



Toft Village Calendar

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EDITORIAL

As a graduate of The University Of Hard Knocks - and even there, I only fluked a 2:2 - I am necessarily grateful for any beneficial trifle life sees fit to throw my way. So pleasure was unalloyed when I spotted the following in some publication (I forget where, it may have been a reputable source, or it might have been the internet. One of them, anyway).

"Drinking beer may be good for your gut health and boost the immune system, a review suggests." The review was by actual scientists, too, so not even a soupçon of doubt as to its veracity.

I think there was more - a sentence beginning with "But..." if I remember rightly - however, I'd heard all I wanted to know. I just knew all those long hours at the Toft Beer Festival would pay off, not to mention all the arduous preparation work I'd put in at the various welcoming hostelries that East Anglia so kindly provides. So now, as I contemplated a gut resembling a half-size model of The Hindenburg stuffed up a pullover, it was pikestaff-plain that this was evidence of my new turbo-healthiness. Stuffed with polyphenols and ethanol (whatever they are) it was clear that what, in other people, may have been regarded as evidence of incipient obesity was, in fact, nothing less than a magnificently super-charged immune system, out loud and proud. It's exactly the sort of news a dyed-in-the-wool sponge wants to hear and I wasted no time in waddling over to the fridge to look out a case or so of barley pop to help me celebrate. Settling down to read the report in a bit more detail, I toasted every benefit listed: 'Helps fight off the common cold' (Cheers!). 'Reduces the odds of heart disease' (Good Health!). 'Guards against Alzheimer's Disease, Cancer and Diabetes' (Prost!, Skol!). The report concluded with an observation that any sober person would have recognised for the fustian tripe it is: "The risk of death is lower in light and moderate drinkers." Given that every living thing on this planet is going to die, the risk of death is clearly absolute but by then I was surfing too big a wave of bonhomie to care.

Until I came to that bit that started 'But'.

Turns out that another scientist had chipped in. And this guy, confronted with the research the first guys did, said: "Any amount of alcohol increases cancer risk and blood pressure and the evidence that any alcoholic drink is good for the heart is simply not true." Well, I ask you - what is one supposed to do? All that can be reasonably gleaned from this is that at least one of these experts is wrong and possibly both. However, having been only to keen to dance to the first tune they played, it seemed incumbent on me to have a crack at the second. So here I am, day six of a hair-shirt sobriety programme. And guess what? In bed, with a 'common cold'.

Coincidence? I don't think so...

Bourn Surgery

Have a flu jab clinic on Saturday 14th October. Groups eligible for a free NHS 'flu vaccine from 1st September 2023 are:

- Those aged 65 years and over.
- Those aged 6 months to 64 years in clinical risk groups and those who are in close contact with an immunosuppressed person.
- Carers in receipt of a Carer's Allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person.
- Care home residents.
- Pregnant women.
- Children aged 2 or 3 years old on 31st August 2023.

There is a more complete list on their website at: www.bournsurgery.nhs.uk If you're unsure whether or not you qualify, please call them on 01954 719469

DIARY DATES

TOFT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

[Over 50s Club]. The next meeting for the Club is on 11th October, 2.30 pm start. A pudding afternoon – come prepared to try a variety of puddings and to hear why they are important to the maker. Don't eat too much lunch, no need to bring anything! Visitors always welcome.

Sewing, Knit and Natter

Our next meeting will be Wednesday Oct 25th in the Methodist Chapel, 10.30 -12.30.

The Parish Council

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd October 2023 in the People's Hall at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MINISTRY TEAM**THE CHURCH IN TOFT**

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SERVICES OF WORSHIP*2nd October* 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) – Rev. Prof Michael Reiss

11.00am HARVEST In the CHURCHYARD* – see below

8th October 11.00am Holy Communion St. Andrew's – Revd David Newton & Revd Barnabas Leeke*15th October* 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) – Rev Prof Michael Reiss

11.00am Morning Worship, Methodist Church – Mrs Cathy Michel

22nd October 11.00am Morning Prayer, St. Andrew's, Revd Robert Dolman*29th October* 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) – Rev David Newton

10.30 am Lordsbridge Team Holy Communion - Dry Drayton

3.00pm All Souls. The service of all souls is for all those who wish to remember someone who has died, recently or indeed in the far past. A time for reflection and remembrance. Do join us. The service will be followed by tea in the church.

There will be morning prayer at St. Andrew's every Wednesday at 9.15 am (about half-an-hour)

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

There is a big debate around in the air about whether we need to make sacrifices to avert a climate and biodiversity disaster, or whether technology can save the day. In the political sphere the related debate concerns whether the suggestion that people need to curtail their consumption could ever be palatable to the mainstream voter.

Sacrifice has always been a central concept for human societies. It's been understood in all sorts of different ways. It's a concept that has been used and indeed abused through the millennia, not least by the church, where calls to sacrifice have often been made by the powerful to those without power. Jesus' death has always been understood as a sacrifice, but again what one person has meant by that has often been diametrically opposed to what someone else means.

We're not going to untangle this knot here – the basic point is simply that it is a central concept of our humanity. Today though, I wonder whether the question around whether sacrifice is needed for the sake of the planet rather misses the point. The question – so posed – is all about whether we need to accept a "worse" standard of living than we currently have. But who gets to dictate what's "better" or "worse" here? What if human flourishing was less tied to GDP figures than we first thought? What if living more in harmony with the natural world was in fact better for us?

We sacrifice one thing – ever growing consumption – but find we gain another. That is a kind of sacrifice, for sure, but its end is life in abundance, life more in tune with who we're meant to be. Now that doesn't sound, to me, like too much of a sacrifice to make at all.

- Rev. David Newton

Simple Sewing, Knit and Natter.

Our **Mini Christmas Sale** will be held on **Saturday 18th November** in the Methodist Chapel. 10.30 - 1pm. Gifts, toys, tree decorations, cakes and plants for sale. Refreshments. All proceeds to the Arthur Rank Hospice. For more information please contact either Lucy (262948) or Sally (262895).



THE CHURCH IN TOFT DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2nd AUTUMN FAYRE in the churchyard Thank you so much for your support on what was a lovely autumnal morning. As ever, the teddies and friends had great fun coming down the tower and everyone else seemed to enjoy themselves too. We are declaring about £1600 but this may rise as donations and costs level things out. THANK YOU

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### THE WARM HUB WILL BE BACK

*Monday, 30th October*

*Come and join us for chat, games, friendship and refreshment, all for free.*

*We'll meet every Monday, beginning October 30th, from 10.30 to 12.30 at the Methodist Chapel, Toft.*

*We would love to see you there, you'll be guaranteed a warm welcome. Feel free to bring a friend*



DO Come and Hear This - read By its Author, Marion, At the

### **HARVEST SERVICE OCTOBER 1st 11.00am outside in the CHURCHYARD**

Gifts of Food, if you care to bring some. Fresh or packeted for the Women's Refuge

*Rhyming couplets it is said  
As Toft Brook flow free in poet's head,  
Those gathered here may well recall A prime example;  
Fred Bestall.  
Though somewhat underestimated  
His Rupert bear odes fascinated,  
Much less famous by a mile  
This Toft Bard emulates his style!  
And neither of us can compare  
To the mastery of John Clare  
On rural life, his legacy  
Nature's beauty, scenery, Badger, deer, birdsong aloft  
All in abundance here in Toft.  
Meadows, lanes and harvest bounty  
We're blessed to dwell here in this county.  
The short sharp bark of muntjac deer,  
Neath mackerel sky or azure clear  
From humble golden aconite  
To towering oak of ancient might.  
Autumn's scent sharpens our senses  
Free to us all with no expenses,*

*Modern poet or long-dead bard  
Would pause in awe in Toft Churchyard  
Would touch, inhale and feast their eyes  
On nature's wonders God provides,  
Why not just sit beneath a tree  
In this world of wars and wokery,  
Learn lessons from the olden times  
The rich, slow pace of John Clare's rhymes?  
Once Mother Nature's joy has found us  
There's bounteous beauty all around us.  
Our Lord said, 'Seek and ye shall find',  
So, reap this harvest, fill your mind  
Prince or pauper, any colour, creed  
Let's share our world. Thanks Marion Read.*

...and

*Thank you to the great John Clare  
I am very well aware,  
Applaud your craft with humble heart  
YOU are the Master of this art!*

(More from Marion overleaf...)

**Part 1. The Sorcerer's Apprentice**

I was extremely honoured  
 When Jane Tebbit asked of me,  
 "Will you help me decorate  
 The large Firs Farm marquee?".  
 Her concept was a 'Nature thing'  
 I said I'd be her deputy  
 So, no Gothic skulls and brazen bling  
 Had the design been down to me!

Therefore Friday in a thunder storm  
 Found Jane and I hell-bent,  
 Hacking dripping heaps of ivy  
 To deck the walls of massive tent.  
 It entailed hedge-loads of greenery  
 For Jane's artistic features,  
 And to enhance this scenery  
 She'd designed cardboard country creatures!

Then conjured up hand-woven nests!  
 I could not believe my eyes,  
 Full of cardboard fledglings...  
 That woman needs The Turner Prize!  
 Life-like squirrels, owls and blackbirds  
 Lord! She is artistic,  
 I (for once), was lost for words  
 They looked so realistic!  
 We cut more ivy in Lot Meadow  
 Toft brook, like me, was all aswirl,  
 As was my black mascara river...  
 But I'm a country girl.

Thence came the stalwart men of Toft  
 To install the lighting,  
 Up ladders stringing it aloft  
 A scenario somewhat frightening...  
 Electricals and pouring rain?  
 A match to be disputed,  
 Phew! successful they came down again  
 No one electrocuted!  
 Team Toft had done their stuff  
 Towards this tented pleasure dome,  
 Despite the weather wild and rough  
 Delighted, I squelched home...

**Part 2. The Toft Garland**

Drat! I'd yet to make Toft Garland!  
 My 'Mike McCarthy Annual Task',  
 I've done it for so long he no longer has to ask.  
 I made one eighteen years ago  
 And felt all smug and clever,  
 Before I learnt, take on a job in Toft  
 That job's then yours forever!  
 So, before I wrung my socks out  
 Fed my cat and went to bed,  
 I grabbed the hoops, the wire and spooky doll  
 And stomped off to my shed.

**(Aside)...**

*To explain... according to Toft Historical Society,  
 since way when, at every spring festival a willow  
 garland, woven around wooden hoops in which  
 sits a Victorian doll, is paraded around Toft. I can't  
 remember why but we still do it!...*

*But I digress...Back to the scenario in the shed,  
 now dark and still bucketing down...*

With left over ivy (and red wine)  
 I worked by candlelight,  
 Attached the spooky doll in record time  
 Great! she looked alright.  
 Candles snuffed, I could rejoice  
 Having secured her in the shed,  
 An then I heard a little voice  
 "Job done", I swear she said....

Sunday was Tea Party Time  
 Another epic by Toft Grafters,  
 Bathed in glorious sunshine  
 We enjoyed seconds, thirds and afters.  
 The little doll paraded there  
 I'd woven bluebells in her hair,  
 Her porcelain impassive stare  
 Met my gaze, made me aware  
 When dark clouds gather it's the norm...  
 The sun will shine after the storm.

**Toft Parish Council**

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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. 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:** The next meeting will be on **Monday 2nd October 2023** in the People's Hall at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Parish Council met on 4th September.

Cllr's Miles and Collinson sent their apologies.

Cllr Darbyshire is to prepare a proposal for bird boxes and bat boxes for the next meeting. The PC did agree to purchase some Hedgehog Highway Frames for distribution in the village. These are frames that are fitted into wooden fences to allow hedgehogs easy access between properties.

The PC has received a response to the request to new footpaths across land to the northeast of the village. The landowner felt it was inappropriate to progress this at the time whilst the EWR is being developed.

Cllr Yeadon reported that the bench by the church is badly damaged and needed replacement but was pleased to report that Wendy Warton had already offered to fund the replacement for which the Council is very grateful. Cllr Yeadon is to look at options for its replacement.

It was also reported that the speed monitors were now operating, however its been found that two of the batteries are not operating and it was agreed to replace these.

Cllr Yeadon also reported that he was still trying to progress the modification of the light in the bus shelter so that it doesn't remain on permanently and obtain agreement with the County Council on some proposals to enhance the area where the commemorative tree has been planted.

Cllr Watson has been progressing improvements to the Recreation Ground and plans to present proposals at the next meeting.



**Defibrillator Training –  
learn how to save a life**



Toft has its own defibrillator, or AED, located at the People's Hall. This device can save the life of someone who has suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. By the time an ambulance has reached Toft it could be too late. Prompt use of the AED could restart their heart and save their life. It is easy to use and the more people in Toft who know how to use it the better. So do come along to the training session in Toft People's Hall on **Wednesday 22nd November** at 18.30. There will be a professional trainer, manikins to practice on and refreshments will be provided.



## TOFT SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

The 17th Beer and Cider Festival took place at the beginning of September and was a huge success – large numbers of people thoroughly enjoyed great beer & cider, great food, great music and a fabulous atmosphere during a sunny, warm weekend. Our thanks go out to everyone who came along to enjoy the event, and special thanks to everyone who helped throughout the weekend.

Now on to October!

Following the success at the Beer Festival, we are hoping to have another **Sunday Roast** in mid October, this time in aid of the charity that we supported last year. Please see the website or ask at the bar for details. We are holding an **Italian Wine Tasting Evening** on Saturday 28th – this will be a chance to try some excellent and interesting wines. There will also be snacks available - there is no admission charge – doors open at 8pm.

**Film Night** is Saturday 21st, and we will be showing the 2022 film “Mrs Harris Goes To Paris”, which tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves, and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior. Doors open at 7:30pm and the film starts promptly at 8:00pm. Film Club membership is £12 for the year, or evening membership is £2.50.

**Toft Art** is on Thursday 5th – new artists and sketchers are always welcome at this informal and informative session.

**Food on Friday** is on Friday 6th, we'll be serving Chilli con Carne – with a meat and a vegetarian option. Doors open at 7pm, with food just £5.00. We operate on first come, first served – so come early to avoid disappointment!

The popular **Open Mic Music Night** is on Saturday 7th, with a mix of performers offering music and words. Free entry – doors open at 8pm. If you are interested in performing at one of these evenings, please contact us at [openmic@toftsocialclub.org.uk](mailto:openmic@toftsocialclub.org.uk)

**Toft Quiz Night** is on Thursday 12th - teams of up to 6, just £1 per team member. Cash prizes! Doors open at 8pm.

**Carpet Bowls** is on Friday 13th, doors open at 8pm – why not come along and give this family friendly game a go.

**Table Tennis** is on Thursday 19th - come along and join a growing band of enthusiastic players.

**Toft Bingo** is on Thursday 26th – cash prizes – all welcome, doors open at 8pm.

The Club is always open every Thursday and Friday evening from 8pm, plus many Saturday evenings and there is always a warm welcome where you can meet up with friends and enjoy a drink.

We are welcoming **Megson** back to Toft on Saturday 14th - comprising Debs Hanna (Vocals, Whistle, Piano Accordion) and Stu Hanna (Guitar, Mandola, Banjo). Megson have been described as as “the most original duo on the British folk scene” by The Guardian.

On Thursday 16th November we welcome **Martyn Joseph** – a completely unique and mind blowing artist. For one man and a guitar he creates a performance with a huge far-reaching sound that is energetic, compelling and passionate.

Tickets for both are on sale via the website!

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

Keep up to date here:

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

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## THANK YOU TO VILLAGERS FROM TOFT SHOP

THANK YOU, to the many customers and friends of Toft shop that support us, as your support helps us continue to provide various services especially in these challenging times of rising costs and shortages. Now with Coop mini store opening soon we will be faced with new challenges we feel it appropriate to restate the various services we offer.

The Post Office is one of the most valued assets within local communities and Toft Post Office offers a wide range of services to the village and the wider community. It is important that people realise that for the post office to remain open and financially worthwhile, not just viable, its services must be used.

Some of the products and services are listed below. These days the post office offers a wide range of mail and banking services

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Sale of stamps</i>                | <i>- Handling of letters and parcels</i> | <i>- Banking services</i>         |
| <i>Cash withdrawals (most banks)</i> | <i>- Travel money</i>                    | <i>- Insurances</i>               |
| <i>Broadband and Mobile</i>          | <i>- Postal orders</i>                   | <i>- Amazon parcel acceptance</i> |
| <i>Amazon parcel returns</i>         |                                          |                                   |

We all know that village shops have an important part to play in villages – and sometimes it is useful to think about why this is the case

**Social exclusion** – for some residents a visit to the shop is their only social contact all day. Often these are elderly people and the shop is an important, informal part of their support network.

**Enabling residence** – for some the shop could be the difference between remaining living independently and having to move into sheltered accommodation elsewhere. The shop enables the local purchase of groceries, access to financial services and can be crucial for some residents.

**Centre for community** – the shop offers a facility for everyone and is probably one of the place where everyone goes (different to a church, pub or village hall). It's a place where local news is often displayed and exchanged and neighbours meet.

**Convenience store** – gives people an opportunity to buy fresh items or items they may have forgotten during a major shop including newspapers, milk, bread, fruit and veg etc. When your child tells you at 5.45pm they need a list of ingredients for food technology class tomorrow – then its great to know the shop is open until 6.00pm

**Other services** –.Drycleaning and repair services, Medical prescription drop off and collection and Home delivery for elderly customers.

**Green issues** – If residents are able to walk to their local shop then this reduces the number of car miles with obvious environmental benefits. Shopping locally reduces the overall carbon footprint.

**Business customers** – small business have access to postal and banking services as well as stationery and other requisites.

**Support local suppliers** – The shop is vital in helping customers to access local products and supporting small producers. We have a wide range of local products – homemade cakes, local jams, apple juice, fresh veg & fruit, fresh bread, milk, honey, greeting cards and many others.

**Source of local employment** – We continue to offer local young people an opportunity to gain work experience with paid employment. On a part time basis in the shop or delivering papers and have found that the experience is very positive for them.

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# Fox Hunting

Hunting and shooting have a long tradition in rural communities and villagers in Toft certainly took part in activities such as ferreting and game shooting. Last month the THS contribution to the Calendar described rough shooting of birds, notably sparrows, which were long seen as a major problem in farm buildings around Toft and other farming villages.

Foxes were also considered pests, causing considerable harm to livestock, particularly poultry and sheep, which in the past were kept in open fields. The hunting of foxes on horseback was an exhilarating sport whilst also serving to control the fox population. Supporters followed the local Hunt on foot, bicycle, and, in more recent times, car. Such gatherings were a social occasion in themselves as they passed through villages (see below) and were linked to other events such as Hunt Balls and Point-to-Point racing.



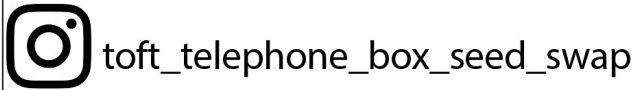
*Cambridgeshire Hunt in Toft 1969*



*A Christmas Hunt (1980's), Alison on left*

The Cambridgeshire Hunt came into existence during the latter part of the 18th Century. It seems to have visited our village on a regular basis during the 20th Century up until the late 1980's though it seems that Alison Balcombe, daughter of Geoff and Yvonne Balcombe, was the only member of the Hunt from Toft. The Hunt amalgamated with the neighbouring Enfield Chace at the beginning of the 2001-2002 season. After hunting with hounds was abolished by the 2004 Hunting Act the amalgamated group continued its activities using fox-based scent trails for hounds to follow.





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### New seeds to sow now

Sow annual flowers *now* for strong healthy plants next summer.

Pick up some cornflower, calendula, ammi, sweet peas, nigella, wild carrot, larkspur, quaking grass, Toft wild flowers and more.



### Bring your collected seeds to share

Don't worry if you haven't got seeds to swap as you can always take seeds then make a cash donation into the yellow Farm Africa box at Toft Shop.



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging residents to Take Charge and Be Safe by keeping in mind some simple

steps when using electrical devices, especially those with Lithium-Ion batteries. By following a few simple safety measures, like adding fire safety to your bedtime routine and being awake when using and charging some devices or appliances, people can keep themselves and their families safe in their homes. Use the correct charger for your battery, and make sure to buy from a reputable seller

Make sure your battery and charger meet UK safety standards – look for the CE mark

Ideally, don't charge your e-bike or e-scooter overnight or while you are sleeping. If you must charge overnight, charge the bike/scooter in a room away from escape routes, close the door to the room and ensure the room has a smoke detector in it

Keep an eye out for warning signs that your battery might be failing and becoming a fire risk – if the battery is getting very hot, making a noise, smoking, leaking or bulging or the charger cable is frayed, stop using it and get a replacement. It is normal for batteries to feel warm when charging but if it is extremely hot to touch it is a sign it may be defective and could start a fire

Let your battery cool after use before charging it

Unplug your charger once the battery has charged.

### In it to win it!

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity needs to raise £4.79 million this year, in order to continue to offer services free to patients. By supporting the Winter Raffle you would be helping them to reach this target. Tickets are available to buy from 8 November and need to be with the Charity by 8 December 2023. The Charity is very grateful to anyone who can buy or sell tickets or would like to contribute to prizes. Please visit [arhc.org.uk/donate/give-money/raffles](http://arhc.org.uk/donate/give-money/raffles) or email [fundraising@arhc.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@arhc.org.uk) or telephone 01223 675888.



**Arthur Rank Hospice Charity**

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Get your **Charity Christmas cards**, with local scenes, before it's too late!

Order your local scene Christmas cards to support Arthur Rank Hospice Charity before they sell out! There are many to choose from, including the River Cam, The Round Church, Parker's Piece, Ely, Wisbech and lots more! The full collection can be viewed on their website arhc.org.uk/shop. The cards are beautiful in appearance and also in sentiment as every pack of cards sold helps fund patient care!



m e g s o n

megson in concert



Saturday 14th October 2023

Four times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the Spiral Earth Awards MEGSON create a truly unique brand of folk music.

They are back doing what they do best, on the road promoting a brand new studio album to be released in Spring 2023. Catch them in Toft this October.

Tickets on sale now – £16.00

Tickets available online from: <https://toftsocialclub.org.uk/tickets.php>



MARTYN JOSEPH

IN CONCERT

Thursday 16th November 2023

We are excited to be welcoming Martyn Joseph to Toft
A unique talent driven by passion, social awareness, and love for his trade, he's a jaw dropping guitar player who has developed a unique percussive style, teamed up with a powerful show stopping voice, and has been called "The Welsh Springsteen"

Tickets on sale now - £18.00.

Tickets available online from: <https://toftsocialclub.org.uk/tickets.php>

Wheellie Bin Collections For October

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

Black Bin:

Thurs 5th Oct

Thurs 19th Oct

Blue/Green Bin

Thurs 12th Oct

Thurs 26th Oct

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Bourn GPs' Surgery: 01954 719313

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

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