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Welcome to our first edition of the Toddington Village Magazine.

The Toddington Village Magazine is returning with thanks to a small group of residents volunteering their time. This is all new to us, so we ask you to bear with us as we get the magazine up and running. We are so pleased after some time in planning, to now see the magazine in print, we hope you are too after so many messages of support to bring this back.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do contact the team via the email below or drop a note into the Parish Council offices.

Best wishes from

The Committee

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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

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in Toddington Village Hall and start at 7:30pm. Dates are:- 12th March, 9th April + Annual Meeting (8pm), 14th May, 11th June, 9th July, 13th August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.

The Parish Council - The voice of local people.

Toddington Parish Council is the closest tier of government to our community, and we have the responsibility of making decisions on behalf of the people of the Parish. We sit directly under our Unitary Council Central Bedfordshire.

Often the first point of call for resident's queries and concerns, the Parish Council takes our duty to serve the people of Toddington seriously and we want to see our village flourish. Therefore, we encourage people to come forward to let us know what they want from us and suggest ways that we could do things better.



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

Crowbush	Luton Road Recreational Ground	Russell Road Play Park
The Glebe	The Memorial Garden	The Village Green
Toddington Cemetery	Toddington Allotments	

Save the Date

Pond	Friday
Clearing	1st
Date	November

Christmas	Saturday
Event	30 th
(Village Green)	November

Over the last year or so – we have hosted several events – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event, The King's Coronation Event last Summer at Luton Road Recreation and the Toddington Christmas Events on the Village Green.

We have been involved in the Queens Canopy Planting Event around the village.

Benches have been installed around the Village – to celebrate the Queens' Platinum Jubilee at Crowbush and a Memorial bench in the Memorial Gardens for the late Queen Elizabeth II. Also, a new circular bench has been installed around The Village Green sign.

New Christmas Lights on the large tree have been installed and we have planted a new real Christmas Tree on the Green and look forward in the coming years, once established, this becoming a focal point during the festive season.



On-going Projects

Over the coming months we will receive an upgraded play park with all new equipment for the Community to use with further landscaping expanding this area. Within the area will be some areas for seating and picnic tables.

The Glebe will also see some changes with improved parking and improved green infrastructure, with additional planting complemented with additional benches, interpretation table, and signage boards.

We are looking to improve several of our village assets during the year – such as The Village Sign, and improvements to the Memorial Garden and will keep you updated as these projects progress.



Other ways to get Involved

You don't have to be a Councillor to get involved in Parish work, if you want to keep abreast of decisions, all of our



meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for public participation if there is something in particular that you want to bring to the Council. All our meetings are publicised on our noticeboards at the Village Green, by the Post Office and outside the Village Hall, as well as on our Website. You'll also find our minutes published on the Website.

In addition, our Annual Parish meeting in April is a little less formal, a time when we award our Grants and Recognition Awards will be presented. The meeting usually ends in a few nibbles and drinks and offers the opportunity to speak to Councillors in a relaxed atmosphere.

Currently we have nine Councillors and are looking for two new Councillors to fill our vacancies. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

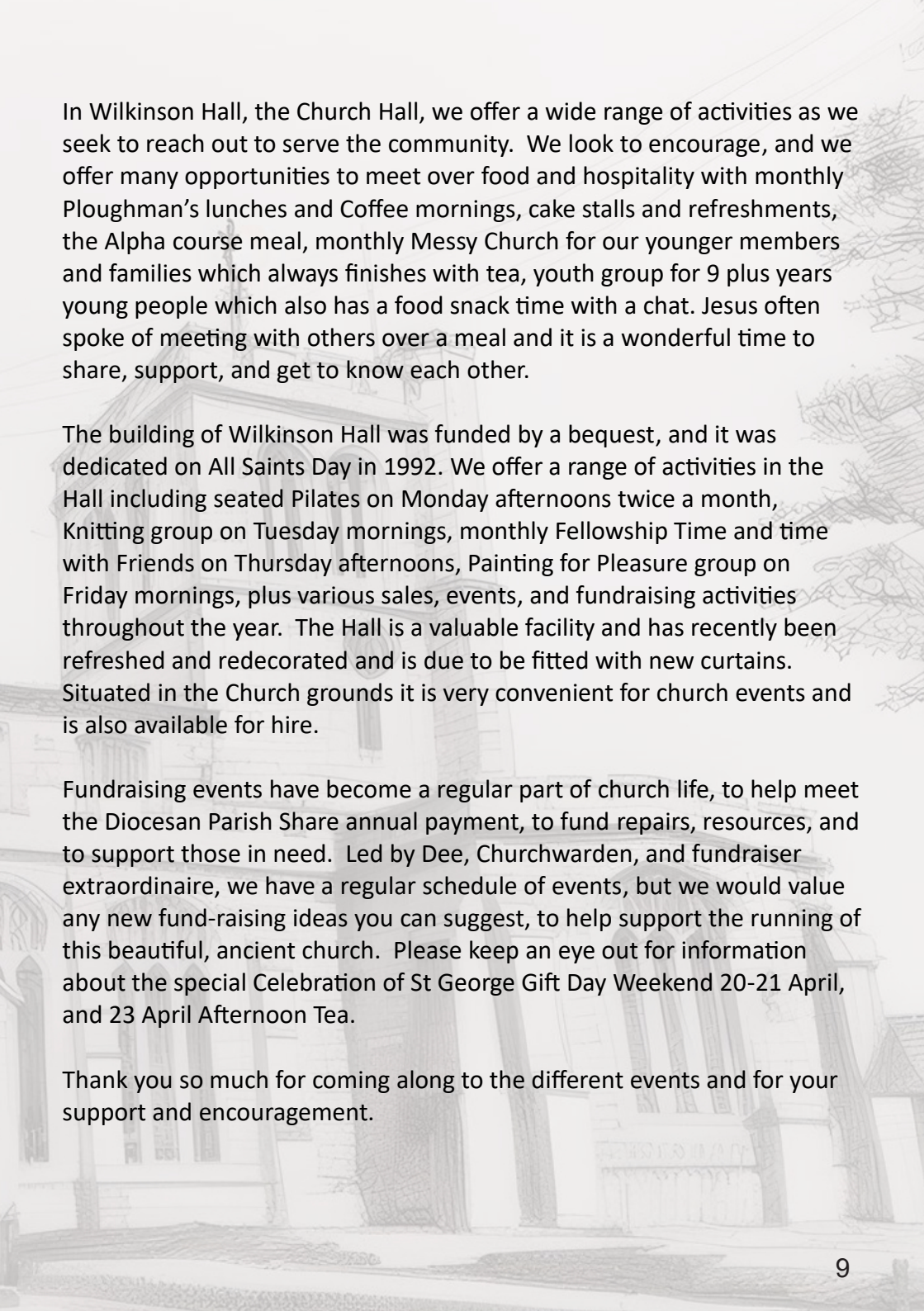
St George of England Church, Toddington

The special, 800 year old Anglican parish church of St George, sits alongside the Village Green, at the heart of the Village, where it has stood for so many years. Many people will have come to the church to be married, baptised, to pray, worship, to be confirmed, to sing in the choir, play the organ, or for a whole variety of reasons. Folks remember climbing the church tower to look out across the village and the recent school visit on Shrove Tuesday to Conger Lane stirred many memories of times past when Old Boys had done the same visit many years before, with the church bell ringing out at 12 noon.

The church has been part of many peoples' lives over the years and has witnessed many rites of passage. The church oozes history with medieval wall paintings, the external frieze of animals, Cheyne Chapel, and memorial to Lady Wentworth, and - as recent photos on Facebook have shown - people connect with the history, and the memory of connection. The church is important to many people.

Recent restoration work inside the church revealed the beautiful handiwork of tradesmen hundreds of years ago who formed the sturdy stone church walls - so strong and meticulously crafted. It was fascinating to discover some memorial plaques behind the main altar dating back to the 1600's, which were previously unseen.

We are keen that the church is a welcoming church, a place of respite and solace, a place of peace for those who need it, but also a place where we can gather together at special times, as family and community, to worship on a Sunday, for special services or occasions, or to listen to a concert another time, for mums and their children to pop by to look around, for visitors from afar to come and connect. People have different reasons for coming... but the church is an important place. As church, we seek to do what Jesus would have done.. to love and to care, to support and to offer hospitality. Some people who visit may have a deep faith whilst others might be searching but whatever the situation – we want to offer you a warm and caring welcome.



In Wilkinson Hall, the Church Hall, we offer a wide range of activities as we seek to reach out to serve the community. We look to encourage, and we offer many opportunities to meet over food and hospitality with monthly Ploughman's lunches and Coffee mornings, cake stalls and refreshments, the Alpha course meal, monthly Messy Church for our younger members and families which always finishes with tea, youth group for 9 plus years young people which also has a food snack time with a chat. Jesus often spoke of meeting with others over a meal and it is a wonderful time to share, support, and get to know each other.

The building of Wilkinson Hall was funded by a bequest, and it was dedicated on All Saints Day in 1992. We offer a range of activities in the Hall including seated Pilates on Monday afternoons twice a month, Knitting group on Tuesday mornings, monthly Fellowship Time and time with Friends on Thursday afternoons, Painting for Pleasure group on Friday mornings, plus various sales, events, and fundraising activities throughout the year. The Hall is a valuable facility and has recently been refreshed and redecorated and is due to be fitted with new curtains. Situated in the Church grounds it is very convenient for church events and is also available for hire.

Fundraising events have become a regular part of church life, to help meet the Diocesan Parish Share annual payment, to fund repairs, resources, and to support those in need. Led by Dee, Churchwarden, and fundraiser extraordinaire, we have a regular schedule of events, but we would value any new fund-raising ideas you can suggest, to help support the running of this beautiful, ancient church. Please keep an eye out for information about the special Celebration of St George Gift Day Weekend 20-21 April, and 23 April Afternoon Tea.

Thank you so much for coming along to the different events and for your support and encouragement.

St George of England Church, Toddington

'What's On' April and May 2024,

St George, Toddington and All Saints, Chalgrave

Sunday Services:

9.30am Holy Communion, All Saints, Chalgrave

11am Holy Communion, St George's Toddington

6pm Evensong, Toddington Church, 3rd Sunday of the month.

Mondays:

9.30am Morning Prayer, Toddington Church

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

Tuesdays:

10.30am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

5.45pm Youth Group twice a month, Yrs 5 upwards, Wilkinson Hall

2-4pm 23 April, St George's Day Afternoon Tea, Wilkinson Hall

Wednesdays:

11am, 4th Wednesday, Pop-Up Tea Room, Tebworth Memorial Hall, 24 April and 22 May

Thursdays:

12 noon wk 1, Ploughman's lunch, Wilkinson Hall 4 April, 2 May

2pm wk 2, Time with Friends, Wilkinson Hall 11 April, 9 May

2pm wk 3, St George's Fellowship Time, Wilkinson Hall 18 April, 16 May

Fridays:

10.30am Painting for Pleasure, Wilkinson Hall, weekly

3.30pm Messy Church, Wilkinson Hall, 26 April, 24 May, 28 June, 26 July

Saturdays:

10am Coffee Morning, Wilkinson Hall, 13 April, 11 May

2.30pm Music Society Concert, Toddington Church, 20 April

20th St George's Gift Day weekend with Art Display, Concert, and activities. More info to follow.

Sundays:

21st St George's Gift Day weekend with Art Display and activities.

28th April Bishop Richard - Chalgrave and Toddington morning services

Rev Linda Washington, Rector

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or Dee Curtis re Toddington, and Sandy Ryan re Chalgrave,

All Saints Church, Chalgrave

The beautiful church of All Saints Church Chalgrave has been looking very different these days with scaffolding in the Nave reaching high to the roof and plastic sheeting covering the pews, and the organ, while structural investigations have been taking place to check the interior roof area.

We are currently having our Sunday 9:30am services in the Chancel where there is a very special feeling, as we sit in the choir stalls, joining in our worship together. Despite the restoration work, it is important and special to gather together, and we warmly invite you to join us.

During 2023, restoration work was completed at one end of a chancel roof beam, but the issue highlighted the need to check the beams in the Nave.

Recent investigations revealed there are several roof beams in need of urgent repair, so scaffolding has been erected, and now the structural engineer has identified the work as urgent, it will hopefully be underway soon.

Unfortunately, the work will be very costly....in excess of the initial investigative quote of £27,000. We will apply for grants to help cover the costs, with guidance from the diocese, and pray that any applications will be successful. Unfortunately, many grant bodies won't consider grant applications if the work has already begun so the urgency of this work may preclude some applications. 'Any, and all' donations for the repairs, or fundraising ideas, would be greatly appreciated. Sadly, while the restoration work takes place, we can't offer any of our usual fundraising and social activities in church.

Our Pop Up Tea Room continues to be popular and is held at Chalgrave Memorial Hall in Tebworth on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We serve soup, quiches, sausage rolls, scones and lots of yummy cakes. It's a wonderful opportunity to have a chat and make some new friends. All age groups are welcome. Next dates are: April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th, July 24th. No pop up in August.

Save the date: Saturday, November 9th for our Christmas Craft Fair at Chalgrave Memorial Hall. Back again this year by popular demand. 😊

We are a happy church group who are keen to develop links within the parish. It has been a privilege to be involved in the Pop-Up Tea room monthly event and we look forward to supporting other village events too.

More information about our services and events are available on the church website: www.allsaintschalgrave.org.uk, Chalgrave Church (All Saints) page on 'A Church Near You' site: , or on our facebook page.

Please contact Rev Linda for information about Youth Group for children aged 9-13 yrs, Messy Church (for younger children and families), or for pastoral support or prayer, or with enquiries about baptisms, weddings etc.

Rev Linda Washington.
Telephone: 07715 603557

Email: revdchalgrave@gmail.com

Friends of Toddington Parish Church

Registered Charity Number 1028538

Friends of Toddington Parish Church is a charity which exists to provide grants for restoration and repair of St George of England Church, Toddington. Our lovely village church is now over 800 years old and, there is always something to do. The current priority is repair of the plasterwork on areas of the interior.

We raise money in two ways:

- 1 **Membership.** This costs as little as £5 per year but can be whatever you wish to give. If you can Gift Aid your donations this can make them worth 25% more when we reclaim the tax.
- 2 **Fundraising events.** We run a range of fundraising events through the year including the Open Gardens weekend and the Christmas Tree Festival.

Over the years we have been able to give grants to the church of over £220,000 but we can only do this with your help. Please consider how you can help to keep our church in good repair. If you would like to make a one-off donation or a regular contribution please contact Fran Brown on 01525 872501 or e-mail f.brown950@btinternet.com.

If you would be willing to open your garden (the event this year will be on the weekend of Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July 2024 and you can open for one or both days) please contact Sue Ballinger on 01525 630460.

Our next event will be an Afternoon Tea to celebrate St George's day on Tuesday 23rd April 2024. Time will be 2.00 to 4.00 pm in the Wilkinson Hall. Tickets, to be booked in advance, cost £12.50. For more information contact Fran Brown (f.brown950@btinternet.com).

Keep an eye out for other events through the year – we will be running a Hymns and Pimms evening and perhaps a Garden Party in the summer.



Plaster being removed from behind the altar



The altar veiled in plastic to protect it from plaster dust

Toddington Methodist Church

www.toddingtonmethodist.org.uk



Minister: Rev Seung-Wook Jung

Tel: 372289

Services

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

April

- 7th MUDDY CHURCH* at 10am
- 7th Revd. Jenny Spouge (ZOOM)
- 14th Revd. Seung-wook Jung
Holy Communion in church
- 21st Tania Stanford
- 28th Tina Salmon

May

- 5th MUDDY CHURCH* at 10am
- 5th Revd. Jenny Spouge (ZOOM)
- 12th Revd. Seung-wook Jung
Holy Communion in church
- 19th Tania Stanford Café Worship
- 26th Chris Berry

*Muddy Church a 30min outdoor activity.

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

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

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

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

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

HOLIDAY 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

80th Anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Landings.

Toddington Royal British Legion will be Remembering and celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Landings, at the Village Green on the 6th and 8th of June 2024.



At 8:45pm, 6th June we will be holding a Remembrance Service with the Lighting of the Village Beacon in memory of the servicemen and women involved in the landings in 1944.

At 6pm on the 8th June 2024, we will be holding a D-Day Event with the Ukie Toons Ukelele Band, with hot food stall, and ice cream van.

**Village Beacon Lightings at 9:15pm
Everyone is welcome.**

TODDINGTON CARPET BOWLING CLUB

Our current sessions are at the Village hall on Mondays from 7pm – 9pm and Wednesdays 2pm – 5pm with a tea break. First 2 taster sessions are free, and then £10 for an annual membership and £3 per session. No obligation to attend. It's a game that is simple to learn, suitable for all and is totally inclusive.

How we began... TCBC owes its existence to a voluntary group formed in 1999, celebrating the new millennium; one of the ideas put forward was the possibility of starting a club. This did not actually go ahead but Eddie Hedley sent out flyers to see who was interested and with such good interest the Village hall was booked, a donated carpet and 2 sets of bowls found. Initially Derek Payne knew how to play the game and the club started to grow. Funds grew and we now have 4 carpets that can be played at once. In time we joined Bedfordshire Carpet Bowl Association to play against other teams.

Social side... Obviously there is the social aspect of coming to normal sessions to play and enjoy each other's company but we also have a summer get together such as an Afternoon tea, there have been days out in the past and also a Christmas meal each year. We are always open to new ideas for social events too.

The broader carpet bowls community... For many years various members and their partners have attend the annual English Carpet Bowls association's Festival of Carpet Bowls at Potters Resorts in Norfolk (famous for hosting the annual televised World Bowls Festivals) This 4 day festival is enhanced by the all-inclusive food and drink, lovely accommodation and entertainment provided as well as the bowls.

We also participate in day events at Barton Village Hall playing against other Bedfordshire teams in competitions for Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks (4 in a team) which are well attended and exciting to be involved with if you chose to do so. We have matches in the Bedfordshire league against other clubs throughout Bedfordshire and some members as previously stated play in the Eastern Counties Carpet bowls Leagues for the Bedfordshire team too.

Want more information?

Email our secretary at sue.bollins@ntlworld.com Or better still pop and have a go!

Welcome to Toddington Library

Who are we and what do we offer?

Before it became our beautiful library on 9th June 1972, the building itself had been around for over a century with records to show that in 1910 it was a family run bakers shop. Toddington Library is easily accessible, welcoming and is vital in reducing social isolation. We have a car park to the rear of the building and 2 disabled parking spaces at the front. We are located on the green at 9 Market Square (Next to the Oddfellows).

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 45 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. The library has also hosted the Librarian Theatre, book launches and author visits which are always very well attended.

Let's not forget the youngsters! We have free crafts every day of all school holidays suitable for all ages. We also provide other activities such as Bee-Bots (our friendly programmable robots), jigsaws and ticketed events. School/nursery visits are encouraged too alongside our popular Rhyme and story time which is held every Thursday 10-11am. For slightly older children we host a Lego Club on Saturday mornings which is followed by a Board Game Club. And for even older children, our library is the perfect place to study – providing free internet usage and access to 7 computers with printing and photocopying facilities.

Things to do in the school holidays

We will be running free crafts on 2nd-13th April and 27th-1st June. Additionally, we will be holding competitions with the opportunity to win prizes!

Scan the QR code to join the library today!

Opening Hours

Mon: Closed

Tue: 9-1am

Wed: 2-6pm

Thu: 9-1am

Fri: 9-1am, 2-6pm

Sat: 9-4pm

Sun: Closed



Toddington Community Garden

The garden is situated behind the Wesley Hall at the Methodist Church and is run by a small group of volunteers.

The garden was started nearly 9 years ago with an aim to provide edible and organically grown fruit and vegetables. To start with the area was an overgrown patch of grass that had been used as a dumping ground over the last 100 + years. The amount of old metal we have found (and which keeps appearing!) is incredible.

Every year we provide the village with vegetables, fruit and herbs – all free for anyone to come and pick throughout the growing seasons. The garden is open access and has paths around the outside that can be used by wheelchairs and prams with care. We also have seating so people can sit and read or relax in what is a very sunny and peaceful space.

Our volunteers are in the garden on Wednesday mornings from 10-11.30 and Friday afternoons 2 – 4 and we are always pleased to have visitors or volunteers to help out!

Our plans for this year include growing more salad crops and even some popcorn! Herbs are always popular, and we have lots of edible flowers too. We usually grow tomatoes, runner beans, courgettes, peas, kale, carrots, strawberries, raspberries and much more.

We also have plans for a nature and wildflower area to attract the bees and other beneficial bugs and wildlife.

If you would like to see more information about the garden, please follow us on Facebook (Toddington Community Garden) or pop along on one of our gardening days!

For further information please contact Wendy on 01525 873871

HARVESTING NOW!

Good to pick in the garden in April and May will be herbs, lovely young rhubarb, early peas and broad beans.

We will be starting off our sweet corn, courgettes and pumpkins in doors ready to plant out at the end of May. Our runner beans will also be planted then as well as tomatoes. This is an exciting time in the garden so pop along to see what's growing!



Toddington Rovers Football Club



Club Update

Toddington Rovers Football Club are proud this year to support the membership of 200 children living within Toddington and the surrounding villages.

One of our main ambitions is to provide a safe and enjoyable opportunity for children to come together to enjoy the sport and to engage with each other, never has this been more important and we are proud of our club officers and coaching community in their pursuit to provide both physical and psychological benefits to members.

This year there have been two new U7s teams coming from our early year's academy led by our new coaches Aran Braybrooke, Richard Lugamayer and Gareth Fear. We are also thrilled that our Walking Football team led by Dave Dixon and our adult team led by Harry Drummond are building upon last season and both sets of players enjoying a fine season. If you want to get involved, please contact us via our website or via our social media pages.

Club Development Plan

Over the past 3 years, club officers have been working on ways to improve the facilities we have in Toddington. We have secured a long-term service agreement for The Glebe with the Parish Council and this has enabled us to apply and be awarded a grant from the Football Foundation. We have been awarded a six-year grant of £54,000 to be utilised on grass pitch remediation, and in addition the football club will be investing a further £27,000 over the same period. This is just the beginning of an exciting time to be part of Toddington Rovers, the club are working with the Parish Council to improve car parking provisions at the Glebe and hope to share some further news in the near future.



Club Events

On the 17th December we held our Xmas Party for Academy members and U7/U8 players. We love being able to hold this event for our younger members and this year was even more special as we thanked one of our long-term sponsors for their continued support of the club. Graham Bull of Industrial Comms has been supporting and sponsoring the club for well over 15+ years and his continued sponsorship of The Academy and, for this season, the U8 Wolverines is greatly appreciated by everyone involved with the club.

Contact us: Toddingtonroversfc.co.uk

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Hey kids!

Discover Your Toddington

Let's explore Toddington's past and current time,
Tick off each item you know about in this short rhyme.



In Toddington's past a 13th century castle did stand.
Now only a large mound can be seen on Conger Hill's land.



Look out for the old water pump, a gem on The Green.
Pumping water in the 1940's, now preserved to be seen.



Toddington's Town Band started over one hundred years ago,
Their regular performances on The Green still steals the show.



The village library, nestled by The Green, opened its doors in '72.
Once a bakery shop, where you could buy a delicious cake or two.



For almost 800 years St. George's Church, with its ancient grace,
Stands on the green, a sacred and historic Christian worship place.



Tads Theatre on Conger Lane promises a delightful time.
Keep an eye out for shows and their annual pantomime.



This rhyme has reached the end it's true,
But Toddington holds MANY more wonders for you!

Take up the challenge, seek what you've not ticked and found,
and find five more wonders in your village, look all around!



Mumday Funday

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

Hi! I'm Lauren, a Toddington Mum of two boys. I've lived in the village for over 10 years, and in 2017 I started a blog to recommend things for families to do in the local area. With the Easter Holidays upon us, and May half term on the horizon, I thought I'd start by sharing some of our favourite low cost days out.

Johnsons of Old Hurst

Huntingdon, PE28 3AF

Travel time from Toddington: around 50mins

Cost: £4 per adult, £3 per child, under 3s free

An absolute bargain zoo day out! They have bears, lions, meerkats, Puma, birds, a large tropical house with reptiles and so many crocs, and many more species. Plus play areas, places to eat, and a woodland trail



Leavesden Country Park

Abbots Langley, WD5 ONX

Travel time from Toddington: around 35 mins

Cost: Free parking and entry

Two fab play areas, sports courts, plus a parkour zone. Beautiful park space, with scooter/bike friendly paths and a heritage sculpture trail to follow. Cafe and toilets





Abington Park

Northampton, NN1 5LW

Travel time from Toddington: around 38mins

Cost: Free to visit/park

Big play area, assault course, outdoor gym equipment, tennis courts. Plus a free museum with lots of exhibits looking at history of the area. A row of bird aviaries, and also seasonal boating on the lake.

Barton Springs

Barton-Le-Clay, Church Rd MK45 4LA

Travel time from Toddington: 15 mins

Cost: Free to visit/park

Lovely nature reserve with excellent views from the hills, and lots of paddling spots/stepping stones to explore



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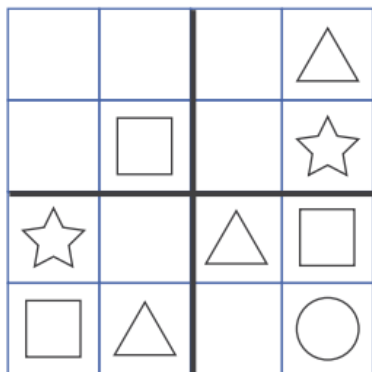
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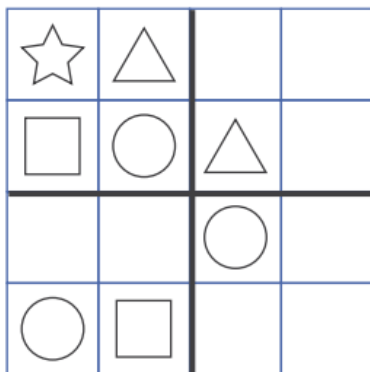
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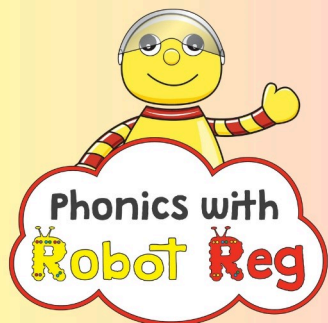
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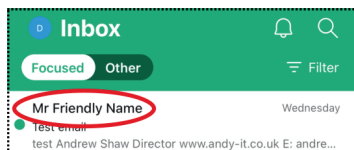
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- Urgent offers or prompts to "click here/now" for quick responses.
- Lack of personalized address, indicating unfamiliarity with the recipient.
- Spelling and grammar errors, although phishing emails are becoming more refined.
- Familiar-looking imagery or design that feels off.
- Encouragement to click on unknown links; instead, visit the organization's website directly.
- Requests for personal data.
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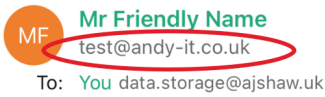


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HALLS & LOCATIONS

Chalgrave Memorial Hall	CH	St Georges School	STG
Guide Building	GB	Social and Services Club	SS
Methodist Wesley Hall	ME	Village Hall	VH
Scout Hut	SH	Wilkinson Hall	WH
St Georges Church	STC	Village Green	VG
Toddington Baptist Church	TBC		

WEEKLY

Monday	Bible study group	2.00 - 3.30	ME
Monday	Childrens Dance	3.30 - 7.30	STG
Monday	Rockabye Baby: Baby & u5's	10.00	TBC
Monday	Rainbows	4.45 - 5.45	GB
Monday	Brownies	6.00 - 7.30	GB
Monday	Beavers	6.30 - 19.30	SH
Monday	Carpet Bowling club	7.00 - 9.00	VH
Tuesday	Toddington Tots: Baby & u5's	9.30 - 11.00	VH
Tuesday	Pilates & Stretch	9.30 - 10.30	ME
Tuesday	Knitting group	10.30	WH
Wednesday	Community Garden	10.00 - 11.30	ME
Wednesday	Hurley Burley: Baby & u5's	9.00 - 11.00	TBC
Thursday	Phonics with Robot Reg	Check with contact	GB
Thursday	Childrens Dance	3.30 - 6.00	STG
Thursday	Pilates & Stretch	6.30 - 7.30	STG
Friday	Pilates & Stretch	9.00 - 10.00	ME
Friday	Painting for pleasure	10.30	WH
Friday	Community Garden	2.00 - 4.00	ME
Friday	Cubs	6.00 - 7.30	SH
Friday	Scouts	8.00 - 21.30	SH

MONTHLY

1 st Sunday	Muddy Church	10.00	ME
2 nd Sunday	Creative Space	2.00 - 3.30	ME
2 nd Tuesday	Guild & Games	2.00 - 3.30	ME
1 st Wednesday	Pudding Club		ME
1 st Thursday	Ploughman's Lunch	12.00	WH
2 nd Thursday	Time with Friends	2.00	WH
3 rd Thursday	St Georges Fellowship	2.00	WH
4 th Friday	Messy Church	3.30	WH
1 st Saturday	Coffee Morning	10.30 - 12.00	ME
2 nd Saturday	Coffee Morning	10.00	WH

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 20 th April	Music Society Concert	2.30	STC
Tuesday 23 rd April	St Georges Day afternoon tea	2.00 - 4.00	WH
Thursday 6 th June	RBL - D-Day Service	8.45	Village Green
Saturday 8 th June	RBL - D-Day Event	6.00 - 9.30	Village Green
Saturday 22nd June	Toddington Village Fete	12.00 - 17.00	Village Green
Sat 6 th - Sun 7 th July	Open Gardens	TBC	Village

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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

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Friday Painting for Pleasure	Dee Curtis	01525 872649
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