



# Toft Village Calendar

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## DIARY DATES

### MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING



sadly still on the not yet list! When we do get back to having monthly coffee mornings, we will be looking for a new Coffee morning organiser.

### TOFT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

[Over 50s Club]. Friendship Club is planning to restart at 2.30pm on **Wednesday 13th October**. When we will celebrate all those who have passed a 'significant' birthday since last we met in 2020, have fun with a quiz and catch up with those we have not seen in sometime, and report on the programme we have planned up to April next year.

### Sewing, Knit and Natter

Sewing will commence again at the Chapel on the 29th September 10.30am - 1pm.

**The Parish Council** - The next PC meeting is on **6th September at 7.00 pm**. It will be held in The People's Hall. All welcome subject to prevailing restrictions.

### The Internet Club is back!

The Internet Club will be meeting once again in the Village Hall. Please see page 5 for more details, or contact:

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## EDITORIAL

Interviewer: Good morning Mr Editor, thanks for agreeing to talk to us. Now - a lot of people will be wondering: Where and when is the next editorial?

Editor: Thank you. I am constantly striving to ensure that the editorial that the decent, honest, God-fearing people of this Parish want and deserve will indeed appear as usual.

Interviewer: Yes, but -

Editor: The hard-working families - and, of course, others - of this village deserve nothing less than one hundred and ten per cent commitment from their representatives and that is what I am committed to now, just as I have always been.

Interviewer: One hundred *and ten* percent? But -

Editor: Let me at this stage be absolutely open and honest. There is no instant solution. It's going to take time, but my message is very clear and very simple. There are a wide range of options right across the board, that is why I am putting in more resources in real terms than any previous -

Interviewer: Yes, but when's it going to happen?

Editor: To lose my nerve at this point and throw away all the positive gains we have made would be the wrong thing to do. So I am not going to do it. Because that is the right thing to do. At the appropriate point I shall be announcing a far-reaching initiative which will fully address these and a host of other issues. In the meantime, it would not be right to speculate, nor is it helpful for me to provide a running commentary on the matter. I can absolutely assure readers that lessons have been learned and I shall not be repeating the tragic and preventable errors that previous -

Interviewer: You mentioned an 'appropriate point'...

Editor: Let me be perfectly frank with you. I've been clear all along that there are some difficult choices. But when I talk to ordinary, decent, hard-working people up and down the High Street, what they are saying is that the very worst thing to do now would be to rush into a disastrous editorial decision with all the ramifications that might ensue. That would be another thing that wasn't the right thing to do, so people can, I hope, be absolutely assured that I am taking their concerns extremely seriously.

Interviewer: But in terms of this, specific, issue -

Editor: As I've made very, very clear on a number of occasions, this is a very fluid situation and it wouldn't be right for me to pre-empt on-going discussions. As regards the here and now, I'm sure you'll accept that it would be inappropriate for me to comment on one individual issue. Suffice it to say, I am working night-and day to ensure a just and equitable outcome which addresses all legitimate concerns. There are a range of exciting opportunities available to me which I'll be developing over the coming period.

Interviewer: And one of these will be the next editorial?

Editor: What I want to say to you is this -

Interviewer: Ok, I get the picture. Thanks for your time.

Editor: Always a pleasure.

## Open Eco Homes – Autumn Season

Open Eco Homes is back once again with free home tours and expert-led talks. This year's series of tours and talks will be online and include two new builds, six retrofits (including a church) and five expert-led talks.

Open Eco Homes is a project of local charity *Cambridge Carbon Footprint*.

This year we're focusing on how to get started reducing energy use at home. Whether you're looking for 'easy win' actions such as draught-proofing or insulation or expert advice to support you to put together a whole house retrofit, we're here to help.

The Open Eco Homes programme of events will run between 13th September and 15th October. More information and booking at [cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/open-eco-homes-events](https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/open-eco-homes-events).

Our press release can be downloaded at: <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/OEH-2021-press-release.docx>

- and we have put together a publicly accessible Media Pack containing photos, social media graphics, quotes and introductions to each home.

More details on the specific tours and talks can be found on our website: <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-you-can-do/open-eco-homes-events/>

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

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*The Church in Toft*

Public worship resumed at St. Andrew's, on Palm Sunday 28th March with an 8.30 BCP and an 11.00am Holy Communion outside service.

**SERVICES OF WORSHIP** Please note we have returned to alternating services in the two churches. Please also see our procedural notes on page 3 for those attending services.

*5th September* 8.30am Holy Communion - Rev Prof Michael Reiss

11.00am Holy Communion, Methodist Church – Rev Alison Walker

*12th September* 11.00am Holy Communion – St. Andrew's - Rev David Newton

*19th September* 8.30am Holy Communion - Rev Prof Michael Reiss

11.00am Morning Worship – Methodist Church – Rev Robert Dolman

*26th September* 11.00am Morning Worship – St. Andrew's – Mrs Cathy Michell

Morning prayer on Wednesdays at 9.15am. This is available on email

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 every Sunday:

MEETING ID: 823 1147 3640

There is also online audio available.

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*It was a huge joy to be able to celebrate the re-building of the wall (a year on) towards the end of July.*

*With music from Toft Session - their first 'outing' since the pandemic - wonderful food and drink courtesy of the Quenby's and a gathering of all connected to the re-building in one way or another, it was a wonderful affair.*

*The wall itself continues to look beautiful. Every time I see it, it is a sign of courage and community through adversity, rebuilt as it was in the midst of the pandemic.*

*A big thank you to the team who re-built it!*

*Saturday 4th September is St Andrew's Autumn Fayre, (10.30am - 1pm). Another sign - we hope - of things beginning to return to normal as we begin to learn to live with this novel coronavirus.*

*It has been sad to see the incredibly vibrant communal life of Toft be on hold over the last 18 months, and a joy to see it returning with events and groups at St Andrews, the People's Hall, and the Chapel.*

*With love*

*David*

**Toft Methodist Chapel** wishes to thank everyone who supported their mini sale on the 7th August.

We are very grateful to the ladies who gave us homemade items and plants and to all of you who came and bought.  
The magnificent total of £400 was raised.



## THE CHURCH IN TOFT DIARY

### **Standard Operating Procedures – Stage 4 – at St. Andrew's will be as follows**

*Hands* Please use the hand sanitizer on entry.

*Face Coverings* are encouraged when moving around the building and during busy services. You are invited to wear a covering at all times whilst in the building, if you feel more comfortable doing so.

*Space* You are encouraged to space about in the church. If this is not possible you are encouraged to wear a face covering, especially for singing. (If you are feeling particularly anxious then a chair can be set up at the back of church for you.)

*Track and Trace* You are invited to use the QR code. Cleaning High touch points will continue to be cleaned. Refreshments Will be served. You are encouraged to take these outside.

*Service Details:* Singing - We may sing!. You may wish to wear a face covering for this.

*The Peace* We will offer a sign of peace from our pews, without physical touch.

*Communion* Will take place at the altar rail. You are invited to walk down the left-hand side of the chancel, receive – one at a time – at the rail, and then walk back down the right (South) side of the chancel to return to your pew. If you prefer Communion can be brought to you.

Communion by 'intinction' will now be offered. The minister will take your wafer and dip it into the wine before dropping it into your hand. If you would rather receive the bread alone, please let the minister know when you come to receive.

**SEPTEMBER 4th AUTUMN FAYRE** in the churchyard 10.30 – 1.00pm. Please see page 11 for more details.

**LORDSBRIDGE TEAM**, of which the Church in Toft is a part, will be saying goodbye in mid-September to the Team Rector, Revd. Canon Alison Myers, presently in charge of Hardwick and Dry Drayton as well as being Rector. Until a new Rector is appointed David Newton will be looking after the Team, as acting Team Rector.

**RIDE AND STRIDE** is scheduled for Saturday 12th September, when people try and visit as many churches as possible by riding or striding. Money from sponsorship goes in part to Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and in part to the designated church of the 'strider'.



We are sad to report the death of :

**DORIS PRIOR** aged 103, formerly of School Lane where, before she went into Bramley Court, she lived with her daughter Shirley Norman. She was born in Comberton and married farmer Edward Prior. She could be seen on her bike between Comberton Village College and Toft for many, many years as she was the cook at CVC, renowned for her cakes. A regular worshipper at St. Andrew's she will be sadly missed by her extensive family and those in Toft who still remember her. Her funeral, at St. Mary's Comberton, is on Tuesday 14th September at 2.00pm



## TOFT SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

We had a very successful first post-lockdown Food on Friday at the beginning of August – the next one is Friday 3rd September and we will be serving Moroccan style aromatic Chicken or Vegetable Tagine with Couscous or Rice. More details on the TSC website or Facebook page. Doors open at 7pm, food just £5.00. Come early to avoid

disappointment!

We are also pleased to announce that from the beginning of September we will be opening two nights a week – Thursday and Friday. Thursdays will generally see some form of event – including the famous **TSC Quiz** (moved from a Sunday evening for the time being), Bingo and Art. We also hope to have a regular Thursday **Music evening**, and the **Toft Photo Group** (<https://tpg.toft.org.uk/aboutus>) will also meet on a Thursday – dates on the website. So there should be something for everyone!

The first Quiz will be on **Thursday 2nd September**, and we look forward to welcoming back some familiar faces plus some new teams! Teams of up to 6 people are welcome – cost is £1 per person and there are prizes! Doors open at 8pm with the Quiz starting promptly at 8:20pm.

“**Toft Art**” returns on Thursday 9th – Jake is planning a slightly different format this Autumn – details on the website and Facebook. If you have an interest in art and drawing, come along to our first session and find out more!

**Bingo** restarts on Thursday 23rd September – we look forward to seeing you there!

The next **Film Night** will be on Saturday 18th September. Doors open at 8pm and the film will start promptly at 8:20pm. As usual, there will be an interval to refresh your glasses! The film for this month is: “Judy”. We originally planned to show this last year, the film tells the story of Judy Garland’s tour of London in the late 60’s where she reminisces with friends and fans about her life - Renée Zellweger won best actress Oscar for her performance as Judy.

Film Club membership is £10 a year, or evening membership is £2.50.

And don’t forget - we are open every Friday evening from 8pm.

### **Can you help?**

We remain very keen to get more help – both in running the Club and on the committee – and we are very flexible about how much time you can commit. If you can help, do please contact us at: [help@toftsocialclub.org.uk](mailto:help@toftsocialclub.org.uk) or by calling 01223 263359.

Website: <https://toftsocialclub.org.uk>

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ToftSocial>

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

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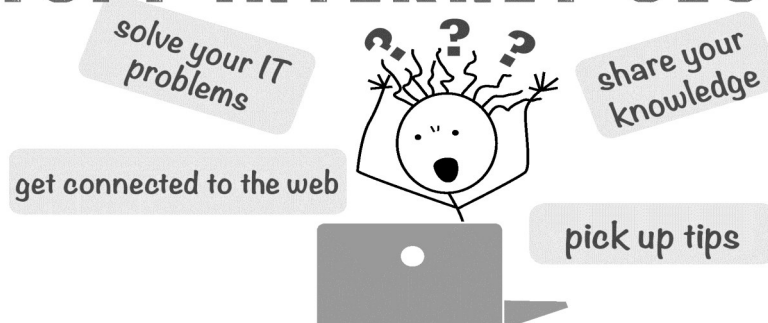
The Council is your locally elected Council at the first tier of local government. Meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the first Monday of each month (excepting August) at the Toft People's Hall in School Lane starting at 7.00pm.

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: Monday 6th September, 7.00 pm in The People's Hall . All welcome subject to social-distancing guidelines**

**(Please note that the Parish Council did not meet in August)**

# TOFT INTERNET CLUB



Great news! We shall at last be able to meet again, in person, in the People's Hall. Put these dates in your diary: Mondays 6 and 20 September, 2-4pm. Do bring along any tecky issues, or any new tips you've learnt in the last year – or just be there to enjoy a bit of company and chat.

We will of course be following guidelines – both those of the government and of the People's Hall – so if you have any misgivings or special requirements to keep yourself and others safe please let us know.

For more information, or if you wish to join the group, please contact Katherine ([katherine@jameskj.plus.com](mailto:katherine@jameskj.plus.com)) or Jane ([jane@tebbitdesign.co.uk](mailto:jane@tebbitdesign.co.uk)).

If you were applying for British citizenship, would you be able to answer questions like these? Some perhaps ... but all of them? The questions cover issues of British law, history, geography, politics and cultures. To see more test questions, check out the website: <https://lifeintheuktests.co.uk/life-in-the-uk-test/> – or buy the handbook, *Life in the UK test: Handbook 2021*, and learn a lot you (probably) didn't know about your own country!

#### Some sample questions in a test for British citizenship:

**1 What are two responsibilities that you have as a British citizen or permanent resident of the UK?**

To look after the area in which you live and the environment

To look after yourself and your family

To stay in the UK forever

To promote work in your local community

**2 What is the Church of England known as in Scotland and the USA?**

The Episcopal Church

The Anglican Church

The State Church

The Catholic Church

**3 When was the Scottish Parliament established?**

2000

1999

1998

1997

**4 When was the Giant's Causeway formed?**

50 million years ago

60 million years ago

40 million years ago

70 million years ago

**5 How long does Diwali normally last for?**

5 days

7 days

3 days

8 days

**6 In which county is Maiden Castle?**

Wiltshire

Dorset

Berkshire

Lothians

**7 What do the National Insurance Contributions fund?**

The NHS and Police

The NHS and state pension

The Police, NHS and Education

Schools and Education

**8 How many member states does the Commonwealth have?**

28

53

48

77

**9 How many members does a jury have in Scotland?**

13

12

15

14

**10 Which of these are British Overseas Territories?**

St Helena and the Isle of Man

The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

St Helena and the Falkland Islands

USA and Australia

(Answers on page 12)



# The SCHOOLROOM Community Café

***Launching in October at Toft People's Hall***

***We shall be serving fresh coffee, tea, cold drinks and a selection of home-baked cakes and savouries***

The results of our survey earlier this year showed a big demand for a place in the village to meet and to make friends over a cup of coffee during the daytime – especially for young families and older or less mobile people.

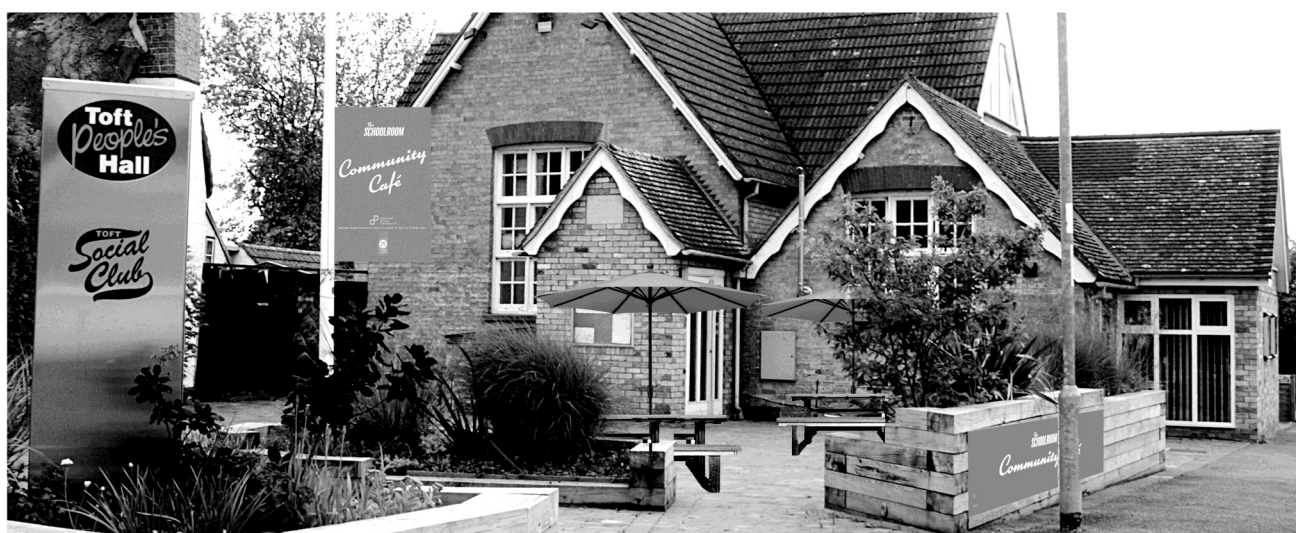
Plans have been taking shape, funds raised, equipment bought, volunteers recruited, cakes tasted and now you're invited to our Community Café.

Come and sit outside under the café's new parasols or enjoy the atmosphere of the old schoolroom inside the Hall. Bring your babies and toddlers along to our *Funtime for Little Ones* sessions.

We will be opening 10.30 – 13.30 on Wednesdays, starting in October.

Find us at [www.toft.org.uk](http://www.toft.org.uk) on the village notice boards and on *Nextdoor*.

We would welcome volunteers to help run the café so if you would like to be part of this new venture contact: [schoolroomcafe@gmail.com](mailto:schoolroomcafe@gmail.com)



# toft historical society

## Sunday in Toft

This month, Jake Tebbit (Comberton Rd) sent us his reminiscence of Sunday as a child in the village. To be continued in the next Calendar

The 1950s were grim, grey and grim and my memories are dim, grey and grim. Every Sunday had the same routine; breakfast, clean shoes then 'get ready for Chapel'. Put on school uniform, grey shirt, school tie, grey socks, grey shorts and newly shined shoes. Chapel was at 10.30.

The building was smaller than now with just the main room, school room and outside toilet. Our family would sit at the back on the left-hand side and I would sit next to my father in the corner on a high wicker chair that left impression marks on my bare legs. In front were my brother and sister, Clare and Paul, my mother rarely went as she was preparing Sunday lunch and I assumed that she was a heathen. Sitting in front of my brother and sister were two very old ladies Mrs Carter and Miss Smoothy, my auntie Ella, who lived at Priory Cottage, then a small, thatched cottage with a living room and kitchen downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs. What fascinated me about them was that they wore straw hats, Mary Poppins style, usually black or navy blue, held onto their heads with gigantic hat pins which seemed to go through their heads.

I enjoyed the singing which was hearty but the sermons were boring unless we were treated to a visiting lay preacher who would reminisce of times before they were 'saved', always interesting and potentially dangerous, in chapel terms anyway. Luckily, we were regularly 'saved' from over long sermons by Amos Jacklin who sat just under the pulpit. He was a wiry, slim man, always in a dark suit, waistcoat, collarless shirt and sporting a great walrus moustache, slightly yellowed by the occasional woodbine. If he felt the sermon had gone on long enough, he would deliberately shuffle his hobnail boots and, most intriguingly for me, start to twiddle his thumbs. I say twiddle his thumbs, but not 'twiddle his thumbs' as most people know it, I will explain... Take your right-hand thumb and place it on your left-hand forefinger, then bring your right-hand forefinger above and place on your left thumb. Release your right-hand thumb and left-hand forefinger and re-join above the other thumb and forefinger, repeat the pattern ad infinitum. An inoffensive activity you would think, but mesmerising, and its effect on preachers was for them to always lose their way and move quickly on to the next hymn.



(l-r) Anthony (Joe) Collett, David Young, Jake Tebbit, Barry Collett, Clifford Tebbit. The chapel in 1940.





**Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire**

**Wildlife Trust  
BCN**

## West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Update: Sept 2021

Autumn is when our practical habitat management starts; this is often achieved through work parties. The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants' work parties are regular meetings of volunteers who carry out conservation tasks on our reserves. Many sites have dedicated volunteer wardens who lead the work parties under the guidance of our Reserves Team. In our West Cambs 100s larger woodlands, the main task is coppicing. This is where trees (often hazel) are cut down low to the ground using hand tools, either in patches to create glades, or along the wide paths (called rides). Areas are cut in rotation so there are always parts at different stages of regrowth to create a diverse structure in the wood. When coppiced trees grow back, they have multiple stems and create dense areas of habitat. You will have noticed in Hardwick Wood that recently coppiced areas are fenced. This stops deer eating the new shoots. It is recommended by Natural England that 20% of larger woodlands are open areas.

The open areas are sheltered and sunny and work well for flowers like the rare oxlip, and also pollinators like butterflies. The dense regrowth areas are good for nesting sites for birds like willow warblers.

These work parties happen over the winter so they don't disturb breeding birds.

Winter is also a time when the trees are dormant and there is less sap in the branches; if trees are cut at the wrong time, they can leak sap and lose their stored sugar. Although coppicing looks destructive, it actually prolongs the life of trees and creates great habitat.

The product is sometimes sold. Long straight poles can be used for gardening supports, bigger pieces are chopped for firewood, and thinner branches can be bundled as "fascines" which are used by the trust for river restoration projects. You can arrange to buy these products by making contact with the volunteer warden.

As a charity, we rely heavily on our supporters who help practically or financially, so we can look after special places like Hardwick Wood. You can help by becoming a member, volunteering, or by supporting our events.

If you are interested in joining a work party for Hardwick Wood, sessions happen regularly throughout the autumn and winter on Saturdays. Please find the contact details of the volunteer warden on our website. They need to know you are coming in order to manage group sizes. Older children are welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult. [www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/volunteer).

If you are interested in learning more about wildlife in Hardwick Wood and other reserves nearby, please join me on seasonal stroll. [www.wildlifebcn.org/events](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/events) (events are discounted for members)

I'm Rebecca Neal and work with communities surrounding our West Cambs 100s reserves, delivering events and working with all ages.

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

The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Beds Cambs and Northants: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, plus Cambourne Nature Reserve.



*Hardwick Wood in Mid-Summer*



### **Comberton Library**

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

Tel: 0345 045 5225

*Monday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm*

*Wednesday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00 – 5.00 pm*

*Friday: 2.00 – 5.00 pm*

*Saturday: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm*

Since the beginning of August we have been able to open for our full weekly hours, and we have enjoyed welcoming back increasing numbers of customers to the library. For everyone's safety and comfort we continue to manage the numbers of customers in the library at any one time and encourage everyone, who is able, to wear a face covering and to maintain social distancing. We are still providing hand sanitiser and wipes for your protection too.

Public computer access is now available without prior booking, as long as a computer is available when you come along. The session lengths have also been restored to the full two hours, if required, but we do have only one computer available to ensure that we can maintain social distancing. If you wish to guarantee a slot please do continue to book, either online or with the library staff.

We hope that your children have enjoyed this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Wild World Heroes, and especially all the books they have read. We have been delighted with the numbers who signed up to take part, after such a difficult year, or so, for everyone. We also enjoyed two Wild World Heroes related events, and hope that, if you managed to come along to the Sow a Seed Storytime, your seeds are growing happily at home!

Well done to everyone, who completed the Challenge; at the time of writing, we are busy making arrangements for the children to receive their well-deserved certificates and medals and will be in touch very soon to confirm the details. We are hoping to have an awards ceremony during September, but need to make sure that anything we do is safe and comfortable for all.

Tuesday 14th September is National Reading Group Day. Belonging to a reading group is a great way to make new friends and to discover books you otherwise might not think of reading. If you are interested in joining, or starting a reading group, please do come along and chat to the library staff, who will be pleased to help. There are a number of successful reading groups already supported by the Library Service, and we would be very happy to help you too.

In preparation for Libraries Week, 4th – 10th October, Cambridgeshire Libraries would like to receive customer reflections on 'What the library means to me'; these will be shared during Libraries Week. Please send us your thoughts via our Libraries social media platforms, email to [Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk), or jot them down on paper and hand them to a member of staff when you next visit the library. We would love to hear from you.

We look forward to seeing you in the library very soon.

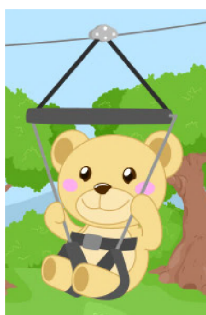


# AUTUMN FAYRE



**SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 10.30 – 1.00pm**  
at ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH

Refreshments Cake stall Books Raffle  
Home & Garden Bottle stall Children's Corner  
Make a bat box or insect hotel



**AND**

**BRING TEDDY** (or your favourite cuddly toy) and  
see him descend from the top of the church tower  
**ON A ZIP LINE!**

Between 11.00am and 12 noon

*And there will be music*



*We plan that you will be able to use a debit/credit card if you wish. Cash and cheques still accepted!*

*Proceeds will help pay the church building insurance and boost the Restoration Fund*

If you would care to donate in any way, we would be delighted to receive

Cakes,  
bottles,  
raffle prizes

to Ann Mitchell 20 High Street;

If you are not able to attend and would like to send a financial donation:

- Toft PCC bank account details: sort code 30-91-56, account 02251476; or
- Cheque (made payable to Toft PCC) or cash to Ann Mitchell (see above), Jean Verney, 40 School Lane or John Quenby via the shop
- On line: [bit.ly/StAndrew4Sept](http://bit.ly/StAndrew4Sept) Please tell us when making a donation if you would like to Gift Aid it – declaration forms are available from Jean



*The answers to our citizenship test on page 6*

- 1 If you wish to be a permanent resident or citizen of the UK, you should: look after yourself and your family, and look after the area in which you live and the environment. You should also: respect and obey the law, respect the rights of others including their right to their own opinions, and treat others with fairness.
- 2 The official Church of the state is the Church of England. It is called the Episcopal Church in Scotland and the USA. It is a Protestant Church.
- 3 There has been a Scottish Parliament and a Welsh Assembly since 1999.
- 4 Located on the north-east coast of Northern Ireland, the Giant's Causeway is a land formation of columns made from volcanic lava. It was formed about 50 million years ago. There are many legends about the Causeway and how it was formed.
- 5 Diwali usually falls in October or November and lasts for five days. It is often called the Festival of Lights. It is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. It celebrates the victory of good over evil and the gaining of knowledge. There are different stories about how the festival came about. There is a famous celebration of Diwali in Leicester.
- 6 A very impressive hill fort can still be seen today at Maiden Castle, in the English county of Dorset.
- 7 Almost everybody in the UK who is in paid work, including self-employed people, must pay National Insurance Contributions. The money raised from National Insurance Contributions is used to pay for state benefits and services such as the state retirement pension and the National Health Service (NHS).
- 8 The Queen is the ceremonial head of the Commonwealth, which currently has 53 member states. Membership is voluntary.
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- 10 There are several British overseas territories around the world, such as St Helena and the Falkland Islands. They are linked to the UK but are not a part of it.

### **Foxton Scarecrow Festival – Saturday 9 October (12noon – 5.00pm)**

We will be holding our very successful Scarecrow Festival once again this year on Saturday 9 October, so please come along and join us for some scarecrow fun!

As in previous years, you'll be able to wander through Foxton village from one scarecrow to another. Join in with the various fundraising activities along the way, including a children's quiz and 'Where's Wally?' Will you be able to find this special scarecrow, hidden somewhere in the village? We welcome you to stop at various venues around the village for some refreshments such as bacon butties, home-made soup or tea and cakes. Impromptu band will be playing during the afternoon in the Village Hall and this fun event for all ages will finish in the Church from 4.30pm with prize giving and a performance by Foxton Singers.

Programmes will be available on the day from the Church, the Village Hall and the Village Shop, Foxton. For further information, email [foxtonscarecrow@gmail.com](mailto:foxtonscarecrow@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.







The Toft People's Hall management committee will be holding an 'Open Day' on **Saturday 16th October** - times to be confirmed.

The Open Day is an event where village groups and societies can make themselves known to residents and vice-versa and possibly attract new members.

Amongst the groups we hope will be taking part are:

The Brownies, Camera Club, Social Club, Embroidery Club, Historical Society, Internet Club, Institute of Women (IW), Parish Council, Friendship Club, Jake's Art Class, Toft Choir, Martin Yeadon's music sessions, Toft Session, Guides, Lot Meadow...And...Sewing, Knit and Natter

And maybe more - who knows? Why not come along and see for yourself? Further details will appear in next month's *Calendar* - keep a look-out for it.

U3AC is a well-established, educational charity based in Cambridge with over 2,200 members. We offer a wide range of courses covering traditional subjects, such as history, languages, sciences etc; plus leisure pursuits, such as bridge and board games as well as physical activities such as walking, dance and table tennis. Our typical members are no longer in full-time employment. We aim to be Inspirational, Educational and Sociable, as participation is known to enhance well-being – both mental and physical. Offering over 300 courses and lectures we have something for everyone! Set up in 1982, we are self-financing and run by our members for our members, and we encourage those who wish to, to become tutors. We have premises in Bridge Street and offer a variety of learning styles - lectures, discussions, hands-on - both face-to-face in our modern well-equipped premises, and online via Zoom.

Please look at us on [www.U3AC.org.uk](http://www.U3AC.org.uk), and we would be happy to send you our Programme for 2021/2022. We will be having an Open day and you are welcome to come and meet us in Bridge Street !

**U3AC**

## Who we are and what we do

University of the Third Age in Cambridge (U3AC), an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), organises educational, social and fitness activities for people who are not or no longer in full-time employment (there are no age restrictions). Set up in 1982, we are self-financing and run by our members.

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For more information about this superb duo go to: [www.whileandmatthews.com](http://www.whileandmatthews.com)





This fine old map of Cambridgeshire dates from 1784 and first appeared in a 'booke' entitled 'The New British Traveller'. The mapmaker is thought to have been Thomas Conder. Toft gets a mention!



**Wheelie Bin Collections For September**

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

**Black Bin:****Thurs** 2nd Sept

Weds 15th Sept

Weds 29th Sept

**Blue/Green Bin**

Weds 8th Sept

Weds 22nd Sept

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 Toft Car Scheme: 262814. If no reply 262708  
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Join us in the Museum on the first Saturday of each month, 2-4pm, for family activities, tours and storytelling on a different theme every month. August and September are currently available to book, come back soon for future months.

Booking for a family first tour or storytelling will automatically include your timed general admission ticket. If you wish to visit the museum to participate in the family first self-led activity only then please book a general admission ticket. We have reduced the number of people we can welcome to the Museum so if you don't manage to book in for the activities for this month we will also be continuing with our online Family First to take part in at home

In line with government guidance, please be aware that when you visit the museum, you will need to either scan the NHS Test and Trace app or provide the name and contact details for everyone in your party over the age of 16.

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