EDITORIAL

"Why have we got all this junk?" startled, I gazed around the garage, taking in the artfully unarranged piles of screws, bolts, timber off-cuts, once-proud and once-functional deck chairs, paint pots, (almost) good-as-new toasters, Whitworth Standard socket sets, cob-webbed lampshades, tennis rackets and bolts of age-crisped lino that comprised its contents. "What junk?" I thought. Whatever could the Chatelaine of Editor Towers be talking about? My eye lighted on a pile of old 78 rpm records atop a trolley jack with one axle missing. Maybe the junk was underneath that, somewhere?

"What we need to do" went on my interrogator "is have a good clear-out in here and make a bit of space. Most of this stuff should have gone to the tip years ago." gulped. "But - but, this is my stuff" I mumbled "I mean, this is all useful gear. There's things in here you just can't get anymore - "

"Yes, and there's a reason for that" she replied, crisply "no-one needs them. You've got nothing better to do, so you can get on with sorting out what can go. And remember: The black bin is for - " "Yes, yes, I know" I said, weakly. "The black bin is for stuff that doesn't go in the other bins."

After a couple of hours, I had very nearly filled an old shoe box with small, carefully selected items I felt we might just be able to do without and was assessing my chances of these meeting the remit when the door opened and the Inspector Of Grounds And Premises swept back in. "But you haven't even started!" she said scornfully, an accusation I was about to brand as an outright canard when it occurred to me that negotiation might offer a route to salvation.

"Look" I wheedled, "How about this? We go through things together and, when we come to an item neither of us can see a reason for keeping - out it goes. OK?" Quickly spotting the eminent sense of my proposition, her assent was granted and we set about the categorising process. Where it went wrong was that her reasons for keeping things were, it turned out, logical and well-founded, whilst mine, it was agreed - although not by me - were by turn fatuous, temporising, vapid and fanciful. I’d imagined myself turning up on the Antiques Roadshow, there to gasp in modest, well-rehearsed amazement as my pile of wood shavings were acclaimed as having emanated from the tredle-lathe of Thomas Chippendale himself and probably worth triple their weight in gold. Instead, I eftsoons found myself at the Council tip at Milton, tearfully wishing God speed to an outright canard when it occurred to me that negotiation might offer a route to salvation.

Bus Pass runs out?

Have you checked whether your concessionary bus pass runs out?

It's up to you to check when it does and get it renewed. If you don't and your pass has expired you will be refused free travel.

Passes can be renewed up to 6 weeks before their expiry date. Just go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/concessionary. If you can't get your renewal done online then call the number printed on the back of your pass.

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Toft Animation Festival 2016

Friday 7th & Saturday 8th October

Toft will be holding it's first Animation Festival in the autumn, which will feature a wide variety of animation styles, from locally produced work through artisan productions to mainstream films.

As part of the weekend there will be classes on animation techniques, and a chance for you to create and show your own animations.

Make a note of the dates in your diary - more details nearer the time, and on the Toft Animation Website, at http://taf.toft.org.uk
MINISTRY TEAM
THE CHURCH IN TOFT

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

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

4th September 8.00 am Holy Communion
– St. Mary’s Comberton
11.00 am HOPS and HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE* - Rev Canon Mike Booker

11th September 8.30 am Holy Communion – St. Andrew’s - Rev Prof. Michael Reiss
11.00 am Morning Prayer – St. Andrew’s – Rev Canon Mike Booker

18th September 8.00 am Holy Communion – St. Mary’s Comberton
11.00 am Holy Communion – Rev Alison Walker

28th August 8.30 am Holy Communion, St. Andrew’s – Rev Prof. Michael Reiss
11.00 am Holy Communion , St. Andrew’s – Rev Prof. Michael Reiss

(Shorter Morning Prayer every Wednesday, 9.15am at St. Andrew’s. Service lasts about 30 minutes – everyone very welcome.)

Dear Friends

By the time the Calendar reaches you, many people will know already that I shall be moving on to a new job at the end of October. I shall be a Bishop’s Officer, working with churches in small towns across the county and encouraging them as they seek to build more bridges to the communities in which they are based.

Liz and I have been so very happy here in the villages where I have served, and Toft has stood out as somewhere with a unique character. The strength of community, the rich variety of village activity and the warmth of the welcome have all been striking. It has been especially inspiring to see how the Church in Toft is a place where the Anglican and Methodist parts have grown closer and intertwined further year by year. Added to that, the continuing development of close and warm relations between the church, the social club and the whole village community has been so good to see and to share in.

One symbolic moment in church and village drawing closer together was last year’s harvest celebration, timed to fit in with the beer festival when the village is already celebrating. I look forward very much to starting this September with a harvest Songs of Praise, and hope that once again the whole village will be at its best, mixing worship, fun and community in the way that only Toft can.

It has been a privilege to be here as an honorary Toft citizen. We will take with us so very many warm memories, and miss you all very much. As I leave, Alison Walker is joining us as our new Methodist Minister. A new Rector will be arriving next year, all being well, and I know the life and worship of the Church in Toft will continue to flourish as God leads forward into his good purposes.

Mike Booker

* As part of the Beer Festival week-end the Church in Toft will celebrate Harvest with a service of singing and praise on Sunday, 4th September at 11.00 am at St. Andrew’s in which the Junior Gallery Band and the Gallery Band itself will take a part.
We are delighted to welcome Alison Walker who has taken over the care of the Church in Toft – Methodist Chapel from the beginning of September. She is also responsible for Haslingfield, where she lives, and Castle Street. Her contact details are below.

Rev Alison Walker - 01223 872862 - alison.walker@methodist.org.uk

### Dates For Your Diary:

#### 10th September
Cambridge Historic Churches Ride, Drive and Stride from 10.00am until 6.00pm.
Walk, cycle or drive round the churches that are open that day and seek sponsorship for the number you visit. The money raised goes half to St. Andrew’s or the Methodist Church, according to which you have designated, and the other half to the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. This Trust gives grants and lends money to Churches for their urgent repairs or for new additions. They have been very generous to St. Andrew’s in the emergency repairs to the heating and North aisle roof, and in the North porch project for which they lent us a substantial amount which allowed us to get started and to finish. If you do not want to stride, cycle or drive, perhaps you would like to sponsor someone who is doing one or the other on our behalf! Or you could help us man a Church on that day – for sponsorship forms or offers of help please contact Pat Gouldstone - 263994

Please support our churches and enjoy the Cambridgeshire countryside or cities at the same time.
Sponsor forms from Lucy Allen 262948 (Church) Steve Acklam 264055 (Chapel)

#### 17th September
The Church in Toft is taking a day away at Buckden Towers to look to the future.
If you would like to come, you are welcome but please could you contact either the Wardens or the Stewards as we are being catered for. Mike Booker and Alison Walker will both be there.

### Frederick JOHN SPARKS
1927 – 2016

It is with sadness we report the death of John, another Toft man through and through. He was born on Brookside but lived most of his life in High Street. The son of Henry and Hannah Sparks, he was one of 6 children, 2 boys and 4 girls. He left school when he was 14 and worked on a number of farms including Bennells for Derek Tebbit before joining the County Highways team where he worked for many years. Before electricity he used to pump the organ in the Church for Gavin MacFarlene-Grieve and he played football, turning out for Toft’s first ever football team. He will be long remembered.

### SEPTEMBER BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Harvest is upon us and we’re calling on local residents to help our fight against straw stack arson.

Stack fires can quickly spread and not only endanger people and livestock, but also life-long work on farms. Stacks burn very slowly meaning crews are committed for long periods of time, making them unavailable for other emergencies. Don’t forget, many firefighters attending incidents like these in rural parts of our county are on-call personnel and their retention at a stack fire impacts directly upon business and services in their community.

What can you do? We’re urging residents and those passing through rural areas to keep a careful watch. Do you see someone acting suspiciously around stores of hay or straw? Is there an unusual vehicle near farm buildings? Become a community member of Arson Watch and keep an eye on stacks in your area.

Report suspicious activity to police on 101 and dial 999 if you see a stack fire.

For more information on fire safety log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.
TOFT SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

TWELFTH ANNUAL BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL.
2nd – 4th SEPTEMBER
Free entry and only £2.40/pint! Fifteen real ales, mostly from brewers in a 25 mile radius, and a choice of ‘real’ local ciders. Gluten- free beers and food available.

Pasties, toasted sandwiches, filled baguettes, burgers will be available throughout the festival. On Saturday night we are offering filled Jacket Potatoes - which will also be available all day on Sunday.

On Sunday there will be a traditional Roast served in 2 sittings at 12.30 & 1.15. Tickets will be available at the Social Club Bar from Thursday 1st Sept if you want to book for a specific time.

As usual, there will be live music on Saturday evening.

Opening times:
Friday 2nd September: 6.00 - 11.00 pm
Saturday 3rd September: Midday - 11.00 pm
Sunday 4th September: Midday - 10.30 pm

FOOD ON FRIDAY: 9th SEPTEMBER
Don’t bother to cook on Friday 9th! Our single course meal is excellent value and will be available from 7.00 pm up to 8.30 pm. This time the food will be chicken or vegetable fajitas. These evenings are extremely popular, and as food is on a ‘first-come-first-served’ basis, please arrive early to avoid disappointment!

FILM CLUB: SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER. ‘EDDIE THE EAGLE’ (Cert PG)
Inspired by true events, Eddie the Eagle is a feel-good story about Michael ”Eddie” Edwards, the unlikely but courageous British ski-jumper who never stopped believing in himself. Eddie takes on the establishment and wins the hearts of sports fans around the world by his performance at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

Film Club members free. (Membership is an absolute bargain as the annual subscription is only £10.00 per person). Non-members pay a £2.50 nightly membership fee at the door. Doors open at 8.00pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
(Doors open 8.00pm, 7.30pm Sundays)

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Your Committee is: Richard Fletcher (Chairman), Martin Sebborn (Vice Chairman), Gill Collett (Treasurer), Paul Hercus (Secretary), Nick Nicholson, Koran Collett, Ron Gouldstone, Brian Roberts, Angela Unsworth, Katrina Holmes, Darren Ward, Sonia Cox.

www.toftsocialclub.org.uk
https://www.facebook.com/ToftSocial
Toft Parish Council
Clerk: Mrs Gail Stoehr
30 West Drive
Highfields Caldecote
Cambridge, CB23 7NY   Tel: 01954 210241

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 (excluding August) at the Toft People’s Hall in School Lane starting at 7.00pm.

Notices of meetings and agendas are published on the Parish Council Noticeboard near the bus shelter together with minutes, which can also be viewed at www.toft.org.uk. Among other things, the Council considers local planning applications for the planning authority, the South Cambridgeshire District Council; provides the local recreation area, the People’s Hall, litter bins, dog waste bins and the bus shelter; arranges for local verge cutting on behalf of the Cambridgeshire County Council and works with that authority to ensure the maintenance of local footpaths.

The next meeting of the Council is Monday 5th September, All Welcome.

The Parish Council does not meet during August and there is therefore no report this month.

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The annual Addenbrooke’s Breast Cancer Appeal is launched today in support of breast cancer patients at Addenbrooke’s Hospital.

The appeal, organised by Addenbrooke’s Charitable Trust (ACT), asks people to get together with family, friends, work colleagues or fellow students on Friday 21 October for a fundraising afternoon tea party. People are encouraged to bake or buy boobie-shaped cakes of all varieties.

The appeal aims to raise £50,000 to buy a special x-ray specimen machine for the Cambridge Breast Unit and help the team to screen one more patient every day.

This year the appeal is generously sponsored by Neaves & Neat recruitment consultancy and Mr Hugh’s rapeseed oil.

Emily Willdigg, Community Fundraiser at ACT explains: “Having an x-ray specimen machine at the Cambridge Breast Unit will improve the diagnosis of small calcifications that may be cancer, in a breast vacuum biopsy. With this, the team can analyse the specimen faster and improve patients’ safety and comfort. We’re very grateful to Neaves & Neat and Mr Hugh’s for supporting the year’s appeal to help breast cancer patients.”

Addenbrooke’s Breast Cancer Appeal tea party hosts will receive a party pack including balloons, banners and pin badges.

To order your Addenbrooke’s Breast Cancer Appeal party pack or for details on any other events go to www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/ABCappeal, call 01223 217757 or email fundraising@act4addenbrookes.org.uk.
Team Arthur needs you!!

An hour of your time means such a lot to the Hospice

Do you know someone who might like to join TEAM ARTHUR and become part of an extraordinary future? Arthur Rank Hospice Charity needs to bolster their fabulous volunteer team, ahead of moving to their new hospice home in Shelford Bottom!

Volunteers have been at the heart of the Hospice since it first opened its doors on the Brookfield Hospital site on Mill Road 35 years ago. It started with just a handful of volunteers and now the Hospice replies on a fantastic team of over 360 who support the clinical, fundraising and administrative teams. Often it is their presence and warm welcome which can help normalise experiences for those receiving the Hospice’s care.

As the building springs up at Shelford Bottom - with a footprint of $2500\,\text{m}^2$, a total floor area of $5000\,\text{m}^2$ over two floors, twice the number of patient beds and around three times the amount of outdoor and garden space - the need for a new influx of volunteers has become increasingly physically apparent. There are some exciting new roles created by the Hospice’s move to their new home, including patient group activity leader, education receptionist, education assistant, café assistants and meet and greet representatives. We also need to strengthen the number of volunteers helping with driving, gardening, afternoon tea, the Inpatient Unit, reception, the shops, bereavement support and fundraising.

Even just 2-3 hours of your time each week or fortnight could make such a difference!

Please get in touch with the Volunteer Services team, who are dedicated to finding the right fit for your availability and skills, by calling Vipra on 01223 72311 or emailing Volunteer@arhc.org.uk, or to find out more visit arhc.org.uk/volunteering.asp.

COMBERTON : RAMBLERS CLUB

The Comberton Ramblers Club walk on alternative Sundays. All walks start at 10.15 a.m. Walks are from 4 - 7 miles, usually ending near a public house.

We are a friendly / informative group and enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this area. New walkers are welcome to join us with up to 2 free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member.

From the 1st September 2016 our a annual membership fee is £8.50 / free if under 18 years old.

Our Autumn Walk Programme starts on the 4th September 2016. - Horseheath - 4.5 Miles

For further details on how to join our sociable rambling group please Contact the Secretary - Stella.

Email - stella.ramblers@hotmail.com  Tel - 01954 210049
Comberton Library
Opening Hours:
Mon: 10am-1pm
Wed: 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm
Fri: 2pm-5pm
Sat: 10am-1pm

More details can be found on the Library Service website at: http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

We were overwhelmed by the support from our local teenagers during the Summer Reading Game this year, and we would like to say a huge Thank You to them all! With cuts to staff and funding we would really struggle to run the game without their help. They have contributed towards making reading fun for a lot of children in their local community, for which they should feel proud.

Many people these days have access to eBook readers, smartphones and tablets, but did you know that Cambridgeshire Libraries can provide material for all of these platforms? Log in to our website and look for our Online Library Services to find information about downloading eBooks, eMagazines, eAudiobooks and eNewspapers, all for free! All you need is a library membership (also free!). Please ask our staff for more details or guidance about getting started. There is a large selection of popular titles to choose from, it’s well worth a look!

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 5th and 19th September, 3rd and 17th October (10.30-11.00am). Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!

Up the garden path

By Autumn, my garden is looking a bit worse for wear. The fresh green foliage of May has been ravaged by mildew and chewed by bugs... and talking of bugs...

The good the bad and the ugly

The good: We all love the bees* and butterflies that visit our gardens but we should love wasps too. They eat aphids so when you next barbecue and are hopping around trying to swat them, think of the good they have been doing.

Lacewings, ladybirds and their larvae and ground beetles are among the other beneficial insects.

* CVC runs a course in beekeeping. Ring 264721 for information.

The bad: Aphids not only suck the sap from our plants but the honeydew they secrete leads to the plants becoming infested with black sooty mould. The asparagus beetle lays its tiny eggs on the fine foliage. They quickly transform into grey caterpillars and both the grubs and adults feast on the fronds. They love it. Even more than we do! The infestation was so bad that this spring I have grubbed out all my plants.

The beautiful iridescent

Rosemary beetle is a relatively new pest. It eats the leaves of both rosemary and lavender. Lily, asparagus and rosemary beetles are very good escape artists and will fall to the ground, land on their backs and camouflage against the soil. You can capture them by placing newspaper or an open upturned umbrella under the branches and tapping the plants.

Slugs and snails can reduce any large fleshy leaved plant to lace and are the number one pest in most gardens.

The ugly

The striking vermilion of lily beetle is a warning to birds that it is unpalatable. I think the grubs of this destructive insect are the most disgusting of all the pests in my garden. They form an assembly line of hungry jaws that, within days, reduce the lily to a stem. They write around in their own excrement. Need I say more? There are various treatments for the bugs in our gardens.

Bug off is an organic solution. Be sure to target just the pests and not the beneficial insects.

Mind the gap.

September is the perfect month to plant herbaceous perennials. They will have time to settle into their new homes an develop good roots before the onset of winter. Fill any gaps in your borders with something that is in flower now like Michaelmas daisies or Japanese anemones which do very well in our Toft gardens.

Things to do now

@ Harvest your produce.
@ Stake tall veg like purple sprouting broccoli and kale to stop them blowing over.
@ If you have a glut of tomatoes, make batches of tomato sauce that you can freeze in small bags to add to chilli con carne, pasta sauces and stews.
@ Weed paths and paving now to keep them looking good throughout the winter.

Figs...

Some years ago a friend gave me a fig plant and detailed instructions of how to get it to produce a good crop of figs. Despite being told several times the correct way to prune, it has always run amok, producing mountains of foliage and just a handful of fruits but this year I must have done something right and have been feasting on luscious figs.

... with cheese & honey

Split open 2 figs and cover the cut surface with soft cheese (goat or blue) and place under a medium grill until the cheese is just melting. Top with walnuts and return to the grill for a minute or two. Put on your plate and drizzle with a little honey. Serve with salad leaves.

Garden to visit

The Walled Garden at Wimpole Hall has a stunning tall herbaceous border at its entrance. Inside it has an array of fruit vegetables and flowers for cutting. At the stable block there is a useful display of big healthy plants set out in sections for different growing conditions. It is a National Trust Property.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole-estate or tel. 01223 206000
If it's not moving - eat it! Guests tuck in at the village Barbie.
Sitting in my garden, I could hear the sound of a combine and that evening on the TV was a programme called Mud, Sweat and Tractors. So I decided to put down my summer holiday memories at the age of 13 and 14 years old.

I spent all my spare time at Orchard Farm, Toft, the farm of Ken Tebbit, where my stepfather Ralph Collett worked from the age of 14 till he retired age 65, earning him a long service medal.

Corn in those days was cut with a binder, which threw sheaves out in rows. Then a number of men and boys would stack them into shocks. A man would put the first two up then we would put our two against them.

All day long this would go on. We had a break at 10am, ‘dockey time’. I would have a cheese sandwich and a flask with tea. Ralph had quarter of a loaf of bread and a lump of cheese. He also had a jam turnover. Five were made on a Sunday; by the middle of the week it was so hard it could not be eaten so it was given to the dog. His drink was cold cocoa in a bottle.

We went home at one o’clock for our dinner, back at two o’clock till five o’clock, when Mrs Grace Tebbit, in her car, brought out to the harvest field sandwiches and an urn of hot tea. We worked till it was dark. It would have been wonderful to have gone home for a shower but as there was no bathroom and no electricity and water was one cold tap in the kitchen, it was a wash down with hot water from a kettle.

I remember one harvest which was hot. I sat down near the railway putting out fires caused by the steam trains that went by as they sometimes set fire the dead grass alongside the corn fields.

When I was 12, I led the horse and cart from shock to shock and the men would throw the sheaves onto the cart where somebody would load them. As I got older I had the job of loading; it was a lot harder but more money. It was at the time of tractors taking over from the horse. We had a Standard Ford with iron wheels. Nobody really showed us how to drive this contraption and I nearly ran over Mr Jacklin after running over two or three shocks of wheat.

This is how My Life* started, with a few lines, so I had better stop now.

* a reference to Terry’s wonderful autobiographical memoir which you can read on the THS website at http://www.tofthistory.org/people.html.
From Your M.P….

They say a week is a long time in politics but within the last month I am sure we have all had enough politics to last us a year!

It would be impossible for me to write this Newsletter without referring to the recent EU Referendum. I received an unprecedented amount of correspondence following the vote from mostly, (though not by any means all) disappointed and worried constituents. As I was unable to reply individually to every email, I held public meetings in Cambourne and Duxford instead, so thank you to everyone who came along. Videos of the meetings and information regarding constitutional issues and policy areas are on my website for those who could not attend.

Since the result, I have held further meetings with representatives from our Councils, academic, science, health and agricultural sectors. Whilst we do not yet have an outline of the terms of negotiation, I am sure they will start to emerge when the House returns after Summer recess in September. I will continue to listen to the needs of all sectors and ensure the needs of South Cambridgeshire are at the heart of the Cabinet’s negotiations.

Onto the more light hearted duties of your constituency MP, I was delighted to be invited to pull the first pint at the Shelford Feast. The event was part of a week-long series of fundraising events and not only did they raise an incredible amount of money (I believe they are still counting!) I managed to remember how to pull a pint!

Just ahead of breaking for the Summer holidays, I was able to visit three more schools in Stapleford, Trumpington and Guilden Morden (I am slowly getting around, please bear with me if I haven’t visited your school yet!) The hard work and commitment of teachers, parents and governors is always plain for me to see so I was absolutely devastated when our new Secretary of State Justine Greening announced that the Department for Education would delay the introduction of the new Fairer Funding Formula for another year. Although Justine was very clear that no local authority would receive less funding than the top up amount we had received this year, I have asked officers at the County Council to digest what this will mean for us in real terms. I want to assure you that I am supporting our schools 100% on this and am seeking to meet with her as soon as possible.

As always, I am holding drop-in surgeries, the next one in Gamlingay on 13 August and Queen Edith’s on 3 September. Please see my website for details www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries or get in touch with my office if there is anything I can help with. Phone 01954 212707 or email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk
News from Toft Shop
Toft shop goes green!
Last month we told you about our new, more efficient fridges. This month we are introducing a new scheme to help cut down on the number of plastic bags. Inspired by the reduction of six billion plastic bags as a result of the 5p charge on them, Toft Shop is introducing a similar measure. From September 1st we are asking all customers who need a plastic bag to donate 5p to one of our favourite charities: Cerebra, Addenbrookes, and Guide Dogs. Collecting tins are on the counter.

Organic milk
Bottles of organic milk are now available. Please could you return the bottles to us?

Newspapers at weekends
We apologise if we have sometimes run out of your weekend papers when you come to buy them. We do not set the orders of newspapers – our suppliers do based on recent sales. So, if you want a particular newspaper at the weekend, please pre-order it.

New range of Toft Shop goods
We now stock Toft Shop mints and fudge. As well as Cookies and a variety of Preserves. Ideal small presents (including for yourself) J

Christmas is coming
Sorry to mention it, but, please let Justin know in advance if you will require any large quantities of Christmas stamps this year. It helps with the planning.

Repair Cafes
Last month the Parish Council reported on the development of Repair Cafes in our area, where things that might otherwise end up in landfill are brought back to life, thanks to enthusiastic volunteer repairers. Repair Cafes are getting off the ground in a number of villages in South Cambs, supported by Cambridge Carbon Footprint, Transition Cambridge and Chris Moller, organiser of a long established Repair Café in Cottenham. All are open to the public - drop a line to the organisers saying what you’re bringing and what the problem is, maybe something electrical, computer-related, a bike or even a broken zip. This makes it more likely your item will be seen and repaired. You can find them here:

Saturday 24 September, Fulbourn Repair Café, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn, CB21 5BZ
Contact: southcambs@repaircafe.org.uk

Saturday 22 October, Waterbeach Repair Café, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Salvation Army Hall, 7 Station Road, Waterbeach, CB25 9HT
Contact: waterbeach@repaircafe.org.uk

Sat 05 November, Cottenham Repair Café, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cottenham Community Centre, 250A High Street, Cottenham, CB24 8RZ

A Thank You
Phillipa and Michael Quenby would like to thank those friends - Mike, Keith, Koran and Darren and, particularly, Kate and Jay, Margaret and John and Jenny and Justin from Toft Shop - who are helping us through this somewhat ‘tricky time’ in our lives - thank you.
USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- Alcoholics Anonymous: 0845 769 7555
- Anglian Water (for sewage): 08457 145 145
- Ashcroft Veterinary Surgery: 01954 210250
- Bourn GPs’ Surgery: 01954 719313
- Cambridge AIDS help-line: (01223) 508805
- Cambs County Council: 0345 045 5200
- Cambridge Dial-a-Ride: 01223 506335
- Cambridge Water: 01223 706050
- Care Network Cambridgeshire: 01954 211919
- Citizens Advice Bureau: 0844 848 7979
- Comberton GPs’ Surgery: 01223 262500
- Comberton Village College: 01223 262503
- County Councillor: 01954 211444
- District Councillor: 01954 210840
- Eastern Electricity (Emergencies): 0800 7838838
- CVC Community Education: 01223 264721
- Household Waste/Pest Control: 0345 045 0063
- Lifespan Health Care, Family and Child Team: 01223 264460
- Member of Parliament: Phone 01954 212707
- Meridian Primary School: 01223 262423
- Police: 101 (Emergencies: 999)
- (Local Beat Officer is PCSO Alex Giltinane)
- 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

Wheelie Bin Collections For September
(N.B. These dates may be subject to change)

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- Thurs 8th September
- Thurs 22nd September

**Blue/Green Bin:**
- Fri 2nd September
- Thurs 15th September
- Thurs 29th September

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