know of someone looking after a family member or friend who would benefit from support, please contact Caring Together on 0345 241 0954, at [hello@caringtogether.org](mailto:hello@caringtogether.org) or see [caringtogether.org](https://caringtogether.org)

If you would like monthly updates on the support available to carers, you can sign up to 'inside news' from Caring Together by going to [caringtogether.org/keepintouch](https://caringtogether.org/keepintouch)



*Sunday 5 June, Sunday 3 July, & Sunday 7 August, 2.30pm-5pm*

### Hinxton Watermill Open Day

Come and look round this stunning working watermill that dates to the seventeenth century. On six Sundays during the summer the mill is opened and guides will show you how the mill works and tell you the history of this incredible building. There has been

a watermill at this site since the time of the Domesday Book in 1086. Children can take part in the popular 'Where's Ratty' contest and have the chance to win a prize! Owned by local charity CambridgePPF and run by dedicated volunteers the mill is set in picturesque surroundings on the River Cam, in the village of Hinxton. There are also walks along the river and picnic tables. Members free, non-members £3 adult, £1 per child. No need to book. Wednesday 22 June, 10.00 -12.00

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### Summer Wildflowers of Coton

Gentle guided walk to learn about summer wildflowers at Coton Countryside Reserve. Led by a knowledgeable CambridgePPF Warden, who will help you to identify wild flowers using features such as colour, form and habitat. Please wear footwear and clothing for being outdoors. There are no toilets. Meet at the large noticeboard near the Reserve car park on Grantchester Road. Free event, suggested donation £3. No need to book.

| <div></div> <div>Queens Platinum Jubilee</div> <div></div> <div>A Programme of Events</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <div>Thursday Jun 2<sup>nd</sup></div> <div>Scarecrow Trail around the Village</div> <div>Erect your Scarecrow - morning</div> <div>Wishing Tree on the Village Green</div> <div>Add your wish to the tree</div> <div>Lighting of the Beacon</div> <div>Lot Meadow - from 9 pm</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <div>Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup></div> <div>Sewing Knit and Natter Exhibition</div> <div>Methodist Chapel - 10 am</div> <div>History Exhibition</div> <div>Methodist Chapel - 10 am</div> <div>Jubilee Street Party - Bring &amp; Share</div> <div>Upper School Lane - 3 pm</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <div>Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup></div> <div>Exhibitions continue</div> <div>Methodist Chapel- 10 am</div> <div>Crown-making</div> <div>St Andrew’s Church - 10 am</div> <div>Maypole Dancing training</div> <div>St Andrew’s Church - 11 am</div> <div>Decorating the Church/Well</div> <div>St Andrew’s Church - 10 am</div> <div>“Toft Voices” Videos/History talk</div> <div>Toft People’s Hall - 2.30 pm</div> <div>Jubilee Barbecue</div> <div>Toft People’s Hall - 7:30 pm</div> | <div>Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup></div> <div>Parish Walk and Frog Hall Picnic</div> <div>From Methodist Chapel - 10 pm</div> <div>Maypole Dancing</div> <div>The Village Green - 2 pm</div> <div>Parading the Garland/Well Dressing</div> <div>Church Road - 3 pm (approx.)</div> <div>Service of Thanksgiving</div> <div>St Andrew’s Church - 3:30 pm</div> <div>Parish Tea (and Cake!)</div> <div>Churchyard - 4:15 (approx.)</div> <div>Social Club Jubilee Quiz</div> <div>Toft People’s Hall - 8 pm</div> |

#### Important information

Please note that the **Jubilee Beacon** will be lit in Lot Meadow around 9.45 pm but you are welcome from 9 pm. We hope to arrange lighting along the Public Footpath from High Street to Lot Meadow but take care of the uneven ground.

Those participants with mobility difficulties will, courtesy of the Mee family, be able to access Lot Meadow through No. 48 High Street (Merrywood). Please contact Cynan Ellis-Evans (01223-263477 or email [cynan.toft@gmail.com](mailto:cynan.toft@gmail.com)) beforehand so that support is available.

The Public Footpath will temporarily be closed at the west end of Lot Meadow, for safety reasons, ahead of the Beacon lighting. Please take care to avoid rabbit holes underfoot in the Meadow – we hope to fill the holes but cannot guarantee that we'll find them all as the rabbits are industrious "little devils"!

Through-access along School Lane will be stopped from 11 am to 7 pm on Friday June 3rd to facilitate setting up and taking down the **Street Party**. Access to the Car Park will be possible from High Street and the lower end of School Lane can be accessed from Brookside.

For those looking forward to the **Social Club Summer Barbecue** – that is not what will be happening on Saturday June 4th. The Jubilee Barbecue will be far more informal so bring what you want to barbecue and some salad to share. Buns and sauces, cutlery and plates will be provided. The Bar will be open and **Toft Session** (and friends) will provide some music.

**Wheelie Bin Collections For June**

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

**Black Bin:***Thurs 9th May*

Weds 22nd June

**Blue/Green Bin**

Weds 1st June

Weds 15th June

Weds 29th June

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 Ashcroft Veterinary Surgery: 01954 210250  
 Bourn GPs' Surgery: 01954 719313  
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 Cambs County Council: 0345 045 5200  
 Cambridge Dial a Ride 01223 506335  
 Cambridge Water: 01223 706050  
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 District Councillor: 01954 210040  
 Household Waste/Pest Control: 0345 045 0063  
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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  
 UK Power Networks (Emergencies): 0800 31 63 105

**Help shape policing priorities in your area**

Residents across Cambridgeshire are being invited to have their say and help shape policing priorities in their area.

Following a pilot in Cambridge city, Neighbourhood Policing Teams have launched a new way to influence what officers in your community focus on. This online tool provide a quick and easy way to have you say.

People living in Cambridge city, East Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire are invited to take five minutes to fill out an online survey each quarter so local officers can understand what crime is happening in their area.

Residents are also invited to attend an online meeting each quarter where there will be a presentation on recent policing activity from the team and the results of the survey will be shared. During the meeting neighbourhood teams will be able to listen to concerns, discuss, and allow residents to have an influence on what local police teams tackle.

Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson, who looks after the neighbourhood teams across the south of Cambridgeshire, said: "Our very genuine desire is to focus our neighbourhood teams on the things that are of the highest risk and concern for our residents. We are also really keen to tell you more about those things you might not realise or see us doing.

"We want to reach out to as many residents as possible. We're aiming to provide you better access to your neighbourhood police officers, to understand what is happening in your areas from a crime perspective and allow you to help shape the police activity.

"Online contact will never replace police teams being out on patrol to speak with, however residents have told us this is a quick, easy and effective means of getting to know your team and shaping what they do."

Residents can fill in the survey here: <https://forms.office.com/r/bYXZWCb3u>

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*And, finally...*

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