

TOFT VILLAGE CALENDAR

September 2026

EDITORIAL

A few days ago, this household had occasion to phone a large retailer of trade tools and DIY equipment to make an enquiry about a plumbing item. Instead of the usual, 'If your call is about an order, press 1, if it is about your account, press 2' and 'Your call is important to us ... etc., etc.', the caller was greeted with a message that said (in so many words) 'If you're looking for an electric fan, forget it'. Mid-August, no doubt, the recorded message on many a retail outlet was probably 'Eclipse-glasses? You must be joking!'

All this leads us to the subject of panic-buying. We, the public, fed by slop from social media sites, panicky reports by breathless journalists who stress prepositions when they speak ('a shortage OF electric fans IN shops') and street-corner exchanges with friends and neighbours, rush like the mythological lemmings to the cliff-edge only to find that the beach below is empty of fans and eclipse-glasses; we're too late, as usual.

We humans have a history of panic-buying. We clear the supermarket shelves of items that we (think) we need just in case anyone else thinks they also need the same things. And it's not exactly new. Fears that rationing might be on the horizon led to people hoarding flour, sugar and soap (yes, soap) during the First World War. Those of us long enough in the tooth remember queues at petrol stations in 1973 during the oil crisis and an inexplicable sugar shortage around the same time. Only a couple of months ago, petrol was scarcer than white Alba truffles for a few days in north Norfolk filling stations. And who can forget the rush on loo paper, hand sanitizer and pasta as the COVID pandemic swept all before it?

Psychologists tell us that FOMO (fear of missing out) plays a part in it all – we'd rather have too much in the cupboard than just enough or too little. So we buy too much, the shelves begin to empty and, bingo, there really is a shortage, but it's someone else's fault, all those dopes who bought loo rolls in packs of 500. Don't look at me, guv.

TOFT VILLAGE FIRESIDE

Last November, an article by Robert Longhurst in the Calendar lamented the passing of Fireside. Not quite true, Ann Mitchell is glad to report.

Fireside 'lit up' for the first time on 11th October 1950 in Toft Methodist Chapel. Reverend Crowlesmith, then minister in Toft, had begun the Cambridge Men's Fireside post-war to foster the comradeship enjoyed by the various wartime voluntary services. He proposed that a Fireside group be established in Toft, to run once a week, on Wednesday evenings from October through to Easter each year. A 'faux' fireside was set up and the villagers met for a hymn, to listen to a speaker and finished with a cup of tea. In that first season, talks included: *Telling character from the hands. Are the white races in danger? Australia today. A visit to the USA.*

Clifford Tebbit of Old Farm was the Secretary. For 39 years he found speakers of the highest calibre, the proximity to Cambridge being a great help. However, taking into account the many social changes in the village, it was agreed at an autumn 1990 meeting that, following a special Harvest supper, Fireside would close.

Then in 1992 a new format was launched – two meetings a year, one in the autumn and one in the spring, with supper plus a talk for £2.50. Fireside Chairman was Ann Mitchell, with a committee drawn from both congregations, Anglican and Methodist. The first talk, by Dr Richard Preece, who had recently returned from the Pitcairn Islands, was *Snailing in Paradise*.

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DIARY DATES

The Parish Council

The next meeting is on 7th September at 7.00pm in The People's Hall. All welcome.

Toft Friendship Club

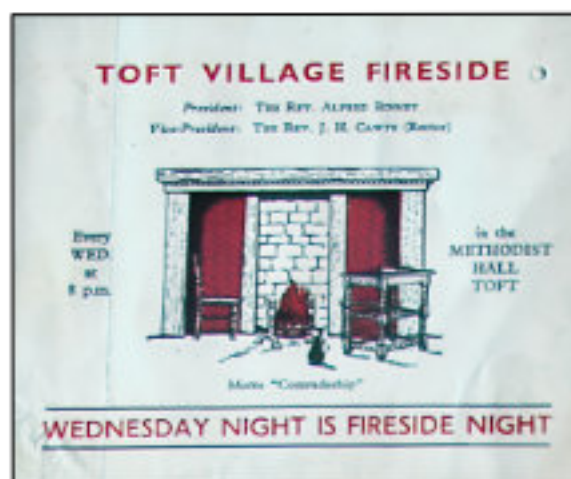
9th September
An autumn outing to Coton Orchard Café for a special tea

The Club

Toft Beer & Cider Festival from 4th to 6th September at The People's Hall with food, music, beer and cider. Entry free.

Toft Village Fireside

Returning on Friday 6th November at The Peoples Hall



THE CHURCH IN TOFT

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

Lay Minister	Mrs Barbara Preece 263466
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Deputy Warden	Jean Verney 263028

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

6th September

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

11.00am Morning Worship
Revd Priscilla Slusar

13th September

11.00am Holy Communion
Revd Priscilla Slusar

20th September

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

11.00am Morning Worship
Revd Robert Dolman

27th September

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

10.30am West of Cambridge Ecumenical Service
Comberton Leisure Centre. Comberton Village College (this service was previously held in November and is run by, and participated in, by all local Christian churches and everyone is welcome.

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.

Grateful for what we have

One of my grandfathers spent his working life as a farm labourer in the fields of Staffordshire; the other worked for decades underground in a Warwickshire coal mine. In their different ways both were engaged in harvesting the riches of the earth. Often in Harvest Festival services of thanksgiving in churches the colourful display of flowers, fruit and vegetables would be accompanied by a lump of coal as a sign of God's provision for all our needs.

In a village we are still aware of the seasonal rhythms of the natural world and just a short summer walk can show us fields full of ripening oats, wheat, barley and oilseed rape. But in crowded urban settings we have lost those connections and the serried ranks of tins of baked beans and pineapple chunks in services in town churches have rather less public appeal. The days are gone when such services had a mass following and people joyfully came to celebrate the conclusion of their labours for the year.

But this is far from saying that creation issues are off the agenda of the churches. The ways that we treat the soil and pollute the waters of our seas and rivers, the ways that we have felled ancient woodlands and destroyed meadows, even the quality of the air we breathe, are all central issues for this generation and the next. My miner grandfather has few successors today; our use of fossil fuels together with the carbon pollution and the global warming they cause is one of the most urgent political and social challenges of our time.

The harvest season also continues to be a stark reminder of the chasm between those whose lives are healthy and comfortable and those who battle to survive. We struggle to meet the demands of defending, educating and feeding ourselves and making a generous contribution to overseas aid. Justice and well-being for all are deeply enshrined in religious texts but they have to be a concern for everyone.

And being grateful for what we have received is not a bad philosophy of life.



Toft Oddities

Walkers down Church Road were amused to see this odd display of items, which appeared on the bench outside Saint Andrew's Church. One thing's for sure: there's never a dull moment in Toft!



THE CHURCH IN TOFT



TOFT VILLAGE FIRESIDE - *continued*

The new Fireside took place twice a year, with supper, until 2016, when at the 800th anniversary of St Andrew's, the committee decided to just serve puddings, coffee and tea after the talk. The calibre of speaker was amazing, thanks mainly to Richard Preece's and Donald Tebbit's connections and talented Toft residents. Talks included *Royal Maundy to Mammoths*, *The history of Toft*, *Forensic etymology*, *The Antarctic*, *G.K. Chesterton*, *English Grammar*, *Creation or Evolution*, *War service in Iraq* and *Creative photography*. Sadly, the 2020 lockdown began on the day of the March Fireside and the closure of the Methodist Chapel further seemed to threaten its final demise. However, on **November 6th** this year we invite you to yet another iteration, a talk with the Club bar and nibbles at Toft People's Hall. Please join us. Comradeship is still our watchword, plus fine talks and refreshment! Put the date in your diary now:

Friday evening November 6th at the People's Hall. Dr Claire Nicholson will speak on *The Odd Couple: Virginia Woolf and Rupert Brooke*.

Rupert Brooke's association with Grantchester is well-known but you may not know that another distinguished writer also spent some time there. This talk will explore the connections between Virginia Woolf and Rupert Brooke at a significant time for them both in their literary careers.



Friendship CLUB

9th September An autumn Outing to **Coton Orchard Café** for a special tea. If you would like to join us for this outing, please contact the Secretary Liz Tomes liztomes6@btinternet.com or telephone Ann Mitchell 01223 262516.

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

Lucy Allen



17th October 1952 to 16th July 2026

From a young age Lucy was brought up in Bishop's Stortford. When she left school, she went on to work in Lloyds Bank. She met Peter, whom she married in June 1972. They built 'Maple Autumn' in Toft and have lived there ever since. Lucy continued working at Lloyds Bank in Cambridge until the birth of Kirsten in 1974. After the birth of Natasha in 1978, she worked at Kingston Nursery School.

Lucy and Liz Dibnah took over from Joan Howard and Mary Baverstock as Toft Brownie Leaders, and Lucy continued to lead 1st Toft Brownies until 2014. The Brownies took part in many village events including maypole dancing, litter pickups, participating in the archaeological dig, carol singing at Home Meadow, Christingle services and buying gifts for the Women's Refuge at Christmas. Lucy led the Brownies on trips to London, Ely and numerous Pack Holidays at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket. She was also involved in the training of new Leaders and as a Pack Holiday Advisor.

Lucy was an avid crafter, contributing to the monthly Knit and Natter group, where, as a team, they crafted gifts for various charitable sales throughout the year, raising funds for Maggie's and Arthur Rank, amongst others, alongside making heart pillows for the Breast Cancer Unit at Addenbrookes. Lucy also created scrap quilts for premature babies at the Rosie Maternity Hospital. During the COVID pandemic, she made scrubs bags for the Addenbrookes team of Natasha's neighbour. Lucy always had several craft projects on the go, from knitting, embroidery and quilting to scrapbooking. There are numerous unfinished works that we will finish.

We know that she will be sadly missed by a large number of people and groups in Toft.

Toft Profiles

Our regular correspondent, Jocelyn Waller, has undertaken to interview Toft residents who have had fascinating or unusual careers. This month he gives us a profile of Cynan Ellis-Evans



Cynan Ellis-Evans

It is no surprise that with a name like John Cynan Ellis-Evans that Cynan is Welsh. Despite a lifetime spent away from the principality, the name and the lilt in his voice give it away. The love of singing and a passion for Welsh rugby are a direct legacy of his upbringing.

Strictly speaking, he is only half Welsh as his mother, Elizabeth, was from County Waterford in Ireland. His father, Hywel, met and married Elizabeth whilst touring in Ireland with a Welsh rugby club. They were living in Mallow when Cynan was born.

They left Ireland when Cynan was four and the growing family (Cynan has seven younger siblings) took up residence in Cornelly, then a village east of Port Talbot. A diligent student, his intelligence earned him a place at the local grammar school.

After school, Aberystwyth University laid the foundations for his ultimate escape. Rejecting college accommodation, he took a hill farm, which he helped to run, in the Welsh mountains. Having initially started a course in biochemistry, he quickly changed tack and joined the Microbiology Department as the focus there was more on field-based research. He completed a Microbiology/Biochemistry degree with research on heavy metal pollution of algae in the River Ystwyth. It got Cynan into a world of microbes and there he stayed for the rest of his working life.

After Aberystwyth, he ventured further afield. He took a lecturing course in Wolverhampton and spent a year in

Portsmouth as a master's student addressing an environmental question raised in Parliament (the polluting effects of toxic copper anti-fouling paint leaching off Royal Navy vessels in Portsmouth Harbour, which was partly a nature reserve).

He was now a qualified environmental researcher with a developing focus on life in extreme environments. In 1975 this led to him to getting a five-year contract with the British Antarctic Survey (BAS). This took him to Antarctica for the first time – a three-year posting to the remote British research station on Signy Island, part of the South Orkney islands in the Southern Ocean, about 400 miles north-east of the tip of the Antarctic landmass at 60° S 45° W. In his second winter, Cynan was appointed winter base commander, which included being the postmaster and local magistrate for the British-claimed archipelago.

Life on Signy required practical skills, working without supervision and getting on with colleagues. Despite the deprivations of life on Signy, Cynan the scientist was in seventh heaven, studying environments barely ever studied before.

At the end of his contract, Cynan travelled through South and North America before returning to the UK to publish his research and write a doctorate. He was then offered a permanent post by BAS as a Research Fellow and later as a Research Team Leader. His early polar research was later recognised with the award of a Polar Medal from the Queen.

The position with BAS brought Cynan to Cambridge to a desk job at HQ. However, over the next 25 years, he travelled regularly to the Antarctic region. This included working with British and Swedish researchers in South Georgia and with Australian and Chinese researchers in the Larsemann Hills, a 40 km² ice-free coastal oasis along the coast of Prydz Bay in East Antarctica. He also worked several times in Arctic Sweden and on the Norwegian Atlantic archipelago of Svalbard, formerly Spitzbergen. During this time, Lake Vostock, the earth's largest sub-glacial lake was discovered buried under 2.5 miles of Antarctic ice. In the 1990s Cynan advised an international glaciological drilling programme NOT to penetrate (and likely contaminate) this totally pristine lake.

Cynan became Head of the UK's

Arctic Office – a research and Arctic politics role. Later he also co-ordinated the first UK Arctic Research Programme focusing climate change modelling. As his seniority grew, he became more involved in international conferences and programmes, his career reaching its apogee when he became Interim Director of the International Polar Year 2007-2009, which involved 60 nations and more than 50,000 scientists.

Cynan married Tricia in 1981 and they lived in Comberton for a decade. Both were involved with the local theatre group, with Cynan often stage managing and later directing. They had one son, Aneurin, who became an academic and is now a Classics don at University College, Oxford. In 1994, they saw the light and moved to Stockhill Cottage, a charming property at the bottom of Toft High Street.

Coming from a musical family, Cynan started singing and performing from an early age. His coal miner grandfather was a self-taught pianist, organist and composer and led his own choir. His father, Hywel, was lead voice in the choir and, later, in local light opera productions. Cynan sang with local choirs, was a violinist in the school orchestra and lead singer in a school folk group. His speciality was unaccompanied solo singing of traditional songs around the local folk club circuit.

In 1997, Cynan, Jake Tebbit and Brian Elsdon were recruited by Mark Catley to form a supposedly one-night only 'Barber Shop Quartet'. By popular acclaim they continued to perform locally and did so for the next 17 years. Later he became a regular performer in 'Toft Session'.

Cynan retired in 2015 aged 63. BAS's loss was Toft's gain. It meant that he could take a fuller part in village life. He is Chair of Toft Historical Society and with Jane Tebbit, fronts 'The Friends of Bourn Brook', cognizant that pollution levels have had a detrimental effect on the brook's wildlife, particularly the kingfisher population. Their work has confirmed that the effluent from the Bourn sewage treatment plant was adding to phosphate levels in the brook. At home he manages his bee hives in the orchard of Stockhill Cottage.

Cynan is a charming man with an incredible back story. Our village of Toft is much enhanced by his presence.

Jocelyn Waller

Toft 1895

PART 7

Going beyond what is now the People's Hall (at that time the schoolhouse) and the old rectory, May Creek's memoir of Toft in 1895 takes us along the Comberton Road to Farmers End and Old Farm.

Now we come to Farmers End. On the left, the big old rambling house where the Pentelows lived. I could only remember Edith Pentelow, the youngest member, who for 12 months gave Edie and me lessons in the three Rs before we went to school at the age of 6. One thing is clear: that there was some rooms by the road that were closed, curtained by cobwebs as they belonged to Valentine Beldam; many years later they were cleaned and used as a flat. The next occupant of Manor Farm was Mr Canner, a farmer from Derbyshire, a bachelor with a very smart housekeeper, a Miss Jeffries. They were not popular with the farmers: one thing, he was not a first-class farmer, he was a bad feeder, left stock out all winter to get their own living, which they could not. He drove very fast horses and with the treatment they endured they did not last long. Some years later he married Miss Pentelow from Barton, a very charming and popular person; she certainly had a lot of influence on her husband as Mr Canner was a different man, a good farmer now.

Now we cross the road to Old Farm, the home of the Medlows. I do not remember the main residents but as the first Mrs Warboys was a Medlow, they were regular visitors from Harold and Chellington in Bedfordshire. The house was occupied by Mr and Mrs Lawford Cundell. [He was a] farm bailiff for the [illegible - Staffoethas?], a good man in many ways, our customer for years as re bran, pollard and eggs. He kept quite a collection of men on the farm but was always last whatever the season. The Cundells were people who never mixed as far as I can remember, regular churchgoers and pleasant to meet, especially Mrs C., but no mixers. They had no family.

toft historical society



MANOR FARM



OLD FARM

COMBERTON HERITAGE SOCIETY

Our talk in June was entitled 'The House of Spies'. It was given by Roger Leivers, who told us how, in the summer of 1942, Farm Hall in Godmanchester was requisitioned by the RAF and became Station 61b, part of the Special Intelligence Service. It was a fascinating talk and a fine way to end our 2025/26 programme.

The first talk after the summer break will be given by Stephen Owen on The Bedford and Cambridge

Railway, known as the Varsity Line, which opened in 1862 linking Bedford with Cambridge. Stephen is a local railway preservationist and historian.

The meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday September 22nd at Comberton Village Hall.

New members to the Society are very welcome - just £20 for a year's subscription.

For further details email janewalker321@icloud.com



**AirAmbulance patient to take on Trek 24
Cambridgeshire to support crew who saved his life
Pedro Santos will tackle 2.4-mile circuit in his
wheelchair alongside friends**

Pedro Santos, whose life changed forever after a serious road traffic collision, is taking on East Anglian Air Ambulance's Trek 24 Cambridgeshire this September. He said: "East Anglian Air Ambulance were there for me when I needed them the most and I want to make a difference by helping them. I encourage others to do the same too. You just never know when you or someone you love might need this lifesaving service."

Pedro, 45, is encouraging people of all ages and abilities to join him at the event and raise money for East Anglian Air Ambulance, which is urgently trying to fund a new base just outside Cambridge, ahead of the closure of Cambridge Airport. The charity needs to raise £8.2 million to build a new air base just outside the village of Fulbourn.

Trek 24 Cambridgeshire offers three routes – 24 miles, 24 kilometres and an accessible 2.4-mile option. The event welcomes families, groups, experienced hikers and first-time participants alike. Places must be booked in advance, with tickets starting from £6 for the accessible 2.4-mile route. For more information or to sign up for Trek 24, visit: Trek 24 Cambridgeshire - East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future

**Come and Visit Our Historic Mills
Open Day**

Bourn Windmill

Climb inside this extraordinary post mill, discover how it works and even help turn the entire building to face the wind. Tea and cake available. No booking needed.

Sunday 13 September

2pm–4.30pm

CPPF members free, non-members
£4 adults, £1 children.



Longstowe Village Hall

Car Boot

&

Tabletop Sale

Sunday, 4th October

Open 9am to 12pm

Free entry for buyers

Pitch prices – cash/card on day:

Cars £10

Vans £15

Indoor tables £12

Sellers on ground from 8.30am

No need to book, just turn up

Refreshments available:

Bacon Rolls from 10am

Further details:

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MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGE

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Here are some bat facts.

- Noctules are the UK's largest bat and quite common. With a wingspan of around 40cm, they are often seen flying in open sky before it is dark, so can be mistaken for birds
- Daubenton's bats are specialists in eating insects over water. They can scoop up insects using their tail membrane and then grab them with their feet.
- Moths are furry in-part to absorb the sound that bats make to find their prey and make them harder to locate



September events in Cambourne (visit wildlifebcn.org/events to book)

- Fri 18th Sept, 7.30-9pm: **Cambourne family night walk** with bat detectors (£6 + booking fee for Wildlife Trust BCN member, £9+ for non-members. Accompanying adults are free)
- Sat 19th Sept, 9.30am-12.30pm: **Cambourne Nature Girls nature journalling session**. This is a social group for women. (£8 + booking fee for Wildlife Trust BCN members, £10 for non-members)

Enquiries: Rebecca.Neal@wildlifebcn.org

Facebook: @BeccaBadgerWTBCN

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, and Northants is a local wildlife conservation charity aiming to achieve bigger, better and more joined up habitats for wildlife and people.

Toft Club News

We had a great night for the Annual Barbeque in August – 71 people enjoyed good food and excellent company on a nice warm evening.

Toft Beer and Cider Festival

The start of September sees one of our biggest events of the year – the **Toft Beer and Cider Festival**, the 20th! It all started in 2005 – the dates this year are **4th to 6th**

September. We will have a wide choice of mostly local real ales available; local and Herefordshire ciders and of course, our fabulous range of homemade food will be served throughout the weekend. This includes our famous Scotch eggs and pasties, as well as burgers, toasties and other snacks. On Saturday night (from 7pm) there will be a curry and, as is now traditional, a full Sunday Roast at lunchtime on Sunday.

Tickets for the curry will be on sale from Thursday 3rd or take a chance and just turn up on Saturday evening. The Roast Lunch needs to be pre-booked – tickets on sale from the bar from Thursday 27th August – don't leave it late and miss out!

Most dietary requirements can be catered for in terms of beer, cider and food. There will be live music over the weekend.

The festival starts on Friday at 4pm and continues from 12 noon on Saturday and Sunday. Full details on the website: <https://toft.club/beerfestival>

September film night

On Saturday 19th, we will show the 2026 film *The Sheep Detectives*, starring Hugh Jackman and a host of woolly supporters. Every night a shepherd reads aloud a murder mystery, pretending his sheep can understand. When he is found dead, the sheep realise at once that it was a murder and think they know everything about how to go about solving it. Doors open at 7:30. The film starts promptly at 8pm. Annual membership of the film club is £12 and evening membership is £3.

Toft Art resumes on Thursday 3rd. Our other regular events continue this month with **Toft Quiz** on Thursday 10th and **Carpet Bowls** on Friday 11th.

Alfie Moore

We are excited to be welcoming Alfie Moore back to Toft. At the moment we are only telling people in Toft to make sure you can get tickets! He returns with a fun-filled, interactive 'warm up' show ahead of recording Series 10 of his award-winning BBC Radio 4 comedy *It's a Fair Cop*. Alfie 'swears in' the audience as police officers before sharing a brand new, real-life scenario from his 'casebook'. He playfully challenges the 'audience cops' to say what they would've done in his shoes - with often unexpected and entertaining results! Tickets are just £18 and on sale here: <https://toft.club/alfiemoore2026.php>

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>

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BIN COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Black Bin: 3rd, 17th

Blue Bin: 10th, 24th

Green Bin: 10th, 24th

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Cambridge City Food Bank:

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Many thanks.

And, finally... Please remember that contributions for the next issue of the Calendar must reach the Editor by 18th September.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this edition.

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