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## Diary Dates

**All Stars/Dynamos  
begins**

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> May 5pm

**Coronation Day  
BBQ**

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May 1pm

**Graeme Swann  
Charity Match**

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Toft Summer Ball**

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June

Welcome to Issue 10 of the new Toft News & Times!

## A word from the Chairman...

Welcome to another season at Toft! It's fair to say everyone is hugely excited as the new season has started, and I am immensely proud of the way the Club continues to offer access to a great cricket facility as well as continuing to play an integral role across the Town and the Local Community, which will continue to be a key focus for us, and which is underpinned by our Vision: -

**"Given our proud history, to be the leading family-oriented Cricket Club in Cheshire, being famous for nurturing cricketing talent and spreading enjoyment for the game. With an open, welcoming, and inclusive environment, set in an outstanding location with best-in-class facilities on and off the field, which actively engages with the wider local community".**

We have lots to look forward to on and off the pitch with record numbers across all areas of membership with Seniors (~75), Women's / girls (~45), Juniors (~125), All Stars (~140), Dynamos (~15) and Taverners (~35) meaning over 400+ "playing" members...amazing!

Off the field we have many social events planned, so to know what's going on please follow us on Social Media as we are going to be much more active across all channels letting you know what is on each week, and of course everyone (including family / friends / non-members) are all welcome!

Finally on the new Pavilion fund-raising with pledges we are working towards the £250k mark, which is superb so please do all you can to support us as we look to build towards our centenary in 2028!

Thanks, **Nigel.**

*Tell us what you think...*

If you have any feedback, news or would like more information on anything contained in this newsletter email us and let us know:

[info@toftcc.co.uk](mailto:info@toftcc.co.uk)

*Thanks!*

## A Message from the Treasurer

The cricket has had a chilly start to the season and like the weather the financial climate is testing too. The club is in a solid financial position thanks to everyone's support over the last year or so but we can't be complacent as we have seen costs rise severely over the last few months. We have had to increase bar prices to maintain our modest margins and remain competitive for the benefit of our members and we have seen our energy prices go up steeply too. We had superb weather last season with virtually all cricket played and this translates into good bar takes and happy cricketers (including the Hon Treas) – fingers crossed we get good weather this summer.

So please support the club if you can – look out for events – or just wander down and watch cricket in the sunshine with a beer. Don't forget the pavilion is available for your family functions too.

### 200 Club Draw Winners –

200 Club winners for March and April were drawn at a lively Taverners first match of the season which was unfortunately rain effected and were as follows:

Winners for March – Mark Raffo, Ronnie Locke, Mark Samaru and Lycia Reed.

Winners for April – Mike Farrell, David Russell, Adam Cash and Sandy Freedman

To join please contact me on [peter.watson12@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.watson12@btinternet.com)

**Peter.**

Hon. Treasurer

## New Tech!

We now have a new system put in place run by a company called “Bespoke Scoreboards” You can see some of their work at [www.bespokescoreboards.co.uk](http://www.bespokescoreboards.co.uk)

The external appearance of the scoreboard is virtually the same as before, the only changes are a new panel for “DLS Par” score and a built in Umpires light. The control box is however new and works slightly differently to our old control box. For those who may be involved in scoring it is fairly simple to use and with five minutes practice I'm sure you will all get the hang of it. As with the old unit, we can operate it from the scoreboard or the pavilion. It can be plugged in, or if fully charged will run for 10 hours without being plugged in. It can operate on its own (as our current system) and can also work with other technology.



For those using laptops there is a cable to connect to a small box which will transfer the details from your laptop direct to the scoreboard – without having to use the control box at all. A new feature is that those that score on tablets or on their phone can transmit via Bluetooth direct to the scoreboard – so, for example, if someone is scoring a Juniors game on their phone then they can automatically update the scoreboard as they enter the details on their phone. It can cater for pairs cricket as well.

If anyone wants further information please don't hesitate to contact me. Simon Burley 07739 754700

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# CRICKET MATTERS

## Senior Men

April saw the much anticipated arrival of Michael Dawson and his girlfriend Rebekah from Perth, Australia who have settled in very quickly.



Michael certainly didn't disappoint in the 1st XI's first victory in our first game away at Grappenhall, bowling at speed and very consistently to help dismiss Grappenhall for 122. Mike also had some fun in the chase hitting a swift and exciting 30 in the middle order.

We also welcomed Jimmy O'Sullivan from Oulton Park and James Fitzgerald from Loughborough who have both settled in with the senior squad and I am sure will provide us with some notable performances soon enough.

Unfortunately the 1st XI could not follow up our first victory as we were heavily defeated by Didsbury at home in week two. But the mood

remains positive across all the senior teams and we anticipate some finer weather, batting conditions and results in the month of May.

**Phil Raikes, Club Captain**

## Women & Girls

The Women's season kicked off this weekend with our first match against Alvanley CC. Conceding 93 runs and taking 7 wickets with impressive catches, bowling and fielding all round, Toft TornaDoes had a great first innings in the field. Rain unfortunately stopped play before Toft's batters could step up and although the two sides will meet up for a friendly this weekend, a draw will be recorded on the scoreboard.

Friday training is going from strength to strength with increasing numbers and a chance to hit the outfield for some long-awaited fielding practice. So, if you're looking to try a new sport, hone your cricket skills and get together for a ton of cricket fun, join us each and every Friday between 6-7.30pm with Cheshire coach Marianne Lea.

All the Women's fixtures and information are on the new Toft website [here](#) along with Toft news, events and much more.

**Emma Moore, Women's XI Captain**



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## Juniors

It has been a fantastic start to the new 2023 season for the Juniors. Following on from Winter nets, Spring training started again at Toft on 23rd April and there have been impressive turnouts despite the chilly weather. Due to the success of the junior section last year we have entered more teams into the NCJCA league which support our teams in the CCCL and ensures we have plenty of opportunities for juniors to play cricket.



Similar to last year we have received fantastic support from the parents with teams of volunteers for scoring, coaching and umpiring without which the games would not be possible.

Games started again on 24th April with some excellent successes across the age groups which is great reward for the hard work the teams have put in over the winter. We are looking forward to a superb 2023 with the Juniors!

**Ben Wilkinson, Junior Manager**

## Taverners

It's fair to say that the Tavs have wintered (and been watered!) well and some of them even managed a cheeky cricket touuuurrr to Granada in Spain at the end of March which was a great success despite the two defeats to Granada CC. Unfortunately touuuurrrrr rules prevent me from elaborating any further on the weekend's exploits!



It has been a long wait but the Tavs' season finally gets underway from 5.45pm on Thursday 4 May with our annual fixture against Knutsford Tennis Club. Judging by the number of players who confirmed their availability for the fixture it's fair to say that the Tavs are raring to go and competition for starting places will be fierce but clearly not based on ability! We even have a couple of new potential signings which is fantastic to report as the Tavs continue to go from strength to strength.

Please do come down to the club on a Thursday night to support the Tavs if you can, you'll be guaranteed a good laugh and you'll be supporting a great cause which was highlighted to me yet again at last year's Christmas lunch for the Knutsford Over 70s when one of the attendees (who will remain nameless!) came up to me to say he was having the best night of his life until I pointed out that it was actually 3.15 in the afternoon!

Best wishes, Jon (oka Skip/Liz/the list goes on.....)"

**Jon Close, Taverners Captain**

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## SOCIAL NEWS

### Coronation BBQ

Saturday 6th May from 1pm

Why not head along to the club this Saturday after you've watched his majesty being crowned? We have the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI playing at home v Cheadle CC and will have the bar open and BBQ fired up. All welcome including non members.

### Graeme Swann Charity Fundraising Game

Thursday 15th June

Plans are underway to stage an evening of entertaining cricket with a sprinkling of celebrities, headed up by Graeme Swann. Look out for more details soon on our social media channels.

### Toft Summer Ball

Saturday 17th June.

Our annual Summer Ball returns! 5 course dinner, black tie, live music from the Hard to Handle Band. This promises to be a fantastic evening again this year. Book your table now!!

Contact Katherine on 07917 003592 or [katherine@toftcc.co.uk](mailto:katherine@toftcc.co.uk) for tickets/places at all events



**TOFT CRICKET CLUB  
SUMMER BALL 2023**

**SATURDAY 16TH JUNE**  
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