

# TODDINGTON

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*June / July 2024*



# TODDINGTON COUNTRYSIDE

Do you like the photo on the front cover taken by local villager – Irene Puleston, this is from one of the fields around Toddington. To visit, walk down Long Lane about 300m and take the foot path to the left.

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## The Countryside Code

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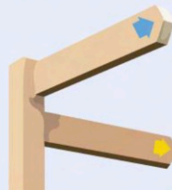
- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways are clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

### Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it

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# Toddington Village Fête

22nd - JUNE - 2024

11am - 4pm On the Village Green.

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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](mailto:info@toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) / [www.toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **Parish Councillors in Toddington**

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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:- 11<sup>th</sup> June, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**Grant Awards** At our Annual Assembly meeting in April 2024 the following Grant Awards were given out to the following:

- Keech Hospice Care
- St George of England Church
- The Hayward Club
- Toddington Area Helping Hands
- Toddington Luncheon Club
- Toddington Music Makers
- Toddington Rovers FC
- Toddington Royal British Legion
- Toddington Singing Café
- Toddington Town Band
- Todd. Village Magazine Committee
- Todd. Village Fete Committee







## **Recognition Awards**

At the Annual Assembly 'Recognition Awards' were given out to celebrate and acknowledge individuals within the Community that have been nominated by residents during the year. This year's 'Recognition Awards' were presented to:-



Dr Ruth Robinson for her contribution to the Singing Café and Toddington Music Makers.



Pippa Brazier for her volunteering around the village and contribution to local events.



Sue White, who also received the 'Pride of Toddington' Award for her dedication to supporting the local Community.

Next year we aim to celebrate and acknowledge more amazing individuals, we will be looking to introduce additional categories, so please spread the word and look out for applications.

## **Update on the Memorial Garden (Pond) Entrance**

- Over the Summer the PC will be updating the Pond entrance to help with access for all. We apologise in advance if the Memorial Garden requires any short closure.
- Over the next few months we will also be refreshing the Village Sign (just outside the Memorial Garden).

**Dogs on Leads** - Following a recent incident that was reported in Luton Road Recreation Ground, we would like to remind you that all dogs should be on leads in this area.

**Toddington Speedwatch ~ Volunteers** - Our existing volunteers do a great job and a special mention to Tony M, whom has dedicated approximately 40+ years in this role – Well done! We welcome more volunteers to join (training will be given and you will always be accompanied by other Colleagues).

*Please contact the Parish Office for further information.*



## **Celebrating St. George of England, Toddington Church**

### **A BIG THANK YOU**

Thank you so much for your wonderful support of our St George of England Gift weekend celebration in April. There were many special memories, including the arrival of St George and the dragon, the beautiful floral displays, interesting historical displays, window sills decorated with representations of the life and work of the church, fantastic art work, craft activities for children along with a vast array of cakes and refreshments. It was a very enjoyable time, with so many people giving generously of time, effort and talent to aid the cause.



The Toddington Music Society hosted The President's concert in church on Saturday afternoon and the talent, skill and wide range of music offered by the young performers, musicians and soloists were amazing. There was a huge buzz at the end of the first half as people shared their admiration of the inspirational talent of the young musicians.



The Friends of St. George celebrated St George's Day in style on Tuesday afternoon on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, with about forty people thoroughly enjoying a special St George's afternoon tea. The decorated tables were set so beautifully with a tempting variety of sandwiches, scones, jams, cake and cups of tea. It was a wonderful time.

We could not have done this without you! Thank you for your generosity of giving. An amazing sum of £500 was raised by the Friends Afternoon Tea to help fund the upkeep of the church building, and the Gift Weekend raised at least £2,000 towards the life and work of the church. Thank you so very much for all your support.



## Life at St George of England, Church

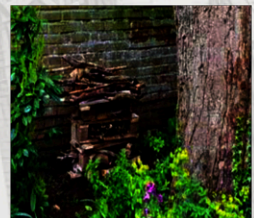
Life at church continues to be very busy. We were delighted to welcome the Lower school for a special Easter service. Such a joyful time and a wonderful memory. Year four children told the Easter story and the whole school sang enthusiastically and so beautifully. I continue to lead a weekly Collective Worship session in school and love the opportunity to share in their achievements. Everyone works so hard.

With the temporary closure in March of Chalgrave Church for restoration repairs the two church congregations joined together for benefice services over the Easter season. It was a bit strange not being at Chalgrave for Easter Day, but it was a lovely bonus to share worship time together.

On Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> the Bishop of Bedford came to both churches for Sunday morning services and enjoyed a chat and a catch up with everyone. The Toddington morning service was a Confirmation Service in which three adults stepped forward to make their commitment to Jesus. What a privilege it has been to share their journey of faith.

The Alpha course is a very special time of fellowship with group members getting to know each other better, forging new friendships, whilst learning more about Jesus' life and teachings. When the course finishes we hope to continue together as a home group.

April Youth Group sessions have focused on the environment with a wonderful new bug house being created in the church grounds. Messy Church celebrated St George with lots of crafts too.



The life of a vicar is never dull and the recent gas leak outside the vestry created some interesting conundrums. Three days with Cadent teams working hard, sorted the issue but

structural repairs on consecrated land are never straightforward so I was regularly liaising with the Diocese for permissions to proceed. We now have a new gas supply pipe in the vestry and a relocated meter. Next stage is to consider improvements to the men's facilities at Wilkinson Hall.. besides dealing with the restoration of roof beams at Chalgrave church.

Thank you so much for your continued donations to the Foodbank. This is such a worthy charity and several of our families in the village are benefitting from the Foodbank provision. Donations can be left at church, or at 22 Leighton Road. It is incredible how much has been collected over recent months. Dee and Malcolm co-ordinate the collections and deliver each week to the foodbank. The thank you's on display in church record some weeks more than 88kg have been donated. Lent lunches and Wednesday Winter Warmer lunches also raised £900 for the Foodbank. Thank you!



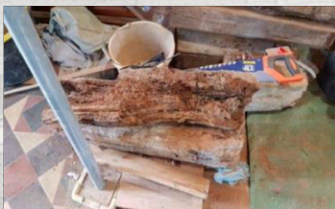
There is so much going on at church with our regular groups. Do drop by to meet us. You will be very welcome.

Rev Linda. [revdtoddington@gmail.com](mailto:revdtoddington@gmail.com)

**Friends of St George's** will be hosting a:

**Hymns and Pimms** celebration on Sunday 28 July at 6pm, and are also busy organising the next **Open Gardens** in Toddington on 6 and 7 July. Look out for more information.

### **All Saints Church, Chalgrave**

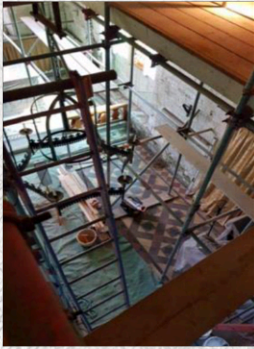


The roof beam restoration project in the Nave is now finished and the scaffolding has





been removed. Bucket loads of decayed wood dust were removed and rotted beam ends were replaced with adjoining strong new oak timber supports.



Scaffolding now fills the Chancel for exploration and repair work to be carried out. I had the privilege to climb up to have a closer look and it is high! (a day in the life of a Vicar!). The ceiling eaves have been opened up to reveal the extent of the decay.



The South side of the church is in a worse condition than the North and needs several support beams to be replaced. Sadly, another major roof beam has rot and needs replacing.. more expense and disruption but the work needs to go on to preserve the church for future generations to come.



It has been lovely to share Benefice services at Toddington whilst Chalgrave Church was closed but it is good to return now. Bishop Richard visited on 28<sup>th</sup> April and folks enjoyed a friendly chat with him, and his wife Helen, over a cuppa afterwards. Thank you so much to the wonderful team who cleaned and prepared the church.



Chalgrave Pop Up Tea Room continues in strength, providing a wonderful, regular monthly time of fellowship and hospitality at the Memorial Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month 11am to 1pm. Do please join us! There are lots of tasty cakes and savouries and big smiles and welcomes. Rev Linda.

[revdchalgrave@gmail.com](mailto:revdchalgrave@gmail.com)



# **What's on in June and July at Chalgrave and Toddington Churches:**

## **Chalgrave services and events**

9.30am Holy Communion Service, Sundays

Chalgrave Pop Up Tea Room at Chalgrave Memorial Hall, 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays: 26 June, 24 July

## **Toddington Services**

11am, Holy Communion, St George's Toddington, Sundays

6pm Evensong Service, Toddington 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 16 June and 21 July

9.30am Morning Prayer, Mondays

6pm Friends of St George's Hymns and Pimms service 28 July 6pm

## **Wilkinson Hall, Toddington**

### **Mondays:**

2pm Seated Pilates, 2pm 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays 10 and 24 June, 9 and 23 July

### **Tuesdays:**

10.30am Knitting Group

5.45pm Youth Group, yrs 5 upwards June 11 and 25, July 2 and 16

### **Thursdays:**

12 noon week 1: Ploughman's lunch 6 June and 4 July

2pm week 2: Afternoon with Friends, 13 June and 11 July

2pm week 3: St George's Fellowship, 20 June, 18 July

### **Fridays:**

10.30am Painting for Pleasure Group

3.30pm week 4, Messy Church 28 June, 26 July

### **Saturday**

10am week 2, Coffee Morning, 8 June, 13 July.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Toddington Fete – refreshments and activities running in church and the hall, and the dragon makes her return.

Open Gardens refreshments July 6

### **Sunday**

Open Gardens refreshments July 7



## OPEN GARDENS TODDINGTON



Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm

\*Plant sales \*Books \*Refreshments

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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.**

**Visit our website to discover who the speakers will be at our upcoming meetings - [u3asites.org.uk/toddington/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/toddington/home)**

**Details of our many group activities are also available on our website**



### War Memories - Len Smith

I remember a Wellington bomber crashed in the field near Harlington Rd. The pilot had a badly cut head and another crew member had a broken leg, both were taken to the L&D Hospital. The other survivors were taken by Dr. Fawcett to Conger House as they had only minor injuries. The next day I went down the road and watched the RAF sorting through the wreckage, which was spread all over the field.

Then, Sgt McCarthy, the local policeman, came to the school, lined us up in the playground and told us that if anybody had any pieces of the wreckage it must be returned immediately. He was a frightening character, I remember playing football in the Rec and we were making no more noise than you would expect from about 20 kids, when somebody said, 'here comes McCarthy'. We carried on playing in complete silence until he had walked past pushing his bike.

On the opposite side of Harlington Road, a Dornier 17 was brought down and landed in the field. The aircraft appeared to be in good condition with only the undercarriage damaged. It was guarded by the Home Guard (Dads Army) who were in full uniform with rifles and fixed bayonets. Another aircraft made a forced landing in the field behind Dropshort Farm, it was a Polish pilot and tutor, both were unhurt.

When the 57-day continuous bombing of London took place in autumn 1940, I stood on top of Conger Hill one night with my dad and uncle Alf, and the sky looking South was completely lit up by the fires burning in London. Searchlights could be seen in the distance, moving around the sky looking for enemy aircraft. Bombs were dropped in Toddington, but not on any specific target. An enemy aircraft was being chased by a British fighter and unloaded his bombs to lighten his aircraft and gain more speed.

We used to watch our Wellington bombers, Halifax's, Lancaster's and US B17's flying over. One evening we were outside the house when bombs started falling. My Dad pushed me down on the path by the side of the house, when the bombing stopped, we ran down the road to Uncle Alf's into his cellar. It was a German bomber being chased and he'd dropped his load to lighten his aircraft, the bombs fell in a line from Tebworth to Toddington.



**Toddington British Legion will be commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Landings, see details below everyone is welcome.**



**6<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – 8:45pm Remembrance Service & concludes with the Lighting of the Village Beacon @ 9.15 pm

**8<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – 6pm – D-Day Commemorative Event  
Ukie Toons Ukelele Band, hot food stalls, Ice Cream, merchandise and raffle.

Concludes with the Lighting of the Village Beacon @ 9.15pm



## **War Memories - Kath White**

My earliest memories are of lying in bed at night and hearing the drone of aircraft engines flying overhead, I was about 3 years old and one evening whilst I was being bathed by the fire, a German plane dropped several bombs around Toddington. One landing in the conger at the back of our home. These bombs made large craters in the fields, which remained for many years after the war. I can remember playing in the

crater in the conger.

My brother, Ted, took me to the Green to see the soldiers in the village. They had built a large round raised container and filled it with water. A soldier was floating a rubber dingy and several children had rides.

We walked across the Green to Leighton Road, passed the Council school and past the Wesleyan chapel and hall. The soldiers were camped in the field next to the hall, and I recall a soldier sitting on a step outside, eating his food. We stood quietly on the pathway watching him as he ate, he offered me a piece of fruit cake.

Another time Ted took me to see the remains of a crashed fighter plane down by Dunedin Farmhouse. I recall an engine and a bent propellor.

Some people had air-raid shelters, but we didn't I remember hearing the air-raid siren and the all-clear which might have been near Mr. Petts garage on the green.

Many London evacuees stayed in Toddington we had one lady stay with us and another two ladies stayed with Mr. Piper, in our Lane. Each child was issued with a gas mask, which was kept in its own cardboard box. "It's not to be played with" said Mother. Once I was allowed to try it on, it smelt strongly of rubber, thankfully it was never needed.

Blackout curtains were a must, Mother would carefully cover every window at night before she lit the lamp. Air-raid wardens checked that no light showed. Sergeant Gordon was our Policeman, and one evening he marched my eldest brother home, for swearing outside the Picture house in Gas Street.

At the end of the War we had a Street party, the children were seated at the tables in the Lane and all the grown-ups were there too to enjoy the celebrations. There were paste sandwiches, jelly and cake.



# READERS LETTERS

We believe this is a magazine for the village and we welcome reader contributions. If you would like to write in please send emails to [toddnews@outlook.com](mailto: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.

There are many villages who do not have the shops and facilities that Toddington offers.

The majority of business keep their properties in good repair which makes the High Street attractive to shoppers in and out of the village. But there are a few properties that look a little tired, maybe a spring clean and lick of paint would help our High Street more welcoming and so attract more customers.

\*Letter from a village resident

*Feedback*

As a granny, I liked the pages of things to do with children.

\*Village Resident

*Feedback*

It's really interesting to read about what is going on in the village, and finding things I did not know about.

\*New Village Resident.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue and agree having the magazine back is a good thing for the village. The committee would welcome any help or contributions you may be able to offer!

\*Yours the Toddington Village Magazine Committee!

## **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](http://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.

### June

2<sup>nd</sup> MUDDY CHURCH\* at 10am

2<sup>nd</sup> ZOOM service

9<sup>th</sup> Revd. Seung-wook Jung  
Holy Communion in church

16<sup>th</sup> Local Preacher in church

23<sup>rd</sup> Family Service in the hall

30<sup>th</sup> Local Preacher in church

### July

7<sup>th</sup> MUDDY CHURCH\* at 10am

7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Service, Dunstable Downs

14<sup>th</sup> Revd. Seung-wook Jung  
Holy Communion in church

21<sup>st</sup> Local Preacher in church

28<sup>th</sup> Family Service in the hall

\*Muddy Church a 30min outdoor activity.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS:** Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 CLUBS:** Fridays during Easter and Summer Holidays. See advertising closer to dates for further 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](mailto:toddingtonmethodist@yahoo.co.uk)



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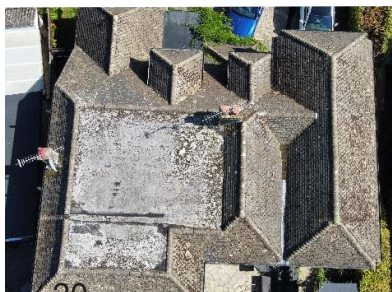


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# Toddington Community Garden

Writing this article at the beginning of May the garden is alive with insects and the sound of birdsong and we are excited about what the new growing season might have in store for us. The beds are all ready, there are tomato plants in the small greenhouse and the fruit trees and bushes are in blossom – we can't wait to see what happens next!



## 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?

Don't wait until OPEN GARDENS to come and see us.



Our committed volunteers have been busy for some months now getting the garden ready and we have some interesting new projects underway. We are trialling 'Hugel-kulture' – a way of growing into and onto mounds of rotting wood and compostable material - and a small 'no-dig' bed.

We anticipate by early June that there will be peas and salad leaves available in the garden along with lovely strawberries and perhaps some other early fruit and veg.

The garden is always open for people to pop in, do a bit of weeding, harvesting or to just enjoy a bit of peace.



# TODDINGTON OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION



Do you know what all these ladies have in common?

They were all once a pupil at a Toddingtong school (and are over 35!) Toddingtong Old Scholars Association (T.O.S.A.) was started in 1976 by Toddingtong ladies who had been at school together and wanted an excuse to meet up. 48 years on and we are still 'meeting up'. Just a few times a year we get together for social events and it's an opportunity for those who have moved away from the village to come back to Toddingtong, and for those of us who live locally have an excuse for a natter, and there is usually food involved.

We have recently held our AGM and we have elected a (I was going to say a dynamic – but that's perhaps going too far) very active and enthusiastic committee who are planning several occasions to meet this year, and other initiatives to encourage more ladies to be involved. Our next social event is an Afternoon Tea (cake and a catch up – what more could you ask?) in June. If you are eligible to join us– ladies over 35 who have attended one of the village schools – we would love to welcome you.

For more details, please contact Janet Hornsby 01525 875203  
[hornsbyjanet@btinternet.com](mailto:hornsbyjanet@btinternet.com)



# Strawberry Sponge Cake

It is still a cold and wet April at the moment but by the time you read this the sun will be warm and strawberries will be in season, although this is fun to make and delicious all year round.

This genoise sponge is not, I think, exciting by itself but a great base for cream and icing and it is very, very light.

## Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 125gms caster sugar
- 125gms plain flour, sifted
- Pinch salt
- 30gms melted butter
- 300gms strawberries
- 30gms icing sugar
- 250ml double cream

## Directions:

Heat the oven to 180 c 160fan 4gas Prepare a 23cms cake tin with non-stick baking paper or sheet or cake tin liner.

Whisk the sugar and eggs until a very pale very thick froth. (I use my machine and set a timer for 7 minutes, you could use a hand held whisk or do it by hand if you have the arm muscles of a Victorian cook.) Then in a bowl gently fold in the sifted flour a bit at a time. Fold it over until the flour is no longer visible then fold in the melted butter. Don't mix so hard you push the air out. Pour into the prepared tin and cook for about 25 minutes until it is nicely golden and the mixture is beginning to shrink from the edge of the tin. Leave to cool.

Meanwhile put six or seven larger strawberries and the icing sugar in a blender and whizz to a puree, you could mash them hard by hand instead.

Whip the cream until standing in soft peaks. Mix with the strawberry puree.

When the cake is cool cut it in half horizontally, spread at least half the strawberry cream on the lower layer, put the top half back on and spread the rest on top and decorate with strawberries cut or not as you wish.



# Enjoy!

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](mailto:toddnews@outlook.com)

# Toddington Library

## What have we been up to?

It's been a busy couple of months in the library. Easter half term was lots of fun with children (and competitive adults) taking part in our Duck Hunt! Even though we had over 150 entries, only 2 people managed to find all 69 hidden ducks. Congratulations to our winners Daisy and Tim!



We've also held two successful Community Police Surgeries. The next date will be Friday 21st June between 10-12noon. Feel free to pop along to see our officers and raise any community safety issues or just stop by for a chat.

### Groups Timetable

Tue: Knitting & Jigsaw 10:30-12:30, Walk4Health 10:30

Thu: Rhyme Time 10:00-11:00

Fri: Knitting & Jigsaw 10:30-12:30

Sat: Lego club 10:00-12:00

Coffee Morning: Monthly, every 3rd Sat 10:00-12:00

## What's Coming Up?

Our next two coffee morning dates will be Saturday 15th June and Saturday 20th July both from 10-12noon. Just bring yourselves and an appetite for a few biscuits and a good natter. We hope to see you there!

Don't forget our Summer Reading Challenge for children will be starting on Friday 19th July until Saturday 7th September. There will be events, crafts, competitions and plenty of rewards to be won all through the school holidays. All you need to do is become a member of any Central Beds library to join in the fun.

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# SUMMER IS HERE



**Summertime is here at last! Here are a few ideas to do.  
Perhaps you have already tried some, or maybe some are new to you.**



**Visit the park, ride the spiral slide, and brave the climbing tower so tall.  
In the nearby field, play a game of tag, or kick around a ball.**

**Take a stroll to the village pond, but stay safe as you roam and play.  
If you are lucky, you might spot ducklings, if they are there that day.**



**Have you ever been to the community garden behind the Methodist Church?  
With lots of fruit and vegetables to find. Go and have a search!**

**Ask for help to create a winning Olympic costume for the village fete.  
Starting this year at 11 am on the 22nd of June. Go on save the date.**



**Drive with an adult to Eversholt's heated outdoor pool.  
Pack a picnic, enjoy the park, and then swim to get cool.**

**Venture to Dunstable Downs, where colourful kites dance in the sky.  
Maybe take your own, let it go, and watch it twirl up so high.**



**Toddington village and its surroundings offer adventures at this time of year,  
So, seize the fun and enjoy this time, and fill it with laughter and cheer!**



**By  
Children's Book Author  
Trudy Davidson**

# Mumday Funday

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

Hello, I'm Lauren and I write a blog about things to do in the local area. We are dreaming of summer and sunshine in our house, and keeping our fingers crossed for some good weather! So, here are some of our top summer days out.



## **Batford Springs**

Harpenden, AL5 5AQ

**Travel time from Toddington:** around 25mins

**Cost:** Free

A beautiful nature reserve with waterfalls, stepping stones, and great spots to go paddling or take a net/bucket. Also, there is a play area with a zip wire and large pirate ship.

## **Stanwick Lakes**

Wellingborough, NN9 6GY

**Travel time from Toddington:** around 50 mins

**Cost:** £6.40 for parking for the day

A great low cost day out! There's several play areas including large climbing frames, an assault course, and sand/water play.

Make sure to take swimwear/change of clothes. It's always on our summer holiday





## ***Emberton Country Park***

Olney, MK46 5FJ

**Travel time from Toddington:** around 30 mins

**Cost:** £5.50 per car

Giant slides, and three different play areas with a good range of equipment including a big pirate ship and a quarry/sand play area.

Great for bikes and scooters too.

## ***Amphill Great Park***

Amphill, MK45 2HX

**Travel time from Toddington:** 17 mins

**Cost:** Free

Lovely walks with great views, tennis courts, and a large play area with lots of different equipment.



## ***The Beach at Bury Lane***

Royston, SG8 6GT

**Travel time from Toddington:** around 50 mins

**Cost:** £5-11 per child depending on age

Beach vibes without hours in the car.

Huge sandy play area with lots to do including bouncy pillows, go karts, rock climbing, and more. Plus indoor soft play, and they have seasonal PYO flowers/fruit.



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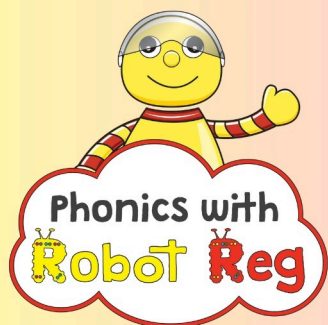


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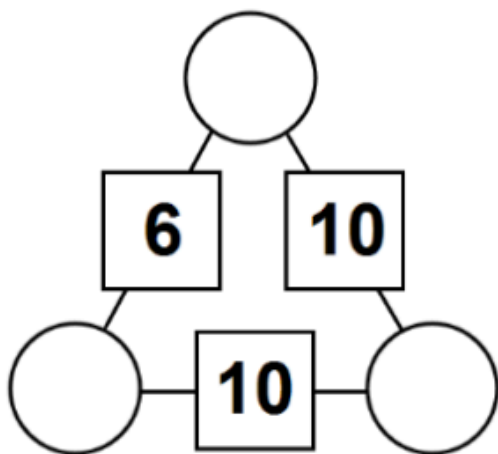
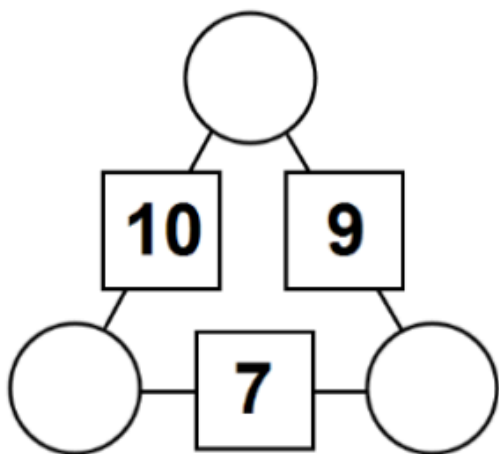


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## Triangle Arithmagons



*Work out which numbers go in the empty circles. The numbers in the square boxes are made by adding together the numbers in the circles either side.*



# PASSWORDS... \*@\*!-8\*#!

We all have them (even if you don't think you do!), we all use them and most of us would admit to reusing a password. These days online accounts are used for everything from email to buying stamps and paying the gas bill. So here are some top tips on how to keep them strong and keep your online world secure.

**Secret Code, NOT BIRTHDAY:** Your password is like a key to your online stuff. Don't use birthdays or pet names – anyone who knows you could guess it!

**Mix it Up:** Strong passwords have a variety of uppercase & lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols (# @ \$) to make them tougher to crack.

**Longer is Stronger:** The longer your password, the better! Aim for 12+ characters, like a secret sentence with no spaces.

**Use a Password Manager:** Software that uses a secure database on your device, helping keep track, allowing you to use more unique and strong passwords.

**One Per Treasure Chest:** Don't use the same key for all your doors! Make a unique password for each website or account. This keeps them all safe.

**Write it Down, But Hide it Well:** Remembering passwords is hard! Write them down, but hide them well. Not a sticky note on your computer! Maybe a hidden notebook or ask a trusted family member to keep them safe (perhaps in a code that triggers your memory, without revealing the passwords themselves).

**Beware the Shoulder Surfers:** Don't type your password in public if someone might be peeking! Shield the keyboard and be careful on shared computers.

Using a password manager can be very helpful in keeping track of your accounts and passwords. Using one will allow you to use stronger unique passwords for more or all of your accounts. Internet browsers such as, Chrome, Edge and Firefox will offer to save passwords when you enter them. These passwords can be viewed later in a list found in the browser's settings. This saved list should be secure provided your computer also has a password/pin when you turn it on. The saved password list should only be accessible to you or those who know the computer password.

I know it is hard to keep unique passwords for all accounts, but my suggestion is if it really seems too much, please make sure your main email account(s) password(s) is/are secure. Email accounts are often used as a recovery method for other online accounts and thus could provide a gateway for a malicious actor to access other services. If there is one online service you should concentrate on, it is recommended that your primary email account be the one. Some email providers such as outlook.com and gmail.com have a 'Security Check-Up' in the account area that will help with more advanced options such as Multi-Factor Authentication (Subject for another article...), recovery numbers, connected apps etc.

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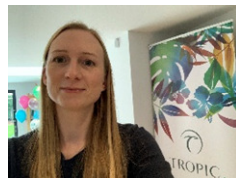
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Weekly events and activities			
Day	Event Name	Time	Location
Monday	Bible study group	2.00 - 3.30	Methodist Wesley Hall
Monday	Childrens Dance	3.30 – 7.30	St George's School
Monday	Rockabye Baby: Baby & u5's	10.00	Toddington Baptist Church
Monday	Rainbows	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
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	Cubs	6.00 – 7.30	Scout Hut
Friday	Scouts	8.00 – 21.30	Scout Hut

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

June & July Events			
Day	Event Name	Time	Location
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	RBL – D-Day Service	8.45pm	Village Green
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	RBL – D-Day Event	6.00pm – 9.30pm	Village Green
Saturday 22nd June	Toddington Village Fête	11:00am – 4:00pm See Page 5	Village Green
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Gardens	See page 13	Various Locations

# Toddington Village Contacts

## HEALTH CONTACTS

Bedford Hospital	01234 355122
Doctor's surgery	01525 872222
Dentist	01525 577066
Luton and Dunstable Hospital	01582 491166
Opticians Toddington Eyecare	01525 875099
Osteopath	01525 875474
Pharmacy Tuda	01525 872093

## UTILITIES

Gas emergency	0800 11199
Electricity emergency	ring 105 to be put through to your local network operator 105
Police Station Luton	01582 401212

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Bedfordshire age UK	<a href="https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bedfordshire">https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bedfordshire</a>	01234 360510
Beds domestic abuse partnership	<a href="https://bedsdv.org.uk">https://bedsdv.org.uk</a>	
Chalgrave Parish Council	<a href="mailto:phil@philparryassociates.co.uk">phil@philparryassociates.co.uk</a>	
Chalton Parish Council	<a href="mailto:clerk@chalton-pc.gov.uk">clerk@chalton-pc.gov.uk</a>	
Central Bedfordshire council		0300 3008301
Citizens Advice Dunstable	<a href="https://www.dunstablecab.org.uk">https://www.dunstablecab.org.uk</a>	01582 670003
Central Beds Council	<a href="http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/reportit">www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/reportit</a>	
Citizens Advice Consumer service	Trading Standards advise	03454 04 05 06
Central Beds safeguarding		0300 300 8585 / 0300 300 8123
General Information	<a href="mailto:customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	0300 300 8000
Highways Agency / Report emergency	Potholes, footpaths, lighting, trees.	0300 300 8049
MP Alistair Strathern	<a href="mailto:alistairstrathern.mp@parliament.uk">alistairstrathern.mp@parliament.uk</a>	0207 2196004
Mental health Beds open door young people		01234360388 / 07922105200
Post Office at Nisa		03457223344
Planning	planning applications & enforcement issues	0300 300 8670
Police	non-serious crimes anti-social behave. or anonymously via Crime stoppers	101 0800 555 111
Pollution	<a href="mailto:pollution@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">pollution@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	0300 300 8302
Scams	report scams or suspected scams to Action Fraud	0300 123 2040
Toddington Library		03003008069
Toddington Parish Council	<a href="mailto:info@toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk">info@toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>	01525 874312
Unitary Ward	Cllr Mary Walsh	<a href="mailto:mary.walsh@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">mary.walsh@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>
Councillors:	Cllr Gary Purser	<a href="mailto:gary.purser@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">gary.purser@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>

## CHURCHES

All Saints Chalgrave	Rev Linda Washington	01525 714442 07715 603557
Friends of St George's Church	<a href="mailto:f.brown950@btinternet.com">f.brown950@btinternet.com</a>	01525 872501
St George's Toddington Church	Rev Linda Washington	01525 714442 07715 603557
St George's Church Bellringers	Peter Boon	01908 584181
Toddington Methodist Church	Rev Seung Jeung	01525 372289
Toddington Baptist Church	<a href="mailto:secretary@toddingtonbaptist.com">secretary@toddingtonbaptist.com</a>	

## SCHOOLS

Chalton Lower School	01525 872354
Harlington Upper School	01525 755100
Parkfields Middle School	<a href="mailto:schooladmin@parkfieldsschool.co.uk">schooladmin@parkfieldsschool.co.uk</a>
St George's Lower School	<a href="mailto:admin@toddstg.co.uk">admin@toddstg.co.uk</a>
Toddington Childcare	<a href="mailto:admin@toddingtonchildcare.org.uk">admin@toddingtonchildcare.org.uk</a>

## SPORT AND EXERCISE

Chalgrave Manor Golf Club		01525 876556
Indoor Carpet Bowls	Sue.bollins@ntlworld.com	07758 680406
Pilates Classes - Lauren Houghton	lauren@ignitedanceandfitness.co.uk	
Ramblers – Ruth Betts	ruthbetts32@hotmail.com	
Table tennis group - Brian Roberts		01525 872295
Tennis Club – Geoff Betts	tennis_club@hotmail.com	
Toddington Rovers FC	secretary@toddingtonroversfc.co.uk	
Toddington Trotters Sunday run – Lisa		07787 503854
Toddington Walks and Rides	www.toddington.info	
Well-being walks – Walk for Health	Kathy Bocutt	07900694001

## GROUPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Guiding – Melanie Parker	melanieparker62@outlook.com	01525 875844
Hurley Burley - Baby and under 5's	Doreen Maskell	07593 355971
Toddington Tots - Baby and under 5's –	facebook.com/toddingtontots - toddingtontots@gmail.com - Nicki	
Messy Church	Rev Linda Washington	07715 603557
My Theatre Dance – Lauren Houghton	lauren@ignitedanceandfitness.co.uk	
Mumday Funday days out – Lauren Moss	laurenlouisemoss88@gmail.com	
Rock-a-bye-baby - Becky Boddey	becky@rockandredeemervineyard.com	07376 019437
Scouting – Karen Calder	gls@toddingtonscoutgroup.org - www.toddingtonscoutsonline.co.uk	
St George's Youth group	Rev Linda Washington	07715 603557

## HALLS

Chalgrave Memorial Hall – Phil Parry	phil@philparryassociates.co.uk	
Guide building – Melanie Parker	melanieparker62@outlook.com	01525 875844
Methodist Wesley Hall		01525 873871
Social and Services Club	admin@toddingtonsocialclub.co.uk	
Village Hall	Avril Clark	01525 872571
Wilkinson Hall	Dee Curtis	01525 872649

## OTHER GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

British Legion – John Wood	jpwood@btconnect.com	07771 774518
Chalgrave pop-up tearoom – Sandy Ryan	Sandra-ryan@sky.com	
Friday Lunch club	Rachel Williams	01525 872548
Friday Painting for Pleasure	Dee Curtis	01525 872649
Music Makers – Ruth Robinson	ruth.christine.robinson@gmail.com	
Open Door lunch club - Colin Maskell		01525 752463
St George's Fellowship	Dee Curtis	01525 872649
Social and services club	admin@toddingtonsocialclub.co.uk	
TADS theatre group – Michelle Standon	chairman@tadstheatre.org	
Toddington Music Society – Fran Brown	f.brown950@btinternet.com	01525 872501
Toddington Old Boys Assoc – Len Hull	LenHull@btinternet.com	
Todd Old Scholars – Janet Hornsby	hornsbyjanet@btinternet.com	
Todd singing café – Ruth Robinson	ruth.christine.robinson@gmail.com	
Toddington Town Band	Toddingtontownband@gmail.com - toddingtontownband.weebly.com	
Toddington village news	toddnews@outlook.com	
Tuesday Knitters	Dee Curtis	01525 872649
U3A – Sue Barrow	suej.barrow@outlook.com	07712 810671
Rotary Club of Dunstable Downs	tonygtds@gmail.com	01525 874393
Toddington Music Makers - Ruth Robinson	info@toddingtonmusicmakers.co.uk	01525 874326
Toddington Singing Café - Ruth Robinson	info@toddingtonsingingcafe.co.uk	01525 874326
Wednesday Art Group	Jbgsilsoe@gmail.com	01525 861053

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