



Toft Village Calendar

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September 2020



DIARY DATES

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING



Will not be
taking place this
month.

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### TOFT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

[Over 50s Club]. still  
cannot meet at present

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**Sewing, Knit and
Natter** will not be
meeting this month. -
but see p8 to catch up
on how they've been
spending lock-down!

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**The Parish Council -**  
The Council did not  
meet in August. The  
next meeting will be at  
7-00 on Monday 7th  
Sept via Zoom. Details  
will be on the Village  
web site at least 3  
days before the event.

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EDITORIAL

You might think - and would certainly hope - that in these dire times, the Government and its hirelings, such as The Greater Cambridge Partnership, would have enough on its plate and might - even temporarily - park its plans to concrete over the Eastern counties. A wise person, faced with the possibility that commuting levels were about to plummet as more people worked from home, might pause before deciding to burn shed-loads of other people's money on schemes to tarmac some of the country's best arable land to provide a gratuitous and unnecessary 'arc' between Cambridge and Oxford. They might even think twice before burdening us with yet more of their fantastically successful guided-bus lanes. But not so. Furlough and solitary confinement have not dimmed their ardour, nor their schemes condemned. Undaunted and unhinged in equal measure, the mighty brains of the GCP and the Department For Transport pursue their quest to solve tomorrow's questions with yesterday's answers.

It's no secret that the new East-West railway (another nineteenth-century transport solution) will - must - pass close by this village if it is to terminate at the Cambridge South station. What may be slightly less well-known is that plans are, apparently, afoot to construct a new town about the size of Cambridge 'somewhere between Cambridge and Cambourne'. This intelligence comes from a speech given by our Mayor, James Palmer, to a meeting of a scrutiny committee at the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Just in case you think it might have been a slip of the tongue, he went on to describe the possibility as 'clear and obvious'. And where, do you think, might this new Eldorado be situated? Well, you would have to be even dimmer than the GCP to build a brand new railway and then site a major new town miles away from it. Try to remember how many times you've heard visitors wonder why Cambridge station is, almost uniquely, so far from the town centre (that's Cambridge Mk 1, for the avoidance of doubt). So, the sensible money says that the favelas and bidonvilles of Cambridge New Town will lie fairly athwart the new railway. In other words, a lot too close for comfort. You would have to suppose that a person of the Mayor's pre-eminence has access to information not made privy to us mere groundlings, so it would be wise to assume he knows whereof he speaks. You begin to see why the Government espouses a planning free-for-all as part of its enlightened programme for the next Parliament.

The question arises: Why say this now? I can think of three options. Firstly, that's it's a secret and he's let the cat out of the bag by mistake. Secondly, that he's been told to start the softening-up process necessary to acclimatise the rest of us to the idea. Or thirdly, he's put two and two together and come up with 7¾. This will come as a shock, I know, but you had to know sometime: Politicians do make occasional mistakes.

As for me: Well, now that churches are finally re-opening, I'm off to offer up a small prayer for option three. Anyone coming?

Toft 2020

Although it's been quiet in the village we are still gathering reports for the 2020 project.

I thought we may test your prediction skills this month. What would be your answers to these questions.

1, A litre of petrol at Morrisons is 122.17 this month. What do you think the price will be in 2025 and 2030?

2, A pint of bitter in the social club is £2.20. How much will it be in 2025 and 2030?

3, In 2003 there were 350-400 pairs of breeding Red Kites in the UK, in 2019 there were 4600. How many will there be in 2024 and 2029?

4, In April 2020 46% of those employed did some work from home. What will be the %age in 2025 and 2030.

5, In June 2019 there were an average of 455 vehicles travelling through the village each day. In 2020 that was 550. What do you think the figure will be for 2025 and 2030?

Another aspect of the project is to contact local businesses to record a paragraph on what they are about, how many people they employ, their aspirations for the coming years. We're looking for somebody to take a lead or just be involved in that. It won't be too stressful and could be interesting.

We can discuss how to go about it etc before starting. Please let me know if you are interested, don't be shy.

Please email me at
martin.yeadon@gmail.com
for all your responses.

MINISTRY TEAM**THE CHURCH IN TOFT**

St. Andrew's Parish Church

Team Vicar:

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01223 872862

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Diana Tebbit 01223 263557

Stephen Acklam 264055

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Everyone is welcome to come and share in any of
our services

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

30th August 8.30 am Holy Communion - Rev Prof
Michael Reiss

11.00am Morning Service - Rev Alison Walker

6th September 8.30 am Holy Communion - Rev Prof
Michael Reiss

11.00am Holy Communion – Rev Alison Walker

13th September 11.00 am Morning Prayer OUTSIDE
– Ann Mitchell

20th September 8.30 am Holy Communion Rev Prof
Michael Reiss

11.00am Morning service - Rev Tricia Troughton

27th September 11.00am Morning Service – Cathy
Michell

27th September it is hoped that there will be Bread
Church at 4.00pm either at the Methodist Church or
via Zoom

Morning Prayer 9.15am at St Andrew's every
Wednesday

St. Andrew's is open every day if you wish to drop in
and we are holding services there every week BUT
totally understand if you wish to remain at home for
the moment. We are, of course, observing the
guidelines for worship over social distancing, use of
santiser, wearing of masks and in the way Holy
Communion is administered.

We will continue to have an email version of
Wednesday morning prayer (if you wish to add your
name to this list get in touch with Tricia Troughton)
and the Zoom service is available at 1100 am

THE MEETING ID: 898 7070 2475

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89870702475>.

For the present the Methodist Church will remain
closed for services.

Dear Friends,

As the summer draws to an end, we are trying to make plans for the autumn and even for Christmas. Anytime I write something down on a risk assessment or diary, the government issues different advice. It is inevitable because the times are, as we continue to repeat, unprecedented and so deciding what we can do even in two weeks' time is complicated.

We are edging our way back to (a new? temporary?) normal.

Some plans must be made even if we know that everything may change at short notice. So I am planning to celebrate Harvest, to commemorate All Souls, to mark Remembrance Sunday and yes I'm wondering about Christmas and if we can sing carols together (or not, what a shame that may be!) and to take some holiday time walking a pilgrimage or two. At the same time, I am reminding myself to enjoy the here-and-now, to value conversations, to read a book or two, to take a walk whatever the weather. I hope that these months of many changes have finally taught me that however exciting my future plans, it is the present moment that truly matters and is resonant with deeper meaning.

The uncertainty, the ongoing shielding that cocoons some people mostly at home, still means that we may or may not see each other in person, and even if we do, the usual social signs of hugs and handshakes still cannot be shared. So I'll close with the end of the Irish Blessing in the hope that this physical image of God's comfort and blessing will stay close to you. "And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand."



Photo of "Hands" by Rick Kirby, outside Woodbridge Quay Church, Suffolk (from their website). The inscription says "*I hold and am held*"

- Rev'd Alison Walker

Sewing, Knit and Natter - are not meeting at present. But take a look at how some of us have been spending our lockdown-time on Page 8 of this edition.



THE CHURCH IN TOFT DIARY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

September 13th: Weather permitting we plan another service set in the churchyard on this Sunday. Do come and join us.

HARVEST will be celebrated, outside (gain weather permitting), at St. Andrew's, on 4th October.

David and Sally Newton: We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Zoe, sister to Toby and Delilah. Many congratulations to all the family and we look forward to meeting the young lady in due course.

We are sad to report the death of John Horan, long-time resident of High Street.



RIDE AND STRIDE

Peter Johnson will be Striding on **12th September** to raise funds for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. All money raised will be shared between the CHCT and St Andrews in Toft. The CHCT is concerned with the restoration of historic churches and provide both grants and loans. St Andrews received both a grant and a loan for the recent works on the roof.

In the past Peter has been generously sponsored and hopes that this will be the case this year.

Toft Wood 25th Anniversary Book – A Call for Photos, Paintings, Articles, Poems etc

On the November 25th this year, it will be 25 years since the planting by Toft Villagers of our Toft Wood. I would like to put together a book about the wood with contributions from anyone who has things they remember or enjoy about the wood. I have a lot of photos taken over the past 10 years or so in different seasons and of the abundant wildlife but very little before that time, having lost prints etc due to flooding.

I would be very grateful for anything relevant to the Wood, photos, paintings, drawings or cartoons, prose or poems in praise of the Wood. I would be especially pleased to know if anyone has the following

1. Photos of what the area looked like before it was acquired by the Woodland Trust
2. Photos of the actual planting on November 25th 1995
3. Articles about the history behind the decision to purchase the land and the handover itself to the Woodland Trust.
4. General photos of people enjoying the wood and the wood itself at different stages of growth.

The deadline for receiving material will be early October, as I would like to get the book completed and printed by the time of the Anniversary.

Ann Miles annmiles70@gmail.com 3, Glebe Close, Toft





TOFT SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SOCIAL CLUB OPENING AND ACTIVITIES

The Social Club Committee is keen that the club should open as soon as possible but the secure guidelines do not allow us to open in a way which would allow members to socially distance and safely make the most of the facilities we offer.

The situation remains under review but this does mean that all events must remain on hold and the bar will not be open for its usual evening sessions.

ZOOM MEETING GET TOGETHERS

The Friday evening "Zoom" video sessions have been popular over the last four months of lockdown. These have allowed members to join in video chats together and catch up on local news. As things have eased slightly and people are getting out more we have decided it is time to take a break.

We must thank Martin for running these sessions and for everyone who joined in. We hope the national situation will continue to improve but we will monitor the situation and if need be we may re introduce the online zoom meetings in some form after the summer.

ZOOM SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ

The Zoom Social Club Quizzes have run on Saturday nights every two weeks for the last four months.

As with the zoom meetings we have decided it is time to take a break but will continue to monitor the situation and if need be we may re introduce the online zoom quizzes after the summer.

Again we thank Martin for running these and also the few brave people who have compiled the questions to challenge our little grey cells.

Information and update can be found on our webpage. <https://toftsocialclub.org.uk/online.php>

BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

A reminder that sadly because of the restrictions on the meeting of large gatherings indoors The Annual Beer and Cider festival in September will NOT take place.

We wish everyone well.

Please follow any updates on the Website and Facebook pages detailed below.

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

www.toftsocialclub.org.uk

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



Dear Neighbour,

Are you unable to leave your home because of Covid 19/Coronavirus? We're here for you.

We are a group of Toft residents who have come together during a time when some people may be finding it hard to access the help they need.

We would like to support the community that we live in and ensure that nobody is left isolated or without support. **We don't ask for anything in return**, we just believe in helping each other in a time of difficulty.

We are your Toft neighbours and not a professional body. We can only offer help within reason, and in ways so that we can also stay safe. If you need medical advice, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service at **111.nhs.uk/covid-19**, or if you have no internet access, call **NHS 111** from your phone. In a medical emergency, dial 999.

NEED SUPPORT?

If you would like to speak to us, or want help,

1) please call, text or WhatsApp (at reasonable times),
Linda Hollow – 07779 918 682 or email: **linda.hollow@btconnect.com**

2) or, put a message asking for help on the 'Nextdoor Toft' site (contact Jackie Morton at **jem.wickets@btinternet.com** to join)

3) or, use the Toft Community Page on **Facebook**.

GIVE SUPPORT

If you would like to help support the community, please let us know via either Jackie or Linda (details above)

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



ARRANGING
DELIVERIES



PICKING UP
SHOPPING &
MEDICATION



A FRIENDLY
PHONE CALL



POSTING
MAIL



URGENT
SUPPLIES



HELP TOPPING
UP ELECTRIC
OR GAS KEY



OCCASIONAL
DOG
WALKING

20/03/20

• TOFT • GROUP

- We are a group of teens between the ages of 11-16, we are looking for more people to get to know
- We skateboard, cycle to rivers and various other activities. if you are interested in joining just let our leaders know - the contacts are at the bottom

MORE EVENTS:

- Halloween
- Skateboarding
- Hanging out!
- cycling trips
- Swimming in rivers / Pools + more ideas

CONTACT info :

EMAIL: chc5RW17951@gmail.com

instagram: [toft.group02](https://www.instagram.com/toft.group02)

you will be contacting -
carla, ruth and courtney!



Open Eco Homes – Autumn Season

Has spending more time at home got you thinking about home improvement? The upcoming government Green Homes Grant offers homeowners and landlords grants up to £5,000 covering two-thirds of the cost of many home energy improvements.

Local charity Cambridge Carbon Footprint is offering free advice on how to renovate your home to make it more comfortable and energy efficient with their Open Eco Homes Autumn Season. After 10 years running live events, this year they've offering their home tours and talks online. There are 8 tours and 3 talks to choose from, running between September 14 to October 20. Details and registration at openecohomes.org/autumnseason.

Cambridge
Carbon
Footprint



During the month of September, over the course of seven days, I will complete **300 miles** on my bike for **Cancer Research UK**.

I am dedicating this ride to Nick Nicholson who loved cycling and to all the dear friends and family who have been affected by cancer. I will be pedalling harder than ever because I want to raise money for life-saving research and help bring forward the day when all cancers are cured. Every penny makes a huge difference to vital cancer research so please show your support with a donation to my page at:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jeans-cycle-300-fundraising-page-3>

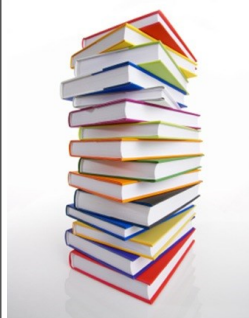
Thanks so much - Jean Stewart

Comberton Library

Normal Opening Hours - but please see below:*

Monday: 10am – 1pm, Wednesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm -5pm,

Friday: 2pm – 5pm, Saturday: 10am – 1pm



We opened the doors of Comberton Library at the beginning of August, and have been delighted to see many of our customers in the few weeks we have been open. Currently, we are working to revised opening hours, Mondays from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm and Wednesdays 2.00 until 6.00 pm.

At present there is no browsing of the shelves, and in order to maintain a safe environment for both our customers and staff we are operating a queueing system, as necessary, outside the library, to maintain social distancing. Once inside the library you are able to return books and collect items, which will have been issued already to your library card. Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way, although reservations for picture books have been suspended. There are no reservation fees on adult cards for the time being. We have also introduced a Select and Collect Request Service, which enables you to request a selection of books based on your preference. Staff will choose books based on the information provided and the stock available in the library. Please use the online form, available via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library to make your requests. If you do not have internet access, you can call Customer Services on 0345 045 5225, and the staff there will ensure that your request is forwarded to the library. We will contact you to let you know when your items are available to collect.

Access to the IT facilities is available by appointment only, with a limit of one 45 minute appointment per day per customer. Again this is to allow safe access and time for cleaning between customers. Although, the session time allowed is much shorter than in normal times, we are pleased to be able to tell you that we now have new computers with updated software, so hope that these will prove popular. Printing and photocopying are available, but, as there is no cash handling, you will need change to drop into the photocopier coin box, 20p per page of A4 black and white and 75p per colour page. Printing costs are the same and can be paid for by dropping the change into the library's donation box.

EngAGE online is a new offer from Cambridgeshire Libraries and is a programme of talks and interactive events for adults, free to join and hosted on Zoom. The weekly events are on Tuesday afternoons, 2.00 – 3.00 pm. A virtual ticket is required and full details are available in the 'join in with our online events' listing on the library website

[Comberton Library is situated in the Village College campus
with car parking available and is Wheelchair-friendly and fully accessible for all.]

Sewing, Knit and Natter

Members of the group have a diversity of craft interests and skills and they never seem to not come up with something different they have made.

We often comment at our meetings about the amazing eye sight some of the group have and the speed in which they can create something.

One of the group wrote: "Have you wondered what to do with those thin plastic bags that groceries come packed in from the supermarket? Make a beach bag! The handles and bottoms of the bags are cut off, and the rest cut into 1½" strips, across the bags to form loops. Each loop is then passed through the next loop and pulled to make a 2-ply 'yarn'. You now have the material for a bag.



Contrast in scale this rug worked on silk gauze made by the same person who made the plastic beach bag: 48 stitches to the inch for a dolls house carpet which is approximately 2" x 4" and 3 stitches to 1 inch for the beach bag.



A holder for scissors made by someone who before joining the group had never owned a sewing machine and now leaves many of the group in awe with what she can make plus the speed at which she works.



Cards for every occasion made by one of the group.



And finally, two little llamas, for the Christmas tree?



toft historical society

VJ-Day 2020: Toft remembers

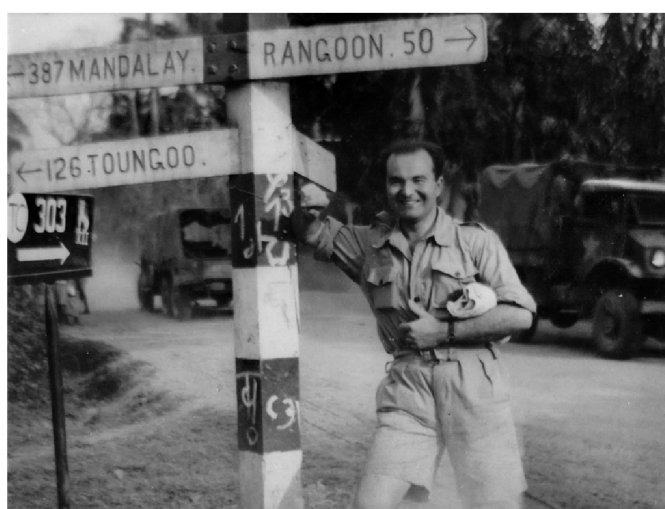
Despite torrential rain, more than 50 people turned out on Saturday morning, 15th August, to commemorate 75 years since the end of WW2 in the Far East. David Mitchell sounded the Last Post and Cynan Ellis-Evans delivered an address on behalf of Toft Historical Society at the War Memorial. Social distancing was observed.

Toft still numbers among its residents men who served in East Asia at that time: our oldest resident, Richard Howard (School Lane), and Bob Wish (Canner's Close). Other Toft men whose names are familiar to us, and whom many recall knowing, are cited in Cynan's address: Norman Custerson, Roland Braysher, Harry Sparks, George Spurgin, Theo Welch and Clifford Tebbit. We also have several senior citizens who remember the end of the war and the years when Toft and the whole country began to build the peace.



Bob Wish
(left) in
Bombay,
1945

Richard
Howard
(right) in
Burma



The speech made by Cynan Ellis-Evans at the VJ-75 Day event

On this day 75 years ago Prime Minister Clement Atlee declared “that the last of our enemies is laid low” and the long awaited VJ Day could finally be celebrated by a battered and exhausted British nation and its many allies. The cost in lives lost and of lives forever scarred from horrific experiences both in Europe and on the other side of the planet was on a staggering scale. It is tragic therefore to think that many of those who fought Japanese forces in the Burma campaign came to consider themselves a “forgotten army” upon returning to UK where so much greater prominence seemed to be given to the end of the War in Europe that had been won months before. In more recent years there has, at long last, been increased public recognition of those who fought the Burma campaign as well as of those who endured the horrors of both prisoner of war (POW) and internment camps across SE Asia. Nevertheless, it seems that particular theatre of war will always have a certain remoteness for the UK public consciousness. Most of those who survived the conflict did not wish to talk of what they experienced and sadly we are now losing the last of them.

Cambridgeshire has particular reason to recognise VJ Day in that both the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk Regiments were caught up in the fall of the supposedly impregnable citadel of Singapore early in 1942 and many men from this county therefore fell prisoners of the Japanese for years, enduring the horrors of the POW camps. Unsurprisingly, it is said that whilst everyone of course celebrated VE Day across the UK, it was not until VJ Day that many people in Cambridgeshire truly felt the War was over.

In Toft we have the rare status of being a Thankful Village as all those from this community who went to the Great War returned safely. The War Memorial behind me however bears witness that we were not so fortunate in the Second World War, particularly in respect to the war against Japan. Paul Tebbit was lost in the Battle of the Atlantic and Roland Braysher and Norman Custerson fought in the Far East and both died in Japanese POW camps. Thankfully, Harry Sparks, also a POW, somehow survived his time working on the notorious Burma Railway and Joan Spurgin's husband, George, another POW, also returned to Toft after the War. Sadly, George was one of many who would never really recover from their wartime experiences and died well before his time. Others who lived through those times, and were with us until very recently, included Clifford Tebbit, who served in post-war Burma, and Theo Walsh who was imprisoned with his whole family for years in a Japanese internment camp in China.

Seventy-five years have gone by but we still have tangible links to that Far East conflict. Several ex-service men with Burma connections, including Bob Wish and Richard Howard, came to live in Toft after the War and are thankfully still with us. We should also acknowledge that many members of the current Toft community will be today recalling family members who played their part in those terrible distant events.

We are currently living through some strange times but today is a day to remember and honour all those, both in the services and civilian, who were caught up in truly dark global scale events some three quarters of a century ago and who, in many cases, experienced Man's inhumanity to Man at first hand. The War Memorial marking the battle of Kohima in 1944 (a turning point in the Burma campaign) bears some poignant phrases that still resonate down the years.

When you go home Tell them of us For your tomorrow We gave our today

These few simple words speak to the remarkable sacrifice and bravery of those who, for years, had fought an implacable, often brutal opponent, in a distant unforgiving landscape, so different to that of home.

It seems that we quickly forget the lesson of the futility and frightening consequences of conflict. In the aftermath of WW2, nationalism and global superpower rivalries quickly emerged, and the War also brought us terrifying new weapons with apocalyptic destructive powers that are still with us today. We can but hope that carnage and brutality, on the scale of those two World Wars that blighted the 20th Century, are never repeated.



Celebrating the wall: a happy event in otherwise strange times

People of all ages from Toft, friends from nearby villages and members of the restoration team gathered at Saint Andrew's Church on Sunday morning 16th August to celebrate the completion of the main work of renovation on the churchyard wall. There was music, readings, prayers, refreshments, all the things from pre-pandemic times which the village associates with its ancient church. St Andrew's churchyard, which is big enough to allow social distancing, and which managed to avoid the weekend rains, provided a serene and fitting location.



The renovated wall includes a hedgehog tunnel for visitors of a prickly disposition. There was socially-distanced gift-giving to thank those who organised and carried out the work ...



... and applause for the NHS and key workers for protecting everyone during the pandemic.



Wheelie Bin Collections For September

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

Black Bin:**Thurs** 3rd Sept

Weds 16th Sept

Weds 30th Sept

Blue/Green Bin

Weds 9th Sept

Weds 23rd Sept

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 Cambridge Dial a Ride 01223 506335
 Cambridge Water: 01223 706050
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 Meridian Primary School: 01223 262423
 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

**YOU'RE INVITED TO
'DOUBLING NATURE IN ACTION'**

Wednesday 16th September
10am-12.30pm, via Zoom

Natural Cambridgeshire has ambitious plans to double the area of rich wildlife habitats and natural green space across the region, with the aim of creating a world-class environment.

Join us as we talk through our strategic spatial vision. We will also launch a series of practical steps and guidance to enable everyone to contribute towards doubling nature.

Hear from keynote speakers Dame Fiona Reynolds and Lord Chris Smith. Plus, discover further key regional initiatives to protect, preserve and enhance the environment.

Register your place online at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_b9whn9sqS0GOorLEX_Rx59A

We'd like to remind readers that this edition - and many previous ones - are available to download from the village website at: <https://toft.org.uk/calendar.php>.

These have been testing times and we don't seem to be quite out of the woods yet. Everyone here at *The Calendar* hopes this edition finds you in rude health and that future editions do the same. As we have so far, it is our intention to keep publishing on our usual schedule. If, for any reason, this becomes impossible then we will still provide *The Calendar* as a download at the location shown above. And if, in future, you become aware of people who aren't able to take advantage of this - please feel free to print one off and push it through their letter-box.

Till next time...

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And, finally...

Please remember that contributions for the next issue of the *Calendar* must reach the Editor, Michael Walker, **by 20th September**. Many thanks to all who contributed to this edition. Email: calendareditor@toft.org.uk Post: 33 Egremont Road, Hardwick, Cambridge CB23 7XR Telephone: 01954 211346