

TOFT VILLAGE CALENDAR

JULY 2026



EDITORIAL

On 1st June, the voice on the radio told me it was the first day of meteorological summer, whatever that is. My AI assistant says it's "a fixed three-month period defined by the annual temperature cycle and the calendar rather than the Earth's position relative to the sun". Hm. I think I'll stick to the idea of summer beginning on the longest day. The longest day is 21st June. Not so fast. AI says it's not that simple: "Although June 21st provides the maximum total hours of daylight, it is rarely the day of the earliest sunrise or the latest sunset. Due to the Earth's eccentric orbit, the earliest sunrises in the UK typically occur a few days before the solstice (around June 17th–19th) while the latest sunsets occur a few days after". Planet Earth is a bit wobbly and, like us Brits, it engages in egotistic behaviour when summer starts.

Articles in the press have lamented the apparent nosedive in public manners in recent years to a point where people undergo rewilding at the first hint of summer – shopping in supermarkets in bikinis, making patches of public parks into no-go areas for their tribal barbecues, careering around on e-bikes, placing loudspeakers on apartment balconies and treating the neighbours to

all-night music, etc., etc. The only way to check such behaviour would seem to be wait a billion years till the sun heats up sufficiently to fry everyone to crispy bacon and let the cockroaches take over. But back to the wobbly calendar (the public one, not this humble village one). In Sweden, Midsummer Eve was Friday 19th June this year, two days before the summer solstice. The pragmatic Swedes always try to make a long weekend of it. There's an abundance of maypole dancing, pickled herring and new potatoes, beer and potent aquavit (literally "water of life". Expect to feel more like death warmed up on Midsummer Day). In Toft, we dance the maypole as close as possible to 1st May, a good seven weeks before our Nordic cousins. And the old song "Now is the month of maying" celebrated spring, not summer. Meanwhile, the Cambridge May Balls are held in June. All very clear then.

The oldest known English folk song is Mirie it is while sumer ilast (Merry it is while summer lasts), a song about how fleeting summer is before winter returns. Enjoy the brief summer, but remember, the sun is getting hotter, so do cover up. Especially in the supermarket.

DIARY DATES

The Parish Council

Monday 6th July at 7.00pm in The People's Hall. All welcome.

Toft Friendship Club

[Over 50s Club]
July 8th, 2.30pm at Toft People's Hall



Toft Sports

Earlier in the month than usual. 11th July at 2.00pm in the meadow by the church. The day ends with a family barbeque.

The Club

Gin Experience on Saturday 4th July from 8pm in the People's Hall

The Club lands a double!



Toft Club recently received two awards from the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), as shown in these certificates.

The awards are a tribute to the dedicated volunteers who make the club such a special place for everyone in our village community. As always, Toft punches above its weight.



THE CHURCH IN TOFT



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St Andrew's Parish Church This church extends a warm ecumenical welcome to all.

Lay Minister Mrs Barbara Preece 263466
Churchwardens Mrs Ann Mitchell 262516
 Mrs Elizabeth Dolman 262574
Deputy Warden Jean Verney 263028

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

5th July

11.00am Morning Worship

12th July

11.00am Holy Communion
Revd Priscilla Slusar

19th July

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Prof. Michael Reiss

11.00am Morning Worship
Mrs Cathy Michell

26th July

11.00am Holy Communion
Revd Priscilla Slusar

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 on Sundays.
MEETING ID: 823 1147 36

Repairs to St Andrew's could cost up to £115,000. We will be applying for grants but evidence of local support is often needed. This is where you can help. Choose one of these methods to donate:
<https://givealittle.co/c/standrewtoftrestoration> or the QR code below.

Bank transfer to: AC "Toft PCC"
Sort code 30-91-56 Account 02251476.
Cheque to "Toft PCC" to
2 Comberton Road, 20 High Street, 40 School Lane or
2 Beldam's Close.
Add a note with a cheque or email standrewtoft@gmail.com for a Gift Aid form.



AI & *humanity*

The politician, Michael Gove, said, 'Intelligence comes in many forms.' It is true that he was talking about the President of the United States of America, but the sentence has wider significance. Scarcely a day passes without a reminder about the rampant, unregulated advance of Artificial Intelligence and the way it will revolutionise every aspect of life. Education and employment, transport and communications, health care and leisure will all undergo dramatic change. This will bring immense benefits and enhance our capacity to tackle quickly major issues which would take a generation with our present technology. But there is inevitably a downside. Many jobs, some of them highly skilled, will disappear though new ones will be created. AI will produce digital gadgets which will render human effort superfluous. Already students are finding that a chatbot can produce a passable essay at the click of a button and save hours of mental wrestling. In increasing the time we spend on screens and phones, AI could intensify loneliness and create yet more problems with mental health. And there are bleak scenarios which describe what might happen if AI developed aims of its own or became the tool of unscrupulous maverick political regimes.

The main threat is to our humanity itself. Stephen Hawking said that AI could be the best or the worst thing to happen to humanity. The last Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, said, 'If we forget what makes us human, we may one day endanger the very future of humanity.' What is it about humanity that we should all strive to preserve? There is the joy of creativity and play; the love of family and friends and the strength of a vibrant community; a sense of wonder and the appreciation of beauty; a moral law in our hearts and compassion for other people; a sense of meaning and purpose in life; the desire to pray, to meditate, to worship. At their best, Church communities are there to foster a profound emotional and spiritual intelligence which is truly human.



The Fate of the Toft Methodist Chapel

It's very tense. It's 2.00pm on 10th June and Tricia Ellis-Evans, Jean Verney, Tim Tack and I are sitting in the Cheffins Auction Rooms, paddle in hand. We are waiting for Lot 8, the Toft Methodist Chapel, to come up.

Just the day before we had secured a loan for the Parish Council after answering a few more "final" questions from the Ministry for Housing, Community and Local Government. Ben, the PC Clerk had worked hard to provide the financial information needed. Pleasingly, they did what they needed to do to approve the application before the deadline. About a week before that we reached the target that we needed to match the reserve price with pledges from several generous residents.

This all had to happen quickly after the Methodist Church put the Chapel up for sale by Auction. We had corresponded with the Methodist Church regularly for many months but they refused to share any information regarding the sale or to give the "community" any preferential treatment. Our residents meeting gave us a mandate to proceed but at that time we didn't know how the property was to be sold or for how much. Quite reasonably some folks believed we were being naïve with our estimation of the cost involved and also were concerned about the numbers of volunteers that would be needed to operate a second village amenity. However, with the majority supporting us, we did proceed and we were able to be in a position to exceed the guide price for the building although we had already decided not to exceed £200k.



Back to the Auction. Another bidder went straight in at £200k. We were out. Two bidders fought it out until it reached £300k and the gavel came down.

I did chat with the successful bidder after the auction. They are the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, who want to continue to use the building as a church. They are aware of, and happy about, the war memorial on the front of the building. We exchanged mobile numbers and I expect we will talk soon.

Thanks are due to the Working Group: Ann Mitchell, Jean Verney, Tricia Ellis-Evans and Tim Tack. Also to the PC for their support and, of course, to those who made the generous pledges.

I do think it's going to be a good outcome.

Martin Yeadon

Bye-bye Barnabas



Toft said goodbye to Revd Barnabas Leeke at the Saint Andrew's Church Fête on Saturday 20th June. Barnabas is to be Incumbent (Vicar) of Trumpington. Flowers and a parting gift were presented by Churchwardens Ann Mitchell and Elizabeth Dolman. Barnabas carried out an important final duty at Toft church – sending the teddy bears from the top of the tower down the zipline!



We are deeply sad to report the death of John Quenby of Frog's Hall.

More about John next month.

TOFT PARISH COUNCIL *Who is on the Council?*

The Parish Council is comprised of a Chair and Deputy Chair and up to five other councillors, all of whom are volunteers. Currently these members are:

Chair: Martin Yeadon

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Deputy: Elaine Miles

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Emma Darbyshire

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Clerk: Ben Stoehr

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The Parish Council represents the residents of Toft and aims to support the welfare and interests of its residents and businesses. Each council member takes responsibilities for specific areas covering Highways, Health and Safety, Footpaths, Lot Meadow, The Recreation and Playground area, The Allotments, Climate Change, The People's Hall, the Defibrillator and Welcome Packs.

**Problem with a highway issue? REPORT IT
It's easy!**

The more people complain, the more notice will be taken.

What is a highway issue?

This can be a pothole, a tree or other obstacle in the road, overhanging vegetation impeding the cycleway/pavement, fly-tipping, etc. You can report these problems directly to Highways.

Type into your search engine "Report It Cambridgeshire" – and this will take you to their website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

Follow the instructions on the screen. If you can, take a photograph of the problem and upload it to support your complaint.

If you are unable to use this facility, come along to the PC meeting. The date of the next meeting is always at the beginning of the Parish Council summary and on the front of the Calendar.



TOFT PARISH COUNCIL

If you have a concern, it is far better to come to the meetings to raise this so you get the best advice with more councillors present to advise and the issue is also officially recorded.

Residents can raise an issue at the beginning of the meeting, after which they are not obliged to stay for the whole meeting, though they are welcome to do so.

The Council met on Monday 1st June in The People's Hall.

ning the Council, please contact a member of the PC to have an informal chat.)

(This summary can be found on the Parish Council website: <https://tpc.toft.org.uk>)

A resident was present who has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

Another resident complained again about overgrown hedges. It was agreed that this is the responsibility of the homeowner and we would respectfully ask that hedges are cut back so that pedestrians or cyclists, where appropriate, are not forced off the path or into the road.

Apologies were received from Cllr Coghlan. There were no declarations of interest or written requests for dispensations.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

Regarding the Methodist Chapel, the Chair gave an update but it was agreed that he would write a separate piece for the July edition of the Calendar.

Cllr Miles has taken over the Finding Fitness project and went to see "Monkey Challenge" climbing walls at Steeple Morden and Litlington. She reported being very impressed with them as they are very solid structures and she believes they would be a useful addition to the equipment in the children's playground. Finding Fitness can help the Parish Council to get lottery funding to cover the supply and installation of the Monkey Challenge. However, in order to do this, we need to demonstrate that there is community support. If you have strong opinions on this matter, please attend the next meeting on 6th July.

Taking into account recent amendments which EWR has made to the original plans and comments from residents at Birdlings, the PC's response to EWR is as follows:

- The height of the bridge, which has been elevated, must be lowered to its original height and a deeper cutting should be made to reduce noise and to make it less visible to local residents;
- The route which goes extremely close to the

Birdlings estate and Comberton College should be moved slightly to the west;

- There should be a cycle route the full length of the railway from Hardwick to Comberton to improve cycle access for students;
- During the construction of the railway, all construction traffic should be banned from travelling through Toft.

The Annual Inspection Report (RoSPA) was favourable and one or two of the comments, such as the catch on the gate and more bark being required under the Multiplay Unit are already in hand or have been attended to. The catch on the gate has been replaced and Stratagem have agreed to lay the bark in June.

The Assets Walk, where PC members inspect all the village assets, was fixed for Saturday 13th June at 11.30.

Toft People's Hall wishes to submit a planning application to move the main entrance door to facilitate better wheelchair access. The PC is happy to comply with their request that the application be made in the Parish Council's name, thereby reducing the application fee by 50%.

The finance report was considered and approved.

Urgent risk or health and safety matters

A resident has contacted the PC regarding the poor condition of the cycle path and the overgrown hedges. (The PC response to this is reported under Highway matters.)

It was also noted that the picnic tables in Lot Meadow are in a poor state of repair and need replacing.

Finance and planning

The system of internal control was reviewed and considered effective.

The Annual Governance Statement was prepared and approved.

The Accounting statements were considered and approved and signed and dated by Cllr Yeadon, who was presiding at the meeting. The Internal Auditor's report was considered and the appointment of Internal Auditor for FY27 was agreed.

The following planning application was considered 26/01600/HFUL, Canner's Close – single storey side extension with "no comment".

There was "no comment" on various tree works applications.

Highways matters

The issue of the overgrown hedgerows along the

cycle path was discussed in detail and Cllr Darbyshire confirmed that she has requested Highways to deal with this as a matter of urgency. She is now intending to request an online meeting in an attempt to press on Highways the danger it now presents to cyclists and pedestrians, many of whom are children.

Cllr Darbyshire has reported the bent 'cyclists' road sign at the junction of Hardwick Road and Comberton Road and has also asked for warning signs at this junction to inform drivers of pedestrians crossing at this junction.

She has also requested that better new signage is placed on the High Street, informing drivers to slow down at the playground.

Cllr Darbyshire was happy to report that finally, after years of lobbying, Highways have finally agreed to undertake work on the stretch of the High Street outside Beldam's Close, which regularly floods. They will also be fixing a stretch of pavement on the opposite side of the road, which is in need of repair.

It should be noted that the more pressure that is put on Highways by members of the public the more likely they are to respond. (See separate notice.)

Cllr Yeadon is to adjust the traffic speed monitor to record the speed of cars travelling from Bourn towards the village green. While the monitor will not indicate speed, it will be recording so it will be possible to compare these with readings taken by the Speedwatch team.

Other matters

Cllr Miles is to start mapping areas in Toft, outside of gardens and public areas, where wildlife could be sheltering. She is to attend an online information session *The Hedge and the Hog: Helping wildlife one verge at a time*, organised by South Cambs Climate and Environment as part of the Cambridge Nature Festival.

It was agreed that we would urge residents with topics to discuss or feedback on issues to attend the PC meeting. Residents may also contact a PC member or the Clerk in writing.

Finally, the PC wishes to congratulate Toft Social Club, which has been awarded the CAMRA Club of the Year Award for Cambridge. This means that it will automatically go forward to be considered for the regional award. For a small village this is a tremendous accolade and reflects the hard work and dedication of the volunteers in TSC.

TOFT SPEEDWATCH RELAUNCH!

The relaunch of the Toft Speedwatch group is off to a good start. The first few sessions have gone well and we, like most villages, clearly have a problem with speeding vehicles.

We've recorded numerous speeders in each session with a top recorded speed in a 30mph zone of 54mph!

Tackling this antisocial behaviour is key to maintaining a safe environment in our village and we would welcome any and all volunteers to join our cause. Please contact the group at

csw.toft@outlook.com



THE MONKEY PUZZLE CLIMBING WALL

Toft Parish Council may be able to get funding via "Finding Fitness" to install this climbing wall in the children's playground. The Monkey Puzzle is suitable for 4-year-olds through to adults! In order to be successful, we need to demonstrate that residents approve of this suggestion and we would like you to register your view.

You can return this form to Cllr Miles (details below) or come to the next PC meeting on Monday 6th July. Your opinion matters. We appreciate your support. Thank you. Toft Parish Council

"Finding Fitness" [https:// www.finding-fitness.co.uk/](https://www.finding-fitness.co.uk/)



IMPORTANT NOTE: Responses will be treated in complete confidence and names will NOT be made public.



Are you in favour of the installation of this climbing wall? Yes

No

Comments:

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Please return this form to Cllr Elaine Miles, 11 Miller's Road, Toft or email cldr.miles@tpc.toft.org.uk

Toft 1895

PART 5

May Creek's memoir now brings us to the village green, the Red Lion pub (as was), the Mill Lane cottages and Firethorn Cottage.

And then we come to the Red Lion, then occupied by the Collin family, a friendly couple. May was senior by two or three years; she married the local blacksmith and moved away, Walter who married Ethel Chapman. Then we pass the two old barns, one said to be the barn where both John Bunyan and John Wesley preached, then on to the four Mill Lane cottages. In the first was a Mrs Allgood, whose clothes, house and skin were the same colour. This cottage was later the Jacklins' house. Number 2 was then occupied by Mrs Wilmott and Techly* and then just two in the family, Carrie and Will; they moved to her mother's cottage very early in my memories and took over the job of Chapel keeper. This cottage number 2 then had an endless number of occupants, as also did number 3. Here I remember going to visit a Mrs Scott; Edie and I were allowed to play with their grandchildren when they visited. In number 4, there was our old friend Joe Ward and his three daughters: Katie was six months my senior, May and Dorothy came much later.

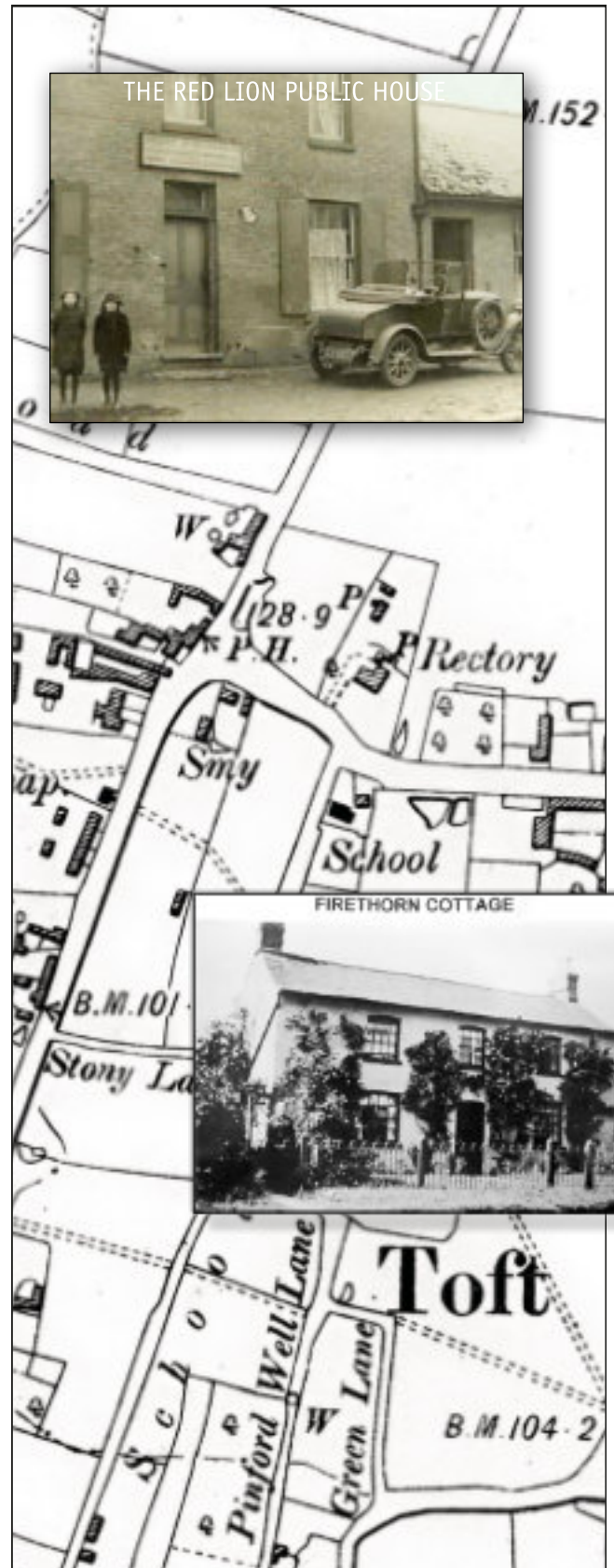
As we come back to the green, with its well, chain and bucket attachment, we look across to the cottage very near the blacksmith shop. Here lived old Mrs North. She had been a teacher at Toft school when Aunt Alice was a pupil, as she was born in 1845 and left school at the age of 13. When I first knew her, we children were all scared of her; the general verdict was she is a witch, but in later years at the post office and after getting to Orchard Farm, I found her very friendly. Very close to Firethorn Cottage was what one might pass for a hayrick thatched right down to the ground, two tiny windows. Here lived an old Mrs Dickerson, a tall angular woman who always seemed to be standing in her doorway to chat to any passerby including us children from the school, which we appreciated. When this cottage became vacant, Mrs North bought the plot, had the cottage demolished and built her wash house on the left.

* This word was almost illegible in the original manuscript; we cannot be sure of the exact word.

In Part 4 of May Creek's journal, published in the June Calendar, one sentence caught the eye of Toft resident Shirley Norman (née Prior):

"... Mr Marriott, who went and lived in the Fens (Manea, I think), returning to Kingston many years later after he married one of the Miss Priors."

Shirley believes the "Miss Priors" may be Anna and Martha Prior, recorded in the 1881 census as born around 1876 and 1878, respectively, in Colne, Hunts.



The Club, Toft

The Club was awarded “Club of the Year” by CAMRA Cambridge & District for the quality of our beer and our support for our local community. We were then put forward to the next round (Cambridgeshire) and we are delighted to announce that we were awarded that accolade as well.

We are showing the **England World Cup matches** on our big screen – please check the website (<https://toft.club/world-cup>) and social media channels for details.



We have a **Gin Experience Evening** on Saturday 4th July. During the evening there will be a variety of gins to try. There will be different tonics and fruits to see just how you may prefer your gin, which is often seen as England’s traditional spirit. There is no admission charge - you only pay for the drinks you have.

On Sunday 26th July is our popular **Sunday Fun Day**, starting at 11:30am. You are invited to bring all your family along for three hours of fun, with something for everyone. We will have a choice of light lunches available and the bar will be open – there will be a story and rhyme session for little ones (children must be accompanied by an adult at all times) and various games available for older children and the young at heart!

The **July film** on Saturday 18th is the 2025 release *The Phoenician Scheme*, directed by the quirky and brilliant Wes Anderson. Wealthy businessman Zsa-zsa Korda appoints his only daughter, a nun, as sole heir to his estate. As Korda embarks on a new enterprise, they soon become the target of scheming tycoons, foreign terrorists and determined assassins. Doors open at 7:30pm and the film starts promptly at 8pm. Film Club membership is £12 for the year or evening membership is £3.00.

Our regular events continue this month, with

Toft Art on Thursday 2nd, **Toft Quiz** on Thursday 9th and **Carpet Bowls** on Friday 10th. Our very popular monthly **Open Mic / Music Night** is on Saturday 11th.

A date for your diary: the **Club Barbeque** will be on Saturday 8th August. Come along and enjoy this hugely popular event! Tickets on sale at the Club with full details on the website.

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

Keep up to date here:

Website: <https://toft.club>

Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ToftSocial>

Toft Work Experience

Are you a young adult, living in Toft, aged 18+?

Are you having difficulty finding work because you lack work experience?

Here in Toft we have a solution. We will train and mentor you to gain valuable skills while you carry out a programme of learning and working at Toft Club between August 17 and September 12, 2026. We may also be able to provide experience working at Toft’s Community Café and other village amenities (tbc).

Skills you would gain include: bar work, cellar work, customer-facing skills, time management, food preparation, health & safety, till/financial transactions, problem solving, team working.

You would also gain experience by carrying out shifts at the famous Toft Beer Festival, working at the CAMRA Cambridge and Cambridgeshire ‘Club of the Year 2026’.

You would be expected to complete an application process and undertake an interview – again providing you with valuable experience. If successful, you will obtain a Certificate of Attendance and reference for future employment.

We are offering a maximum of four places. If you would like to be considered for this scheme, please contact Linda Hollow linda.hollow@btconnect.com or Martin Sebborn martin@toft.club indicating your interest (or to ask questions) by Saturday July 25th, 2026.



The **SCHOOLROOM** *Community Café*

Wednesdays 10.30am to 1.30pm
Toft People's Hall
Open to all

Visitors to the Café can now see the results of a lot of hard work by Hall Committee volunteers to refresh and update the decor in the hall: new paintwork, lighting, furniture and more. What hasn't changed is the warm welcome to all ages, from babies and toddlers singing nursery rhymes at Funtime (10.30-11.00am) to residents of Home Meadow and their carers, who often like to join in too. As well as a range of hot and cold drinks, we offer homemade cakes, biscuits and scones, homemade soups and sausage rolls, plus a weekly special such as jacket potatoes or bacon baps. Gluten-free options are usually available.

We'll be open right through the school holidays and although we don't have the space for running around, children of all ages are very welcome!



The refurbishment of the Clubroom at The People's Hall is well on its way to being finished.



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

Stay fire safe while enjoying the summer weather!

As the summer weather hopefully continues, many will take the opportunity to get out in the garden and give it a tidy. There are a few simple things to do which will help reduce the risk of having a fire: Dispose of garden waste using either a local waste pickup service or take it to a local recycling centre. Do not light a bonfire!

Ensure cigarettes are completely out.

Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground – the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire.



If you are planning to have a BBQ:

Use barbeques on a hard, flat surface away from grass, shrubs or fencing.

Put disposable barbeques on bricks - do not place directly on grass.

TOFT FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We invite you to join us at an OPEN MEETING July 8th, 2.30pm at Toft People's Hall for an afternoon of strawberries and cream.

The Friendship club is for over 50s. We meet every month on the 2nd Wednesday at 2.30pm at Toft People's Hall; programme followed by tea and biscuits. All welcome.



Comberton library

Tel: 01223 457958

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Digital Buddy Assistance Need any assistance to get online, with uploading photos, bus pass renewal/new application or even accessing your emails? Digital Buddy will be here to assist you at Comberton library on **Mondays, 11am-1pm**, every week. Come and book an appointment with our digital buddy.

Knit, Sew and Natter group continues to meet in Comberton Library at **10.30am – 11.30am** July dates: 13th and 27th. August dates: 10th and 24th. Then every other Monday onwards. Newcomers warmly welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

Rhymetime 10.30am – 11.00am (except during school holidays) for children between 0 to 4 years of age. July date: 6th. Back September 7th. Also, come and join the First Steps Library Club, aged 0-4 years. Don't forget: every visit to the library, attending events like Rhymetime, your child will get a special stamp towards a certificate.

It's Lego Time with Duplo. Saturdays starting at 10.30am. Come and have fun building and exploring your imagination. Every child needs an adult to accompany them. **This is a free event.**

Opening hours (excluding bank holidays etc.)

Monday 10am – 1pm

Wednesday 10am – 1pm and 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Friday 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Saturday 10am – 1pm

Mobile Library Visits Toft on the third Friday of the month, 2.00 to 3.00pm by the village green.



A colorful poster for a Summer Fair. At the top left is the Wildlife Trust logo. The text reads 'Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants', 'Summer Fair', '12th July', '1-4pm', and 'Manor House Cambourne'. There are illustrations of a bird, a butterfly, and a sun. A QR code is in a red circle with the text 'Find out more online'. At the bottom is a blue tractor and a table with plants. The website 'wildlifebcn.org/summer-fair' is at the bottom right.



We are recruiting community orchard volunteers at Lark Rise Farm

If you enjoy working outdoors and want to help care for a thriving orchard for people and nature, then this could be the ideal volunteering role for you.

Barton Community Orchard at Lark Rise Farm was created in 2019 and we need support with practical tasks such as pruning, watering, and general orchard maintenance. Help us support healthy fruit trees and wildlife habitats by joining us as a volunteer.

 **Lark Rise Farm**

A CRT Property
Barton, Cambs, CB23 7AY

To find out more and register, visit
www.thecrt.co.uk/vol-orchard

TOFT SPORTS



READY SET GO!

**Saturday 11th July at 2.00pm
in the field by the Church**



Cut out the programme and bring it along to the sports

Programme starts at 2.00pm

1. Ladies v Gents	Costume race	19. Under 4's	Spud & spoon
2. Under 4's	30 mtrs	20. Under 8's	Spud & spoon
3. Under 8's	30 mtrs	21. OPEN	Sack race
4. Under 12's	60 mtrs	22. Under 16's	Sack race
5. Under 16's	60 mtrs	23. Under 12's	Sack race
6. OPEN	85 mtrs	24. Under 8's	Sack race
7. Under 8's	60 mtrs	25. OPEN	Pitch the bale
8. Under 12's	85 mtrs	26. Under 4's	Bean bag throw
9. Under 16's	85 mtrs	27. Under 8's	Bean bag throw
10. OPEN	400 mtrs	28. OPEN	Welly throw
11. Under 16's	400 mtrs	29. Under 16's	Welly throw
12. Under 12's	200 mtrs	30. Under 12's	Welly throw
13. OPEN	Obstacle	31. Under 16's	Skipping
14. Under 16's	Obstacle	32. Under 12's	Skipping
15. Under 12's	Obstacle	33. Under 8's	Skipping
16. Under 8's	Obstacle	34. Under 16's	Slow Cycle Race
17. OPEN	Wheelbarrow	35. OPEN	Walking race
18. OPEN	3 legged	36. OPEN	Round the Village Race

All age group winners (1, 2 and 3) will receive medals. All the trophies will be engraved with the winners' names and kept at Toft Social Club.

Tug of War

(odd house numbers v evens)

Rounders Match

at 6pm followed by

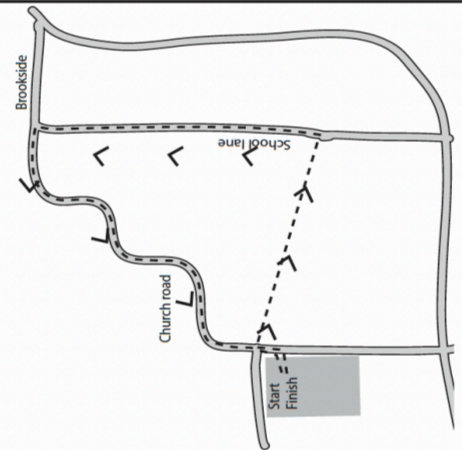
Family BBQ

Bring your own food and we provide the hot charcoal.

Please do not bring glasses into the field as they cause a hazard to sheep.

There will be free squash and water for all competitors.

Route for the Walking Race and the Round the Village Race



BIN COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

Black Bin: 9th, 23rd

Blue Bin: 2nd, 16th, 30th

Green Bin: 2nd, 16th, 30th

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Toft Car Scheme: 07790 171710
Trading Standards: 0345 0455206
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Many thanks.

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