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VILLAGE MAGAZINE

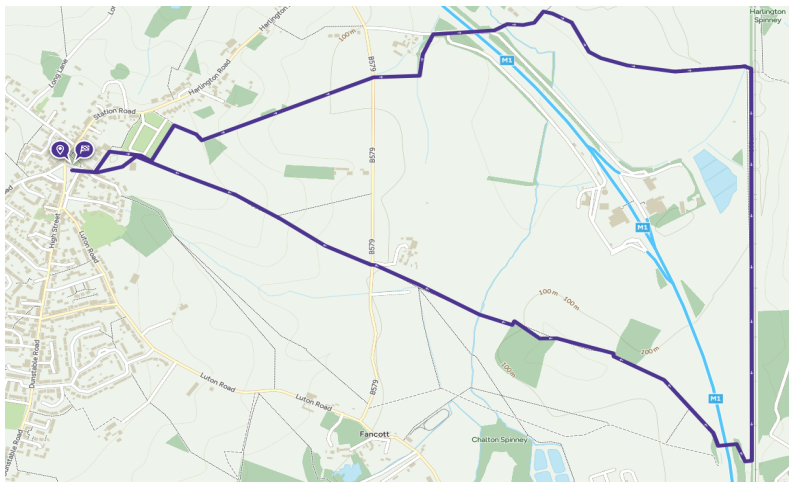


October/November 2024

Photos in Toddington provided by Brian B & Cath R

Around the Motorway Services walk

A circular walk over arable fields, of about 4¾ miles (7.5 km), starting at the pump on Toddington village green. An interesting contrast of being near travellers on the motorway and railway, but also being in the countryside away from the conurbation & people! Farm livestock may be in some of the fields you cross where dogs must be kept



under close control. Mostly on field edges or tracks but some 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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Your Village Needs You!

Do you care enough about future Development in your local community to get involved in its planning?

The Parish Council is considering developing a Strategic Plan that would be used by the Parish Council to determine its position across a broad spectrum of planning and development issues that will require consideration over the next few years.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS can be created by communities which, if adopted, form part of the LOCAL PLAN. The Local Plan becomes the guiding document against which planning and development decisions are taken by the Local Authority. A Local Plan is a Statutory obligation on the Local Authority. By developing a Neighbourhood Plan and having it formally adopted, communities like Toddington can input into the Local Plan and Central Bedfordshire Council is then obliged to take the plan into account when making decisions that impact our community. The adoption process is long and extremely time consuming; many communities do not have a Neighbourhood Plan. Toddington very nearly had one in the recent past but unfortunately it was not adopted - although there is a great deal of relevant material that can still be used.

Following the Local Elections in May 2024 Central Bedfordshire Council decided to rewrite the Local Plan, and as such it is not expected to have a formalised Plan until 2028/29. This gives Toddington an opportunity to develop its Neighbourhood Plan - and have its voice heard by the Local Authority in the years to come.

It is unlikely that local communities will get much direction of intent from the Local Authority for some time, which creates the potential for ambiguity and/or a lack of focus on the very important subject of Planning and Development in our Village.

To overcome this, the Parish Council is considering creating a Strategic Plan along the lines of a Neighbourhood Plan - the objective being to develop a document against which the Parish Council and community can view planning and development matters and communicate with the Authority and other stakeholders. It would be an internal document, not intended to be adopted by Central Bedfordshire Council, but could form the basis of any Neighbourhood Plan the Parish might want to create in the future.

To enable the Parish Council to develop this document it would be very helpful to have a few interested residents join a Working Party facilitated by the Parish Council. We want to gain residents' views and engagement on the key subject areas to ensure we operate as inclusively as possible.

Subject Areas for inclusion would be: The Natural environment, Housing/Development, Employment, The Village Centre, Transport infrastructure, Education, Health, Youth facilities, Recreation/Open Spaces, Access, Heritage.

If you are interested in joining the Working Group please let us know by responding to: info@toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk - by December 1st 2024.

Please be aware that your involvement in the project will need some of your time and commitment over the next 18-24 months.



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

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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 (lounge) and **start at 7:30pm**. Dates are:- 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.

Over the last few months around the Village we have seen some improvements to some of our assets, we have had the Sign remade just outside the Memorial Gardens and the Memorial Gardens themselves have seen improvements to enable more inclusive access for all at the entrance.





The Glebe and entrance to the allotments have also seen improvement works with a new carparking area at The Glebe. Works continue on the redevelopment of the Russell Road Playground.

Up and coming events

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

We are looking for volunteers to help with our pond clearing day, if you can spare some time to work on this ongoing community project, it would be much appreciated.

[Please contact the Parish Office for more details]

Christmas Event

~ Saturday 30th November 2024

Keep a look out for our Christmas Event Posters around the village over the next month for more details of the Christmas festivities, which will be held on the Village Green



Councillor Vacancy

Toddington currently have Councillor vacancies at the Parish Council. If you would like to serve your community, have the time to commit to regular monthly meetings across the year and think you have something to offer the residents of Toddington please contact us to find out more about what it means to be a Councillor. Further details can also be found on our website: <https://toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/co-option-letter-toddington/>

St George of England Church's Article for October/November

How quickly the seasons change. We are now firmly in Autumn with October being a time for harvest celebrations and November a time to remember. At both Toddington and Chalgrave churches we remember loved ones at our annual 'In Loving Memory Services', (3rd November). We read out the names of loved ones who have died and invite you to light a candle in their memory. Do join us for these sensitive and caring services and please let me know the names of anyone you wish to remember. On Remembrance Sunday, we join Toddington Community on the Green at 11am for their Service of Remembrance,

Toddington church is open every day in daylight hours for you to visit and Wilkinson Hall is busy most days with events and community gatherings, and you will always be most welcome. As the seasons of life move on so do our personal journeys. Please do get in touch if you need company, a listening ear, a prayer, or some help. Please know that Jesus cares for you and loves you, and we as the body of Christ care too.

Here are some of the regular and upcoming events and services which may be of interest to you:

Church Services:

Sunday morning weekly 11am Holy Communion,

Evensong 6pm 3rd Sunday of the month. 20 October, 17 November

Morning Prayer Mondays at 9.30am

Harvest Service 6 October 11am

In Loving Memory Service 3 November 4pm

Remembrance Sunday 10 November 9.30am Holy Communion Benefice Service (then joining the main community service on The Green for 11am)

Events at Wilkinson Hall, Toddington:

Knitting Group: Tuesdays 10.30am

Painting for Pleasure Group: Fridays 10.30am

Saturdays: Toddington Community Fridge 9.30-11am (See separate poster)

Seated Pilates: Mondays 8 and 22 October and 11, 18 November,

Youth group (9+ years) Tuesdays 1, 15, 29 October, 12 and 26 November 5.45pm

Messy Church (children and parents) Fridays 25 October and 22 November

Ploughmans lunches Thursdays 3rd October and 7th November

Coffee mornings 10am on Saturdays 12 October, 9 November

Afternoon with Friends: 2pm Thursday 10 October, 14 November

St George's Fellowship: 2pm Thursday 17 October, 21 November

For Home groups.. and the next Alpha Course contact Rev Linda

Christmas Tree Festival 7 and 8 December. (see separate poster) Contact Dee for more information.

All Saints Church, Chalgrave

The roof beam restoration work is now finished, and we are so grateful to be able to gather fully in church again. We held a special celebration 'Songs and Scones' afternoon event - our first social fundraising (since all that building work) and we were thrilled to hear Richard Poyner entertaining us so beautifully on his guitar, singing classic songs from the past. It was such a lovely occasion with half time cream teas and wonderful cakes provided by the church team.



The Pop Up Tea Room continues to be popular and returned in September after a Summer break in August. Our next sessions will be at Tebworth Memorial Hall on 23rd October and 27th November and you can be sure of a quality range of savouries, soup and cakes and wonderful fellowship.

The next big fundraising event will be the Christmas Craft Fayre at Tebworth memorial hall on 9th November from 10am to 4pm, with another wonderful spread of cakes and food to tempt you, plus a very interesting range of craft stalls. Do come along and choose a few early Christmas presents.

We continue to meet weekly for our Sunday 9.30am Service and will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday October 6th at 9.30am. Do come and join us! On Remembrance Sunday besides the Toddington Remembrance Service, we offer a short service in Chalgrave churchyard at 2pm at the Memorial Cross, before joining Tebworth community 'Remembrance Service' at 3pm at the Memorial Hall.

We support Toddington Church with Messy Church and the Youth group. If any children would like to join, please head along to Wilkinson Hall on the given dates. And don't forget to visit Toddington Community Fridge, available each Saturday, 9.30-11am, Wilkinson Hall. The food is available to all neighbouring villages to Flitwick, including Tebworth and Wingfield, and it is free! The food sustainability initiative is so inspiring, it is attracting interest in Dunstable to set up something similar. Have a blessed Autumn.

Rev Linda Washington, Rector 07715 603557 revdtoddington@gmail.com
redvchalgrave@gmail.com

Souper thoughts for colder days

A recipe for spicy parsnip soup



Ingredients:

- 800 grams parsnips peeled and chopped
- 1 cooking apple peeled and grated,
- Teaspoon ground cumin and coriander and turmeric and ginger
- Salt and pepper
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- 2 onions sliced
- 40gms butter
- 1 and half litres stock(veg or chicken)
- Salt and pepper

Directions:

Gently cook onion and garlic until soft add spices and some salt and pepper then parsnips stir together and add stock, cook until all are well cooked then add the apple for a few minutes, whizz or sieve, taste for seasoning and serve.

However.....use this as a basis for all sorts of soup. Try frying an onion add any veg you have in the fridge and maybe a bit of bacon and other odds and ends, add some flavourings, spices/herbs/bit of spicy sauce then add stock (cubes are good but be aware of saltiness) cook them and whizz/sieve (or not) taste for seasoning and perhaps a spoonful of cream or plain yogurt or crème fraiche and perhaps croutons (squares of fried or baked bread) or a sprinkle of fresh herbs.

Or what about a minestrone, tomatoes and veg thickened with pasta or rice or beans, surely the result of cooking what you had to hand in your Mediterranean kitchen.

There are thousands of fun recipes out there for all kinds of soup from all over the world. Try them but only be limited by your imagination!!!



Stay warm!

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

FEEDBACK & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Scarecrow Festival Winner

Congratulations to the O'callaghan's with your "Homer and Marg Simpson"



Hi, I just wanted to give some positive feedback. Not sure who puts it together now but the July Sept edition is great.

Really helpful to have the ideas for what to do with children over the summer, including the pricing etc. The walks information was great for me, as I've been looking for routes to do.

I enjoyed doing the Quiz, spot the difference etc.

Great job, thank you to all concerned. Well presented and a nice mix of content. Cath R

From an advertiser: "I have really benefited from my advert in the Village Magazine, I've had a number of new clients all in the village directly from the magazine. I've notice residents keep a copy handy for reference purposes."

Poppy Request for Remembrance Display

Last year a wonderful display was created in St.George's Church for Remembrance, thanks to the superb effort of individuals and community groups in the village. Poppies were created in a variety of ways. Please make a poppy to help make our display more impressive this November, please bring them to the church by 5th November. Thank you



Toddington Library

What's Happening Now That Summer is Over?

We would like to say a massive well done to our winners and everyone else who took part in this year's Summer Reading challenge; there was lots of amazing reading! Toddington library had over 100 children join the challenge and nearly 1000 junior books borrowed! We had a brilliant time making crafts, watching magic, drumming and of course reading...Thank you for a marvellous summer!

For even more fun, join us this October half term where we will be running some spooky crafts from 29th Oct – 2nd Nov.



Opening Hours

Mon: Closed

Tue: 9-1am

Wed: 2-6pm

Thu: 9-1am

Fri: 9-1am, 2-6pm

Sat: 9-4pm

Sun: Closed

What's on for adults?

Our library boasts something for everyone! It is a meeting place for many: including a book group, discussion group and a family history group. The walk4health group started out as a casual walk for the over 55's and now has an average of 30 people attending every week. We also have regular coffee mornings taking place on the third Saturday of every month and our weekly Knitting and Jigsaw group which currently meets on Tuesday and Friday mornings. For more information about any of our groups just ask a member of staff or call 0300 300 8069 during our open hours.

Time to Say Goodbye

After over 3 years at our library Grace has left to go to university. We wished her farewell with lots of fond customers at her leaving event at the library. We are so grateful for all her hard work over the years and will be sad to see her go. We wish her all the best for this new chapter and her bright future!

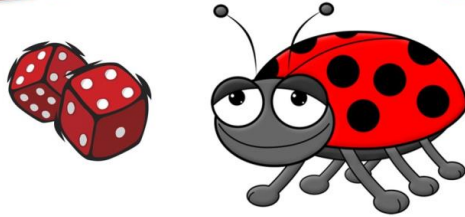
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Toddington Methodist Church

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.

October

- 6th MUDDY CHURCH at 10am
- 6th ZOOM service
- 13th Revd. Seung-wook Jung
Holy Communion in church
- 20th Family Service in the hall
- 27th Steve Rogers in the hall

November

- 3rd MUDDY CHURCH at 10am
- 3rd ZOOM service on Green
- 10th Remembrance Service
- 17th Family Service in the hall
- 24th Revd. Seung-wook Jung
Holy Communion in church

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.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Meet every Monday from 2-3.30pm in the Wesley Hall.

CREATIVE SPACE: A crafting and social group who meet on the second Sunday of the month from 2.30-5.00pm.

PUDDING CLUBS: for children and adults.

Cheese & Wine Quiz

In aid of CFUMS



*Saturday 19th October 2024
7.30pm*

*Guide Hut, St Georges Close, Toddington
Light hearted quiz with
multiple choice answers*

*Teams of up to six
£15 per person*

*Tickets available from:
Jane & Steve Jenkins 07970 051130*

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.com

The Minister's Letter

Apologies, this is not a letter from a minister but just a mere Christian.

You may not have met the Methodist minister Seung-wook, he doesn't live in Toddington and is here for just a day or two each month. He is a lovely man but he, like so many ministers of all denominations, is responsible for more than one church and has to share himself out to his scattered flock.

However, that does not mean that there is not a Christian presence in the village. You may not have met Seung-wook or even the Anglican minister, Linda, but you most certainly will know, or have met, other Christians. Some will worship in other churches in or outside of the village, others may meet with fellow believers in their own home, but one thing they all share is a desire to share God's love. They are your neighbours, people you meet on a walk, at the park, in the surgery, at the school – they are everywhere! They all have experienced God's love and want others to experience it too.

The churches here in Toddington all run or host a multitude of events for children, young people, adults and even older adults. At

the Methodist church we have just completed a 5-week holiday club attended by over 60 children and young adults. The Anglican Church has begun hosting a Community Fridge and the Baptist Church will once again be opening their doors to welcome tots and their carers to Hurly Burly. These are just examples, look at each of the churches pages in this magazine to see all the things that churches are doing to share their love of God and to serve their community.

In a world where there is apparently very little regard for others and so much suffering, God calls us to love, love our brothers and sisters, love each other, love others, and even love our enemies

Jesus told the believers that they were to be 'salt and light' (Matthew 5: 13-20) to their communities. Without salt food can seem a little bland and without the 'saltiness' of our church communities then perhaps our village might be a little less palatable too.

Don't wait until you next meet a minister in passing to reassure yourselves that God is present and at work here in our community - they can be few and far between – but the doors of your local churches are open to welcome you.

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?

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 COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden has been looking amazing of late, sunflowers, marigolds and nasturtiums added welcome colour and vibrancy to our otherwise 'green' space. We were just feeling pleased with ourselves when we realised that the nasturtiums growing alongside the brassica cages were providing easy access for newly hatched cabbage-white caterpillars through the nets along a leaf-to-leaf bridge. As an organic garden



we are unable to use the kinds of pesticides which might have dealt swiftly with the problem and instead have spent many, many hours hunting and removing the dreaded, cabbage munching pests! We won't make the same mistake next year!

POPCORN

If you have visited the garden at all over the last few months, you may have marvelled at our amazing crop of, what appears to be, sweetcorn. Don't be taken in. It is not sweetcorn but popcorn that we are trying for the first time this year. Popcorn differs from normal sweetcorn in its starch content. It has a higher starch content making it a lot tougher and less sweet than the sweetcorn we normally eat. It is the starch content which causes the 'pop' to make popcorn.



It is different to look at too! Don't be tempted to pick it

to use as sweetcorn – you will be disappointed – it will be tough and not at all sweet.

OPEN TO ANYBODY, ANYTIME

The community GARDEN

Behind the Methodist Church

PYO or get involved – all are welcome

This garden is affiliated to the Incredible Edibles Network



The Garden Needs YOU!

As the nights start to draw in, we will not be able to meet on Friday. We will continue to meet on Wednesday mornings, weather permitting, from 10-11.30am. There is always something needing attention in the garden - we need all the help we can get!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Toddington Branch

Poppy Appeal 2024

Starting with our Coffee Morning at 10:30am

Saturday 26th October

at the Methodist Church Hall

Concluding with Remembrance

Sunday 10th November

and Armistice Day Service

Monday 11th November

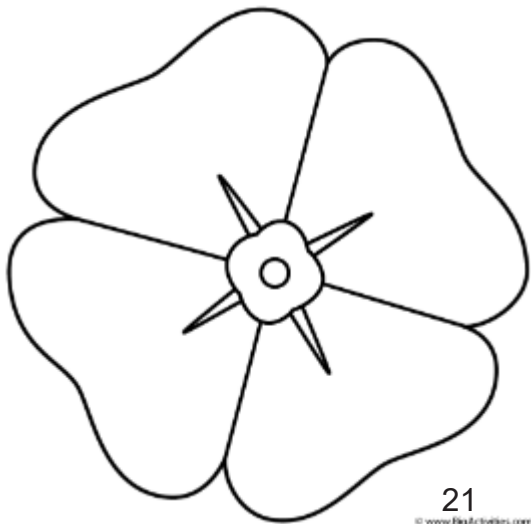
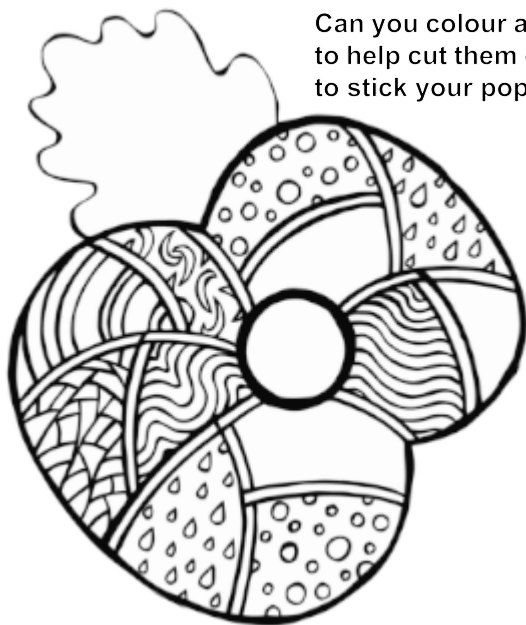


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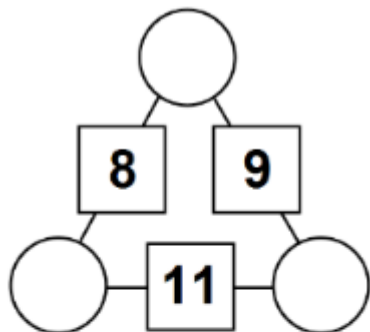
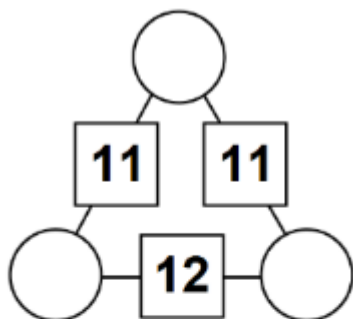
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Can you colour a Poppy for remembrance day? Ask an adult to help cut them out a, fold over some sticky tape into a loop to stick your poppy on your jumper.

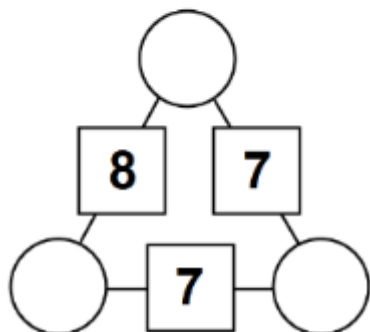
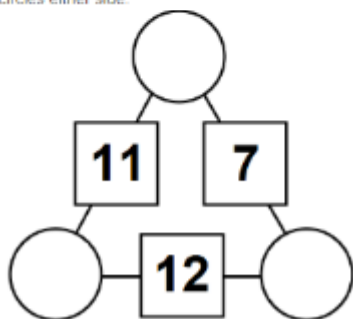


KIDS CORNER



See if you can solve these four Triangle arithmagons.

The aim of an arithmagon is to 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.



Autumn Word Scramble

Autumn, or Fall lies between the seasons of Summer and Winter. It is the season when the leaves change colour and are shed from the deciduous trees. Did you know that pumpkins were once believed to cure snake bite and remove freckles?

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It's Autumn, Fall "brown leaf" Sudoku - Fill in the grid with the letters B, R, O, W, N, L, E, A and F, making sure no letter is repeated in every row, every column and within each mini grid.

Mumday Funday

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

Happy spooky season! In this edition I've shared a few different Halloween trails that we have enjoyed, as well as pumpkin patches in the area.

Evenley Wood Garden

Brackley, NN13 5SH

Travel time from Toddington: around 50 mins

Cost: TBC approx £6 per child, £7 per adult

The best Halloween event we have been to! We've been for years and it gets better every time. A huge witch with a smoking cauldron, giant wooden spiders, and one year there was even a big pumpkin wedding. The woods are beautiful, and they have a great natural play area too. Plenty of free parking.

Jordans Mill

Biggleswade, SG18 9JX

Travel time from Toddington: around 30mins

Cost: £3.50 per trail sheet

Great Halloween trail for younger children, find all the spooky scenes around the meadow and win a prize. There is a great café and you can also tour the mill. Plenty of free parking.



NT Dunstable Downs

Dunstable, LU6 2GY

Travel time from Toddington: under 20mins

Cost: £3.50 parking, approx £3 per trail sheet

Lovely interactive Halloween trail ending in chute wood which is fantastic for den building. Chocolate prize for completing the trail. Also the best place to fly kites if you have one!



The Secret Farm

Bedford, MK44 3RA

Travel time from Toddington: around 30 mins

Cost: £3.50pp, under 3s free

Pumpkin picking with loads of other activities such as: paintball, lazer tag, rodeo, barrel tractor rides, pumpkin cannon, pedal go karts, and more. Some activities are included, some cost approx £3 (full list on their website).



The Pop Up Farm

Flamstead, AL3 8HT

Cost: Prices TBC

Travel time from Toddington: around 20 mins

Traditional pumpkin picking with lots of great photo ops such as a vintage tractor, piano, and a hay bale maze/mountain.



Lillingstone PYO

Buckingham, MK18 5AF

Cost: £10 per car (includes entry for everyone)

Travel time from Toddington: around 40mins

Play area with pedal karts, mud kitchen, slide, sand pits, duck racing, and more. Feed the farm animals, tractor trailer rides, face painting, and some dates have character meet and greets/magic shows.

Fantastic photo ops! Some activities are an additional cost. See their website for full details.



Pumpkin Patch at Frosts

Bedford, MK44 3QP

Travel time from Toddington: around 30 mins

Cost: £3.99 per person, under 1s free

Pumpkin patch with mini golf included in the price, great photo ops, ride ons, and storytelling. Some dates have character meets too.



The Patch MK

Milton Keynes, MK19 6DG

Travel time from Toddington: Around 35mins

Cost: Prices for 2024 TBC

The largest pumpkin patch in the area with lots of different photo ops, as well as different games, marshmallow toasting, barrel tractor rides, and slides. Some activities cost extra.



Farmer Pauls Pumpkins

Aylesbury, HP22 4DP

Cost: Free entry, just pay for your pumpkins

Travel time from Toddington: Around 30 mins

Pumpkins are laid out in sizes in a barn for you to choose from. There are some lovely photo ops such as the room on the broom witch. Its a shorter experience but much cheaper than others, and we always follow up with a trip to Watermead lake which is a few minutes away to feed the ducks (you can buy food at the shop) which makes a lovely day of it.

Other Patches in the area

- Hitchin Lavender - Hitchin, SG5 3UA (35 mins away)
- Overstone Grange Farm - Northampton NN3 7XA (40 mins away)
- Wappenham Farm - Towcester NN12 8SQ (50 mins away)
- Mr Worzels Pumpkins - Harwell nurseries Aylesbury, HP17 8RZ (40 mins away)
- Herrings Green Activity Farm - Wilstead, MK45 3DT (25 mins away) On selected dates you can pumpkin pick whilst being in with the goats!

Every year I always share a huge guide to local Halloween/half term activities with well over 50 different suggestions. Check out my socials or website if you'd like some more inspiration!



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The Ghost of Toddington Green



On Toddington Green, where children play,
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From centuries past, he came to stay,
Protecting the village night and day.
In olden clothes, he stands so tall,
Unseen, but there, he guards us all.
Each year, during Halloween night,
He reveals himself in a ghostly light.



Stay watchful, and you might see,
An unusual glow where shadows should be.
A soft, radiant, ghostly shimmering gleam,
A rare, bright glimpse, like a fleeting dream.
Though you may doubt what you have seen,
It's a sight you'll remember of a man once been.

When Halloween night is nearly all done,
After you've had your treats and finished your fun,
Head home to bed and close your eyes tight,
Knowing the ghost keeps watch until it's light.

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HALLOWEEN TRIVIA QUIZ

NO CHEATING! ANSWERS ON PAGE 31

1. What vegetable is traditionally carved into lanterns for Halloween in the UK?
a) Turnip b) Pumpkin
c) Potato
2. In the Harry Potter series, which character hosts a Halloween ghost party?
a) Nearly Headless Nick
b) The Fat Friar
c) Peeves the Poltergeist
3. In what year was the earliest known depiction of witches flying on broomsticks written?
a) 1683
b) 1451
c) 1890
4. The famous phrase "Trick or Treat" became popular in which century?
a) 16th century
b) 20th century
c) 19th century
5. What is the name of the popular Halloween cake made with fruit and wrapped in marzipan, traditionally eaten in Northern England?
a) Simnel Cake
b) Soul Cake
c) Parkin
6. The Celtic festival of Samhain is considered the origin of Halloween. What does "Samhain" mean?
a) End of summer
b) Harvest moon
c) Dark winter
7. Which fruit is traditionally used in the Halloween game of bobbing?
a) Apple
b) Pear
c) Orange
8. What spooky figure is said to roam on Halloween night looking for souls?
a) The Headless Horseman
b) The Grim Reaper
c) Dracula
9. Which film features the character Jack Skellington?
a) Hocus Pocus
b) The Nightmare Before Christmas
c) Beetlejuice
10. Halloween is also known as All Hallows' Eve. What is the following day called?
a) All Souls' Day
b) All Saints' Day
c) Day of the Dead
11. What traditional British activity is associated with "mischief night" before Halloween?
a) Doorbell ringing
b) Egg throwing
c) Bonfire lighting
12. In which century did Halloween begin to be celebrated in its modern form?
a) 18th century
b) 19th century
c) 20th century
13. Who wrote 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow'?
a) Washington Irving
b) Charles Dickens
c) Mary Shelley
14. What type of creature is Frankenstein's monster?
a) Zombie
b) Vampire
c) Artificial man
15. In which country did the tradition of Halloween costumes originate?
a) Ireland
b) Scotland
c) Germany

Answers on page 31

1-5 points: "Ghosted! You're as spooky as a kitten in a pumpkin patch."

6-10 points: "Creepin' it real! You're halfway to haunting success."

11-15 points: "Frightfully brilliant! You're a Halloween expert (or maybe a vampire in disguise)."



Sudoku #1167 (Easy)

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Sudoku #1167 (Hard)

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Solution can be found here with the #ref
 number <https://www.puzzles.ca/sudoku/>



Toddingdon Wellbeing Walks



Why not come and join us for an easy one hour walk?

We meet every Tuesday at Toddingdon Library at 10.20.

You'll be walking with others, feel safe, be supported, and have fun along the way.

We also have tea/coffee and a chat afterwards if you want to stay.

For more information visit <https://toddingdon.info/w4h/> or just turn up next Tuesday and give it a go!

Spot The Difference Game

There are eight differences in the images below. Can you spot them all and win the game?





MULTI FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

I have written about passwords already so hopefully now some of you will have taken the time to consider if you are using a strong password, especially for your primary email account!

MFA (Multi Factor Authentication) sometimes called 2FA (Two Factor Authentication) is a way to add extra security to your online accounts. Instead of just using a password, it requires something else to confirm it's really you. This second "factor" could be a code sent to your phone, your fingerprint, or even a special app.

So even if someone steals your password, they can't get into your account without this extra step. It's like adding another lock on your door to keep your information safer.

Here are some reasons why MFA or 2FA is good for personal cyber security.

- Enhanced Security: MFA adds an extra layer of protection beyond just a password, making it much harder for hackers to access your account even if your password is compromised.
- Prevents Unauthorized Access: Even if a hacker steals your password, they would still need the second factor (like a one-time code sent to your phone) to access your email or accounts.
- Mitigates Phishing Attacks: MFA can stop phishing attempts in their tracks, as attackers won't have the second factor needed to gain access, even if they trick you into giving up your password.
- Low Cost, High Impact: Enabling MFA is typically free and easy to set up, but it provides a significant increase in your overall cybersecurity defences.

So why am I mentioning it? Lots of digital services now enforce MFA or suggest it. However, there are many email users out there who have not activated or can't activate MFA for one reason or another. In my experience this is often for the older internet provider email addresses such as BT, NTL, Virgin, Sky, Tiscali etc. but not limited to these. Other email accounts do offer MFA but it is not turned on by default. You must look in security settings of your account to set it up. Sometimes this is not so straight forward for the legacy email accounts, so if you need help setting up MFA for your main email account just give me a call and together we can secure your online world.

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Grim Reaper Q9:(b) The Nightmare Before Christmas Q10:(b) All Saints' Day Q11:(b) Egg throwing Q12:(b)

19th century Q13:(a) Washington Irving Q14:(c) Artificial man Q15: (a) Ireland

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

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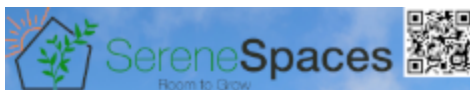
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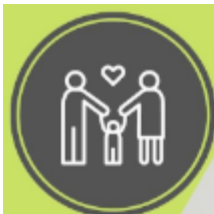
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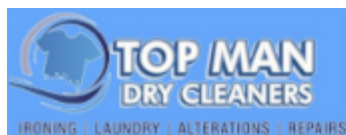
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The below lists dates and events planned during the year, for further information please contact the relevant organiser. Contact details can be found on page 42-43, Toddington Village Contacts

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
Wednesday	Carpet Bowls Club	2pm – 5pm	Village 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

October & November Events

Date	Event Name	Details	Location
Saturday 14 th Oct	Cheese & Wine Quiz: See page 14		Guide Building
Saturday 26 th Oct	RBL Coffee Morning	10:30am	Methodist Wesley Hall
Friday 1 st Nov	Pond Clearing	Contact the Parish Council office for details	Memorial Garden
Sunday 10 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	10:30am	Village Green
Monday 11 th Nov	Armistice Day Service	10:30am	Village Green
Saturday 30 th Nov	Christmas Event	Poster will go up closer to the time	Village Green

Toddington Village Contacts

HEALTH CONTACTS		Defibrillator Locations
Bedford Hospital	01234 355122	Toddington Library, Market Square LU5 6BP - On the wall outside
Doctor's surgery	01525 872222	Toddington Social & Services Club - On the wall outside to the left
Dentist	01525 577066	Parkfields Middle school - Left of front entrance
Luton and Dunstable Hospital	01582 491166	Unit 5 Crowbush Farm, Luton Road, Toddington, LU5 6HU
Opticians Toddington Eyecare	01525 875099	Life Threatening Medical Emergency: 999 Non life-threatening medical need: 111
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	
Police Station Luton		01582 401212

ADMINISTRATIVE & SOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Bedfordshire age UK	https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bedfordshire	01234 360510
Beds domestic abuse partnership	https://bedsdv.org.uk	
Citizens Advice Dunstable	https://www.dunstablecab.org.uk	01582 670003
Citizens Advice Consumer service	Trading Standards advise	03454 04 05 06
Mental health Beds open door young people	01234360388 /	07922105200
Post Office at Nisa		03457223344
Police non-serious crimes anti-social behave or anonymously via Crime stoppers	101 /	0800 555 111
Scams report scams or suspected scams to Action Fraud		0300 123 2040
Toddington Library		03003008069

CHURCHES

All Saints Chalgrave	Rev Linda Washington	01525 714442 / 07715 603557
Friends of St George's Church	f.brown950@btinternet.com	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	secretary@toddingtonbaptist.com	

Central Bedfordshire Council

Responsibilities: Potholes, Footpaths, Lighting, Trees, Pollution, Planning		
General Information	customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	0300 3008301
Reporting Problems	www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/reportit - Smartphone App search: 'FixMyStreet' in app store	
Report emergency	Report an emergency, such as a street light with wires exposed	0300 300 8049
Pollution	pollution@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	0300 300 8302
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Unitary Ward Councillors:	Cllr Mary Walsh	mary.walsh@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk 0300 300 8514
	Cllr Gary Purser	gary.purser@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk 0300 300 8548
Central Beds safeguarding		0300 300 8585 / 0300 300 8123

Toddington Parish Council, Other Village PC's & MP

Responsibilities: Luton Road Recreational Ground, Russel Rd Play Park, Crowbush, The Glebe, Memorial Garden, Village Green, Cemetery, Allotments		
Toddington Parish Council General Contact	info@toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk	01525 874312
Chalton Parish Council	clerk@chalton-pc.gov.uk	
Chalgrave Parish Council	phil@philparryassociates.co.uk	
Blake Stephenson	blake.stephenson.mp@parliament.uk	

If your local group would like to be listed here, please email: toddnews@outlook.com

SCHOOLS

Chalton Lower School		01525 872354
Harlington Upper School		01525 755100
Parkfields Middle School	schooladmin@parkfieldsschool.co.uk	01525 872555
St George's Lower School	admin@toddstg.co.uk	01525 872360
Toddington Childcare	admin@toddingtonchildcare.org.uk	

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 – Messy Church	facebook.com/toddingtontots - toddingtontots@gmail.com - Nicki 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@rockandredeemvineyard.com	07376 019437
Scouting – Karen Calder	gls@toddingtonscoutgroup.org - www.toddingtonscoutsonline.co.uk	
St George's Youth group	Rev Linda Washington	07715 603557

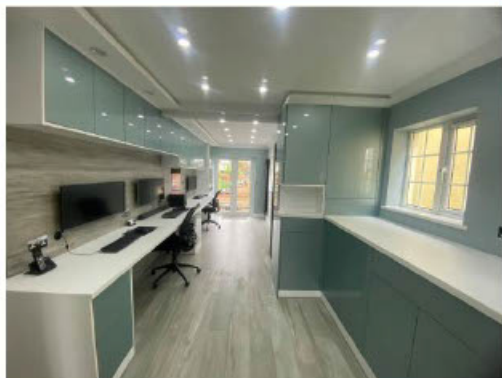
HALLS

Chalgrave Memorial Hall – Phil Parry	chalgravememorialhall1@gmail.com	
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 Wiliams	01525 872548
For Painting for Pleasure & St George's Fellowship & Tuesday Knitters	Dee Curis	01525 872649
Music Makers – Ruth Robinson	ruth.christine.robinson@gmail.com	
Open Door lunch club - Colin Maskell		01525 752463
Toddington Trefoil Guild	hornsbyjanet@btinternet.com	01525 875203
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 Magazine	toddnews@outlook.com	
U3A – Sue Barrow	suej.barrow@outlook.com	07712 810671
Rotary Club of Dunstable Downs	tonygt@tds@gmail.com	01525 874393
Toddington Music Makers - Ruth Robinson	info@toddingtonmusicmakers.co.uk	01525 874326
Toddington Singing Café - Ruth Robinson	info@toddingtonsingingscafe.co.uk	01525 874326
Wednesday Art Group	Jbgsilsoe@gmail.com	01525 861053

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