

TODDINGTON

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August / September 2024

Photos provided by Cheryl Pond & Irene Puleston

Lodge Farm walk

A circular walk over arable fields, of about four miles (6.5 km), starting at the war memorial on Toddington village green. Some splendid views across to Sharpenhoe Clappers. Farm livestock may be in some of the fields you cross where dogs must be kept under close control. The remaining stiles were removed in 2020. The crops are due to be harvested in July which often leaves the fields clear. The many arable fields may be muddy in places, particularly after wet weather. Much of the walk is over land managed by Heathcote Farms Ltd who request you support their environmental work by respecting the county code. PDF leaflet and more walks available on: www.Toddington.Info/walks



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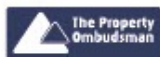
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Toddington

Parish Council



The Parish Office is located in **Toddington Village Hall** and is **open weekdays 9.30am to 11.30am (but closed on Wednesdays)**.

(Please ring the door bell if the front door is locked)

Parish Clerk – Nicola Evans, Assistant Clerk – Annie Wilson

01525 874312 / info@toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk / www.toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Agendas are published on notice boards around the village seven days prior to a meeting and are also on our Website. Notice boards also advertise forthcoming events. Notice boards are situated outside Toddington Village Hall, by the Alms Houses opposite St Georges Church and on the Village Green. We do have a 10 minute public participation time at each meeting.

Meetings Dates for 2024 - Meetings held on the **second Tuesday of each month** in Toddington Village Hall and **start at 7:30pm**. Dates are:- 13th August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.

New Planters



(next to the Bus Stop on the Village Green)





Update on Russell Road Park & The Glebe

Within the Green Infrastructure package put in place by Bloor Homes in relation to their residential development off Leighton Road ~ Planning Application CB/22/02660/FULL. We are pleased to see part of this will include the Russell Road Park that will receive all new equipment for the Community to use with further landscaping expanding in this area, which will include seating and picnic areas.

The Glebe will also receive enhancements in the coming months and an upgrade to the parking area and access road.

Save the Date

Pond Clearing (*Memorial Garden*) ~ **Friday 1st November 2024**

Christmas Event (*Village Green*) ~ **Saturday 30th November 2024**

Toddington Parish Council is responsible for the following services and areas:

Crowbush

**Luton Road
Recreational Ground**

**Russell Road
Play Park**

The Glebe

The Memorial Garden

Village Green

**Toddington
Cemetery**

**Toddington
Allotments**

Recent Central Beds Highways works around the Village ~ Update

- An 'H' bar has been painted by Parkfields Middle School for safer crossing.
- There have also been several double yellow lines around the village to help visibility of coming out of junctions.



St George of England Church, Toddington

Regular Services

Sunday: 11am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month: 6pm BCP Evensong

Monday: 9.30am Morning Prayer

August and September Events:

Mondays 2nd and 4th each month, 2pm Seated Pilates, Wilkinson Hall

Tuesdays 10.30am: Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

Wednesdays 7th, 21st and 28th Art and Craft fun Activity time for children 4+ (accompanied by an adult) Wilkinson Hall, starts at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch. Forms from Dee Curtis 872649

Thursdays

1 August and 5 Sept, 12 noon, Ploughman's Lunch, Wilkinson Hall

8 August and 12 Sept, 2pm Afternoon with Friends, Wilkinson Hall

15 August and 19 Sept, St George's Fellowship, 2pm, Wilkinson Hall

Fridays

10.30am: Painting for Pleasure Group, Wilkinson Hall

Friday 27 Sept, 3.30pm Messy Church, (No Messy Church in August).

Saturdays

11 August and 8 September Coffee Morning, 10am Wilkinson Hall

Scarecrow Festival:

Sunday 25 August 1pm-4pm and Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 11am – 4pm, Refreshments in Wilkinson Hall. Everyone welcome to take part.

Queries to Dee Curtis 872649

Saturday 14 September 2024, 'Bike and Hike' is a fun day out where you get sponsored to visit beautiful historic churches by cycling, walking, or any mode of transport on a route of your choice. Many churches host afternoon teas or heritage events and offer a warm welcome and refreshments. How many churches can you visit in one day? Please consider raising funds for our two churches. Sponsorship forms available from Dee or Sandy. Half the sponsor money goes to the church named by the person who takes part, and the rest (plus Gift Aid) goes to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. (The Trust has contributed to both Toddington and Chalgrave church recent restoration projects).

All Saints Church, Chalgrave

Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am Holy Communion

Hooray! The scaffolding is down and after months and months of work being done by Mick Bunning of Totternhoe Stone, the work is finally completed. The rotten beams have been restored in the chancel and the nave, and the chancel ceiling has been redecorated. It all looks clean and fresh. The architect reports that it should be good for another 100 years.

Now that we can have larger numbers of people back in church, we have begun to plan some fundraising and social activities like 'Scones and Songs' on Sunday 21st July.

Upcoming Events:

Pop Up Tea Room: 4th Wednesday of the month (excluding August)
24 July, 25 September and 23 October. 11am to 1pm , Tebworth Memorial Hall.

Scones and Songs afternoon: Sunday 21st July 2-4pm, Chalgrave Church:
Live music from Richard on his guitar, and homemade refreshments. tickets
Adult £7.50 and under 16's £5. Family ticket £20. Tickets include Cream
Tea. Contact Alison to book 07771897451

Christmas Craft Fayre: Saturday 9th November, 11am to 4pm, Entrance fee
£1 Refreshments available. Tebworth Memorial Hall.

The restoration work caused an enormous amount of dust and dirt and although the church has been cleaned and polished carefully we will be organising fortnightly church cleaning sessions on the first and third Wednesdays afternoons at 1pm and we hope to also have the church windows professionally cleaned.

There are always lots of gardening jobs to do in the churchyard so if you enjoy gardening, please come and join our gardening group. We really do need some more people to help us. More information from Sandy.



St George Cof E School, Toddington

Hearing Inclusion Provision

Nicola Crellin
Teacher of the Deaf



It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Nicola Crellin to our club to tell us all about her role as a Teacher of the deaf children based at St. George's school, Toddington.

She gave a very well presented talk accompanied by visuals to explain her role at the school. Nicola has been at Toddington for 3 years and regularly teaches six of the deaf children. They are the only school in Central Beds for that age group. The children work mainly in their year classroom and go to Nicola for additional help when necessary.

Nicola mentioned a range of hearing aids in use which included cochlear implants, bone anchoring aids and hearing aids. Teachers wear a radio aid that sends sound directly to the child and also use Soundfield speakers to enhance the sound further. Communication can be difficult as some of the children communicate well, but lots of subtle things are needed to keep deaf children in the loop and ensure the children can enjoy school.

They use British Sign Language with daily one to one sessions, with carefully planned interventions. Weekly assemblies all together enable them to share news and play. There are also half-termly enrichment sessions which include, cooking, art, games etc.

They love to receive visitors and indeed our own President Elect, Patrick Boys (seen with Nicola in our Photo), who is profoundly deaf, has himself been to the school with his Hearing Dog, Zen, and was a great hit with the children. Nicola also showed a video of some children in an assembly singing whilst signing! They employ a 'babble guard' which is green when the noise level in the classroom is good and quiet.

Nicola expressed her thanks for the help received from DDRC and for the KidsOut Zoo trip that they enjoyed last year, but were unable to do this year due to prior commitments.

The club gave a donation of £750 from Tony Gomersal's President Fund that should enable more tablets to be acquired for the children to use.

DS David Cassell gave the VOT.

This report & photos by TonyG



(above) Nicola with President Elect Patrick also Zen in lower left of picture!!
(left) Nicola with her visual presentation.



Community Music for Everyone!



Toddington



MusicMakers

A Fun Community Music Group For All Ages & Abilities

Date: Friday Evenings (Term Time Only)

Place: Toddington Methodist Hall

Time: 6.30 - 7.30pm

Contact: info@toddingtongmusicmakers.co.uk

Website: www.toddingtongmusicmakers.co.uk

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TODDINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

We are a small church set back from the road in Station Road not far from The Griffin pub. We are a warm and welcoming church and invite anyone to come along to our services. We have a lay leadership team and are blessed by the commitment of several visiting preachers who give up their time to speak to us, along with our own members who also bring us God's word regularly.

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30am – All age worship followed by coffee and tea in the lounge.

ROCKABYE BABY MUSIC GROUP

A fun group for 0-5 year olds based around music with time to sing, dance, bounce, jump, clap march, count and play.

Mondays 10am – 11am (term time and some school holidays)

For more details please contact – Becky Boddey – 07725090186

HURLY BURLY

A friendly group for 0-5 year old children with their parents or carers. We have lots of play opportunities and every week there is a different craft for the children to try. At around 10.45 the toys are packed away and the children all join in with singing and rhymes led by Doreen. Refreshments are freely available. A fun time is had by all.

Time: Wednesdays 9.00am – 11.00am (Term Time only) £2 per family

Please contact Doreen Maskell for more information – 07593 355971

OPEN DOOR

Our amazing cook and band of helpers provide a warm lunchtime meal for senior citizens.

Every third Tuesday of the month - 11.45 – 1.00pm approximately (no meal during August)

There is no set fee but donations are greatly appreciated. It is essential to book your space.

Please contact Doreen Maskell for more information – 07593 355971

Toddington Baptist Church is committed to helping the community and regularly donate to food banks and Noah Enterprises.

Church Secretary – Colin Maskell – 07742 163294 Leaders – Annette Duff -

07974 706737

Sue Yirrell – 07725 030718

Kathy Jarvis –

07752 211596

Toddington Methodist Church

www.toddingtonmethodist.org.uk



Minister: Rev Seung-Wook Jung
Tel: 01525 372289

Services

Our services are at 1045 unless otherwise indicated and the first service of the month is held on ZOOM.

August

- 4th MUDDY CHURCH at 10am
- 4th ZOOM service
- 11th Revd. Seung-wook Jung
Holy Communion in church
- 18th Martin Wallis in church
- 25th Family Service in the hall

September

- 1st MUDDY CHURCH at 10am
- 1st ZOOM service
- 8th Holy Communion in church
- 15th Local preacher in church
- 22nd Harvest Service in the church
suitable for the whole family –
gifts for FOOD BANK
- 29th Tania Stanford in the hall

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS: Held on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10:30am – 12 in the Wesley Hall.

GUILD & GAMES: Meetings are held in the Wesley Hall on the second Tuesday of the month from 2-3.30pm. An afternoon of chat and fun, with board games, colouring, crosswords and much more. With a short time of reflection. Refreshments are always available. Open to all.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Meet every Monday from 2-3.30pm in the Wesley Hall. We are a friendly and welcoming group who meet for Bible Study and fellowship. All are welcome.

CREATIVE SPACE: A social group who meet on the second Sunday of the month from 2.30-5.00pm. We share and learn new crafts and have a jolly good chat with refreshments.

PUDDING CLUBS: for children and adults. Adults meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month to bake and chat. There are no experts – we are learning together!
Children meet during term time on Friday afternoons and are learning to bake and cook in a safe and fun environment.

HOLIDAY CLUB: Fridays in August.
See website for booking and info.

Contacts: for further information about any of our activities, or a ZOOM link, then please contact Tania (07957 941481) or Wendy (873871) or email toddingtonmethodist@yahoo.co.uk

VILLAGE FETE FEEDBACK

We believe this is a magazine for the village and we welcome reader contributions. If you would like us to submit an announcement or message please send emails to toddnews@outlook.com - Send letters to the Parish Council office in the Village Hall, Leighton Road, Toddington, Beds, LU5 6AN - attention of Toddington Village Magazine.

Here is some feedback regarding the recent Toddington Village Fete that took place on the 22nd of June. Public comments and stall holder questions / feedback.

Q: DO YOU THINK THE FETE WAS A GOOD EVENT FOR THE VILLAGE?

Extremely so, it was great to see so many people from the village out enjoying themselves, Smiling faces everywhere.

I thought it was great! Lovely mix of stalls and activities it was a great day.

Best for many a year, was a great day yes

Definitely! You had a great turn out!

Yes it is great to see community come together

Public Feedback

It was lovely loved how all the games were free for the very enjoyable lovely atmosphere

Public Feedback

Overall, it was a fantastic event. There were lots of different stands and activities for the children to do which was great. Really love the fact of the village had an opportunity to all come together. The village band were brilliant as always. It would've been nice to have something like the ukulele band on afterwards that was there for the d-day, commemoration. Overall though it was brilliant. Well done to everyone who helped to organise it.

Great to see so many stalls & a great selection.
Shame the road between both greens could not be closed off as this would create such a cohesive environment & be safer for our children

Public Feedback



St George of England Church Toddington

Toddington Scarecrow Festival

August Bank holiday

Sunday 28 Aug 1-4

Monday 29 Aug 10 - 4

Please display your scarecrow outside your house for people to enjoy as they walk past .

Programmes with a map showing where the scarecrows are, together with a voting slip, will be on sale at the Wilkinson Hall

Visitors will be asked to vote for the best scarecrow

Refreshments will be available in the Wilkinson Hall together with a Book stall. Children's books will be free

TO REGISTER DETAILS FOR THE PROGRAMME , PLEASE GIVE NAMES (BOTH YOURS AND THE SCARECROW'S) TO DEE CURTIS
(872649)

WE HOPE TO HAVE A FUN DAY FOR ALL THE FAMILY!!

TODDINGTON COMMUNITY FRIDGE POP UP

09:30 - 11:00 ON SATURDAY'S OUTSIDE THE WILKINSON HALL

Working with Flitwick Community Fridge, St George of England Church is running a 'pop up' food stall in Toddington throughout the summer.

Community fridges are a simple solution to reducing food waste and sharing good-quality food with local people. The food in the fridge is donated by local businesses and individuals. Our nearest fridge is at The Rufus Centre in Flitwick and is open to Toddington residents! We're working with the team in Flitwick to try out a pop up food stall to see if there is demand for us to open a fridge in Toddington.

FREE

We will have a selection of fresh fruit & vegetables and bread to share. The pop up will be open to all; we just ask you limit your bag to 3kg of food to ensure everyone has a chance to take what they need.



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Urgent **Appeal for Volunteers**



We are in urgent need for Duty Officers to hold the phone and allocate jobs to 2nd line volunteers. Weekdays only, you can help as much or as little as you like.

If you would like to volunteer for Toddington Area Helping Hands, please ring for more information.

Please ring **07882 988270**
9am-6pm, Mon-Fri.

What do we do?

- ✓ Collecting prescriptions?
- ✓ Lifts to the doctor or hospital?
- ✓ Help with your shopping?
- ✓ Someone to talk to?
- ✓ Anything else?

Annual General Meeting

Thursday **26th September**
7:00pm for 7:30pm start.

Toddington Village Hall

Come along to chat and share ideas. Without your support we will struggle to continue

TARTE TATIN OR UPSIDE DOWN APPLE PIE



Ingredients:

- 500 grams puff pastry
- 50 grams butter
- 100grams soft brown sugar
- 3 Granny Smiths peeled & sliced
- optional 1-3 balls stem ginger
- 1 tablespoon syrup from ginger jar

Directions:

A French recipe for the time of the Paris Olympics

What could be more French than a Tarte Tatin but when I started to look for recipes mostly they said to make a caramel in your tartan dish, as I don't have one I looked for simpler recipes and this is one of them.

Pre-heat oven to 220/200 fan/gas 7

Line a 20cm cake tin with baking paper and butter well

Roll out pastry on a floured surface fairly thickly (recipes say 3-5 mms) , cut out a circle 1cm wider than the tin. Put it on a plate in the fridge.

Melt butter in a small non-stick saucepan over medium heat add the sugar to get rid of lumps, add ginger now if you want it, but stop stirring just shake the pan while the sugar boils for one minute. Pour the caramel into the prepared cake tin and place the sliced apples on top arranging neatly as you can. Put the puff pastry circle on top of this, tucking the edges under. Cook for 30 minutes or until the pastry is slightly brown.

Remove from the oven leave to cool for a few minutes then place a serving plate right over the top and flip it over, carefully remove the baking paper et VOILA , serve warm with crème fraiche, cream, ice cream or yoghurt



BONNE CHANCE!

There are so many great cooks in Toddington, if you would like to share a favourite recipe with the village please email us at: toddnews@outlook.com

Toddington Community Garden

The Garden Needs YOU!

We are grateful for all the support we get from the community, but we could always do with a few more volunteers. Why not come along on a Wednesday morning from 10-11.30am or Friday afternoon from 2-4pm?

In June we welcomed the Rainbows and Brownies to the garden for an evening session of planting and learning about the garden. They were able to help us with our pest control efforts. The young people made hanging deterrents to ward off pigeons and 'decoy butterflies' to convince the territorial Cabbage White butterfly that the garden was already inhabited by a healthy population of butterflies. As an organic garden we are unable to use chemicals in the garden and instead rely on ingenuity and a little bit of cunning to persuade our pests to leave us alone – we are not always successful!

The new Mud Kitchen has been popular with younger visitors, and

we are hoping to have some friendly bugs move into our bug hotel soon.



The garden is a quiet little oasis and a suntrap with seating and an opportunity to relax – even if gardening is not your thing you are very welcome to just sit.



PUZZLES & QUIZ

Easy

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ARTY AND CRAFTY DAYS FOR CHILDREN

**IN THE WILKINSON HALL ON WEDNESDAYS AUGUST 7TH 21ST 28TH
FROM 10AM ONWARDS**

BRING A PACKED LUNCH IF YOU LIKE

REMEMBER TO BRING AN ADULT, AND DRESS TO GET MESSY



BUT MOST OF ALL - HAVE FUN!

OLYMPICS TRIVIA QUIZ

NO CHEATING! ANSWERS ON PAGE 33

1. What year did the first modern Olympic Games take place?

- a) 1896
- b) 1900
- c) 1912
- d) 1920

2. In which city were the first modern Olympic Games held?

- a) Paris
- b) Athens
- c) London
- d) Rome

3. Which country has won the most Summer Olympic medals in history?

- a) China
- b) Russia
- c) Germany
- d) United States

4. Which Olympic Games introduced the Winter Olympics?

- a) 1924 Chamonix
- b) 1932 Lake Placid
- c) 1948 St. Moritz
- d) 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo

5. Who is the most decorated Olympian of all time?

- a) Carl Lewis
- b) Mark Spitz
- c) Michael Phelps
- d) Larisa Latynina

6. Which sport was reintroduced to the Olympics in 2016 after a 112-year absence?

- a) Golf
- b) Rugby
- c) Softball
- d) Surfing

7. How many rings are there in the Olympic symbol?

- a) 4
- b) 5
- c) 6
- d) 7

8. Which country hosted the Summer Olympics in 2008?

- a) Greece
- b) China
- c) Australia
- d) Brazil

9. In what year did the Olympics first feature female athletes?

- a) 1896
- b) 1900
- c) 1920
- d) 1936

10. Which event is traditionally the final event of the Summer Olympics?

- a) Marathon
- b) 100m Sprint
- c) 4x100m Relay
- d) Closing Ceremony

11. Which country has hosted the Winter Olympics the most times?

- a) Norway
- b) Switzerland
- c) United States
- d) Canada

12. Which athlete lit the Olympic cauldron at the 1996 Atlanta Games?

- a) Muhammad Ali
- b) Michael Jordan
- c) Jackie Joyner-Kersey
- d) Carl Lewis

13. What is the maximum number of athletes allowed in the Olympic Village?

- a) 10,000
- b) 15,000
- c) 18,000
- d) 20,000

14. Which country boycotted the 1980 Summer Olympics held in Moscow?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) United States
- d) Canada

15. Which city will host the 2024 Summer Olympics?

- a) Los Angeles
- b) Paris
- c) Tokyo
- d) Rome

Mumday Funday

Things to do in Herts, Beds, Bucks, and beyond

Summer is finally here and along with it hopefully plenty of sunshine and warm summer days. So this issue is dedicated to outdoor pools and splashparks. There's also plenty of inspiration for things to do on my socials and website if you're out of ideas for the summer holidays!



Eversholt Swimming Pool

Eversholt, MK17 9DL

Travel time from Toddington: around 15 mins

Cost: £6pp, under 3s free

Heated outdoor pool with a shallow section and a snack kiosk. There is also a green and play park outside so you can stop for a picnic/play too. Booking essential.

Cassiobury Park

Watford, WD18 7LG

Travel time from Toddington: around 35mins

Cost: Just pay to park £5 for 5 hrs

Two paddling pools plus other areas with jet sprays and water pumps. There are a few different play areas with a great range of play equipment, plus a miniature train ride (£2.50pp, under 2s free), lovely walks, and rivers perfect for some paddling. Easily enough to do for a full day out.



Woburn Lido

Woburn, MK17 9QG

Travel time from Toddington: around 15 mins

Cost: £6 adults, £5 children, under 3s free

Outdoor pool which is heated in the summer, there is a shallow end, and a snack kiosk. Best parking is the village hall, where there is also a playground. Booking essential.



Parsons Close Rec

Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1AD

Travel time from Toddington: around 20 mins

Cost: Just pay to park - £4 for 5 hrs

Splash park, giant sand pit, and huge play areas with epic climbing frames, ping pong tables, skate park, and basketball court, plus plenty of space for a picnic.



Willen Splash N Play

Milton Keynes, MK15 0DS

Cost: £6.50 per child (adults free), plus parking

Travel time from Toddington: around 20 mins

Although you have to pay, it does guarantee that it will not be too busy. There's a toddler area with a water journey, various jets and a big bucket. Plus other things to do at Willen such as the play area, observation wheel, treetop extreme, and water sports.

Bancroft Rec

Hitchin, SG5 1QS

Cost: Free, just pay to park - around £5 for 4 hrs

Travel time from Toddington: around 30 mins

Splash park with a play area too. A short walk to the town centre which has lots of shops and places to eat, the market, a soft play, and North Herts museum, which is free to visit. Hitchin Lavender is also just a short drive away.



Verulamium Park

St Albans, AL1 3JE

Cost: Free, just pay to park - around £5.50 for 4 hrs

Travel time from Toddington: around 30 mins

Splash park with various jets/sprays. There is also a roman museum, mini golf, great play area, nice walks, and the cathedral/town centre is a short walk away. Plenty to explore in a day.



Gadebridge Park

Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1DN

Travel time from Toddington: around 30 mins

Cost: Free, free parking in Gadebridge lane car park
Splash park with various jets and sprays. Plus great play areas and a skate park.



Howard Park

Letchworth, SG6 1NY

Travel time from Toddington: Around 35mins

Cost: Free, just pay to park - £5 for over 3hrs

One of the largest splash parks we have visited.
There is a huge paddling pool, and areas with jets and sprays. Plus play equipment and lots of space for a picnic.



Bennetts Rec

Dunstable, LU6 3DE

Travel time from Toddington: Around 15 mins

Cost: Free, just pay to park - £4 for 5hrs

Splash park and cafe, plus two play areas with a wide range of play equipment. Plenty of space for picnics and ball games too.



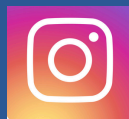
Hogshaw Farm

Buckingham, MK18 3LA

Cost: £14.45, under 2s free

Travel time from Toddington: around 40 mins

Hogshaw is a lovely farm with many animals, and even some zoo animals. They have jumping pillows, soft play, go karts, play area, and a fab outdoor pool in the summer.



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Mumday Funday

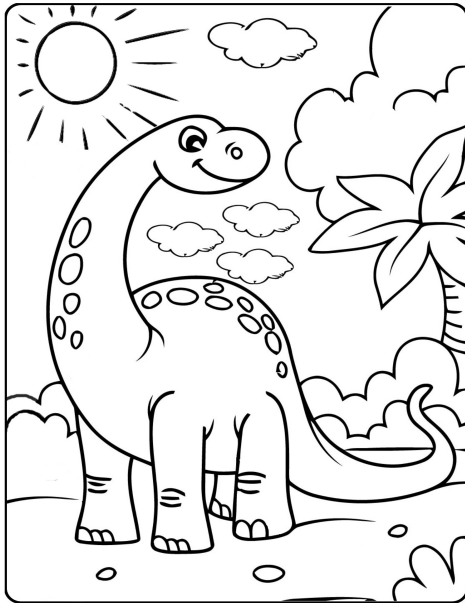
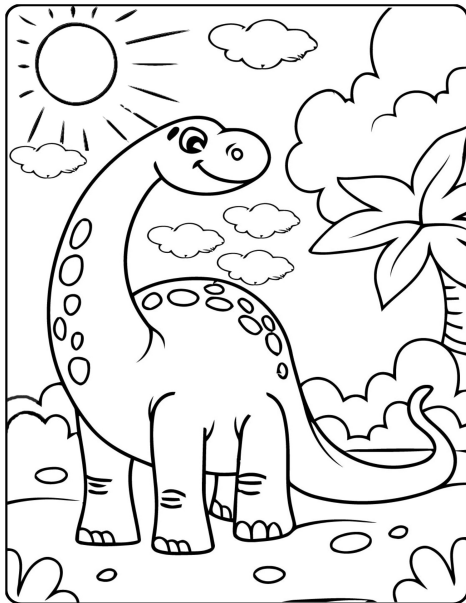


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Who would have used them? And what are they for?
Various folklore exists for us to explore.



Some of the folklore dates back to Saxon times,
Where it is claimed they were used for smuggling crimes.

Luxury items like jewels, silver, gold and even textiles,
Where stored in the tunnels for miles and miles.

Perhaps weapons and armour were smuggled from sight,
Stored in the dark tunnels below out of the light.

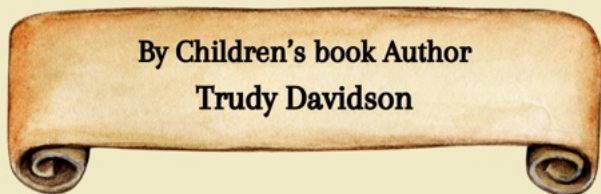


Another folklore says monks used the tunnels to pray,
Or to distribute food to the poor throughout the day.



The tunnels provided the monks with safe passage to transport,
religious artifacts that others may have sought.

Some say the treasure remains, waiting to be found,
In the village folklore about what's underground.



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Toddington u3a is a local organisation which is affiliated to the Third Age Trust, a national charity, whose aim is to provide the opportunity for those no longer in work to come together and learn for fun.

Come along to one of our monthly meetings and learn more about us. We have a varied programme of talks delivered by guest speakers at these meetings, after which tea or coffee is available and you can stay and chat. These are held in Toddington Village Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month. Doors open at 2.00 pm and your first visit is free.

Visit our website to discover who the speakers will be at our upcoming meetings - u3asites.org.uk/toddington/home

Join one of our many group activities. Information regarding our current Group activities is also available on our website – these include Antiques, Art Appreciation, Book Groups, Bridge, Craft, Coach Trips, Cryptic Crosswords, Discussion, Family History, Latin, Line Dancing, Meet and Eat, Music Appreciation, Painting for Pleasure, Photography, Poetry, Spanish and Strollers.

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TEXT MESSAGE FRAUD

I'll be honest, sometimes this can be a tricky one to spot. We all get genuine text reminders these days from the GP or parcel delivery, texts are often short and include unfamiliar web addresses. But there are criminals out there sending fake scam messages so here are a few things to look out for.

Be cautious if you spot some of the following

- An 'irresistible' product offer or prize from a number or company you don't know
- An urgent alert about security, for example "Your bank account details have been compromised"
- A message about a product or service you haven't purchased or requested
- A delivery company demanding you pay a fee before they deliver a parcel
- An appeal from a family member asking you to send money
- Encouragement to click on an unknown link – if you're not sure, visit the organisation's website directly rather than clicking through
- A request for you to share personal data
- Language designed to create a sense of urgency or panic
- Messages sent outside normal business hours, especially if they are very late at night or very early in the morning

Generally text reminders will only be sent if you have initiated them through an action in the first place, such as an online order or made an appointment. On some phones and mobile phone networks, when deleting a message, there is an option to delete and report junk. You can also do this by forwarding the message to 7726. Think twice before clicking links and ask a trusted friend or family member if you have any doubts.

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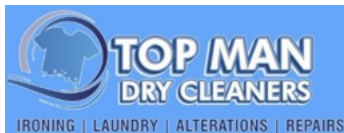
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Weekly events and activities			
Day	Event Name	Time	Location
Monday	Bible study group	2.00 - 3.30	Methodist Wesley Hall
Monday	Childrens Dance	3.30 – 7.30	St George's School
Monday	Rockabye Baby: Baby & u5's	10.00	Toddington Baptist Church
Monday	Rainbows	4.45 – 5.45	Guide Building
Monday	Brownies	6.00 – 7.30	Guide Building
Monday	Beavers	6.30 – 19.30	Scout Hut
Monday	Carpet Bowling club	7.00 – 9.00	Village Hall
Tuesday	Toddington Tots: Baby & u5's	9.30 – 11.00	Village Hall
Tuesday	Pilates & Stretch	9.30 – 10.30	Methodist Wesley Hall
Tuesday	Knitting group	10.30	Wilkinson Hall
Tuesday	Cubs	6.00 – 7.30	Scout Hut
Wednesday	Community Garden	10.00 – 11.30	Methodist Wesley Hall
Wednesday	Hurley Burley: Baby & u5's	9.00 – 11.00	Toddington Baptist Church
Wednesday	Wednesday Art Group	10am – 12pm	Methodist Wesley Hall
Thursday	Phonics with Robot Reg	Check with contact	Guide Building
Thursday	Childrens Dance	3.30 – 6.00	St George's School
Thursday	Pilates & Stretch	6.30 – 7.30	St George's School
Thursday	Toddington Singing Café	10.30 - 11.45am	Village Hall
Friday	Pilates & Stretch	9.00 – 10.00	Methodist Wesley Hall
Friday	Painting for pleasure	10.30	Wilkinson Hall
Friday	Community Garden	2.00 – 4.00	Methodist Wesley Hall
Friday	Toddington Music Makers	6.30-7.30 pm	Methodist Wesley Hall
Friday	Scouts	8.00 – 21.30	Scout Hut

Monthly events and activities			
Day	Event Name	Time	Location
1 st Sunday	Muddy Church	10.00am	Methodist Wesley Hall
2 nd Sunday	Creative Space	2.00 - 3.30pm	Methodist Wesley Hall
2 nd Tuesday	Guild & Games	2.00 - 3.30pm	Methodist Wesley Hall
1 st Wednesday	Pudding Club		Methodist Wesley Hall
1 st Thursday	Ploughman's Lunch	12.00pm	Wilkinson Hall
2 nd Thursday	Time with Friends	2.00pm	Wilkinson Hall
3 rd Thursday	St George's Fellowship	2.00pm	Wilkinson Hall
4 th Friday	Messy Church	3.30pm	Wilkinson Hall
1 st Saturday	Coffee Morning	10.30 – 12.00am	Wilkinson Hall
2 nd Saturday	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Wilkinson Hall

August & Septemper Events			
Day	Event Name	Time	Location
28 th & 29 th August	Scarecrow Festival	Sunday 1am-4pm & Monday 10am – 4pm	Wilkinson Hall
25 th September	Pop Up Tea Room	11am – 1pm	Tebworth Memorial Hall

Toddington Village Contacts

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