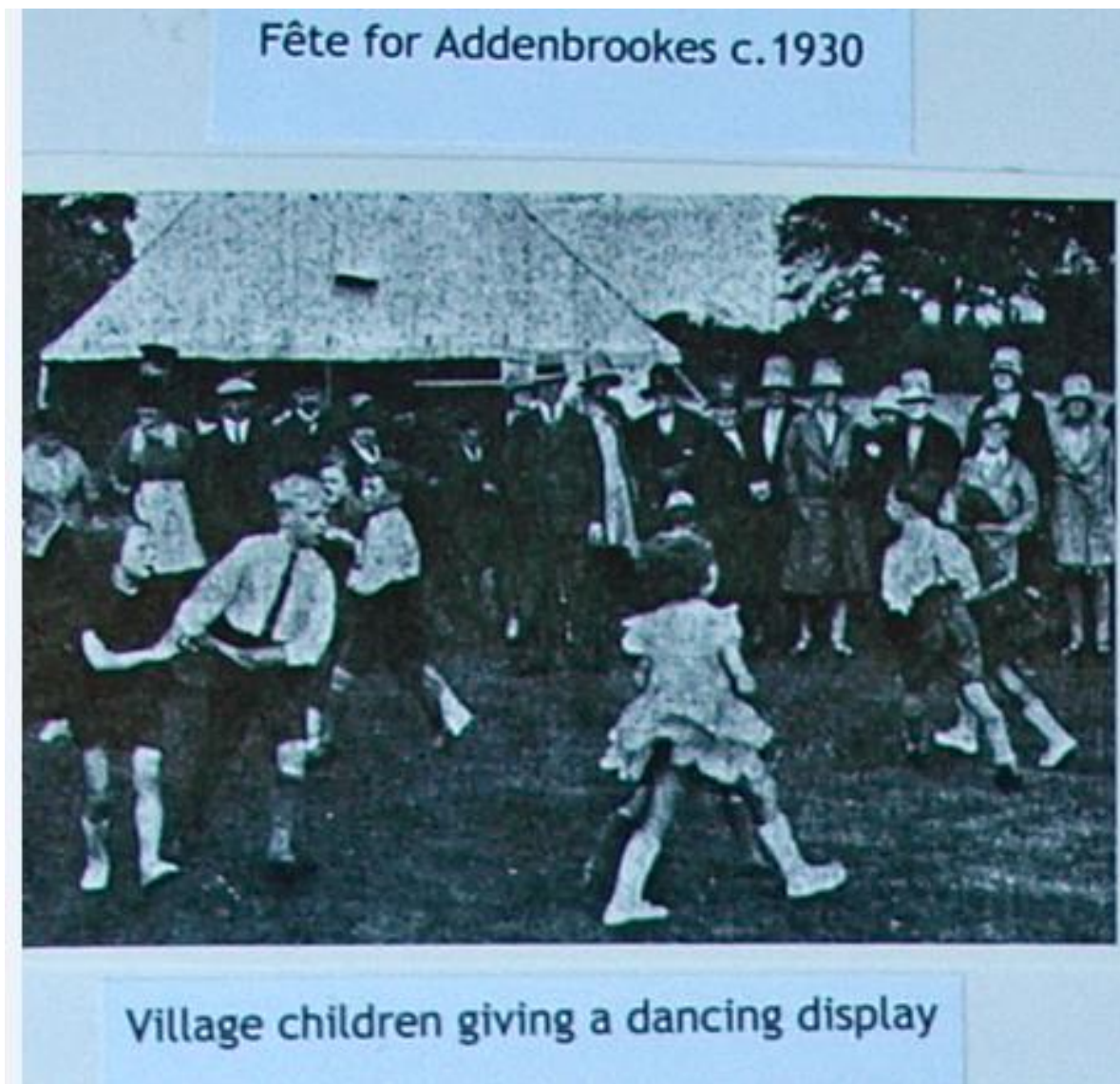


Village Fete

Fetes have been held in Toft for many decades. We do not know when the earliest fetes were held but they seem to have taken place throughout the 20thC. By the latter half of the 20thC, the church fete had become well established, held variously at the Manor, the Rectory, 20 High St and latterly in various village locations.



The next three images show a fete held in the grounds of Toft Manor in the 1950s.



MRS H BALCOMBE

TOFT FETE AT THE MANOR 195

MRS Alan & MRS Ivy Shirley
Marilyn Bone Dorothy Collett Bullen Bonita MRS ELSIE
Collett Bone Belgrove Bullen JACKLIN
MRS Bullen

Margaret
BALCOMBE



MRS. H. BALCOMBE
 TOTT FETE AT THE MANOR

Dorothy
 Flack
 (NEE WARD)

Beverly
 Cook

JUNE
 Cook

Nicola
 Doodles
 COOK

Susan
 De
 Candle
 + Imogen
 DeCandle

TOFT

Parish Fete. — A fete in aid of Church funds was held in: the Rectory garden on Saturday. Despite the great heat, practically every house in Toft was represented by one or more members of the family. The fete was declared open by Mrs Hankey, wife of the Dean of Ely, who was presented with a bouquet of sweet peas and roses by Miss Wendy Manderson, a young member of the Sunday School, stalls and sideshows did a brisk trade, particularly the soft drinks and ice cream stall. The grand total of £113 was cleared. The display of country dancing by the Toft School children was excellent and most appreciated by everyone.



Wendy Manderson presenting Mrs Hankey, wife of the Dean of Ely, with a bouquet of sweet peas at the Parish Fete c. 1957. The fete was held in the grounds of the Rectory, home of the Rev. Cawte



June 1966 Clifford Tebbit, Chairman of Parish Council
Presents this garden seat to Gavin Macfarlane-Grieve at the
Church Fete

1983: the Fete moves to 20 High St



Richard Howard and the bottle stall





The Pirate Chest: Don Winning



Marcia Kinnear and the plant stall



Ann Harmer and Anne Emery with the Tombola



The tents – a wet fete!



Dennis Gould and an early rose competition

2014- The Fete “around the village”

In recent years, the fete each year has taken place at various locations around the village, including Saint Andrew’s Church, The People’s Hall, The Methodist Chapel and people’s gardens scattered throughout the village.



Methodist Chapel: Rose competition:
Pam Buttress & Mary Baverstok



Methodist Chapel Bookstall: Revd Robert
Dolman



Fine fayre at Toft People’s Hall



Plant stall, Methodist Chapel



Toft Session Senior & Junior entertain the lunchtime crowds, People's Hall



Tea-time in Saint Andrew's churchyard