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Toddington Village Newsletter

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PARISH COUNCILLORS - Joe Humber (Chairman), David White, Dan Blake, Margaret Merritt, and Hubert Alvis.
At the last meeting the following planning application was discussed:

Wellington Meadows Olde Lane Toddington (15/00828/FUL) Erection of detached farm building comprising barn and store.

This application was refused.

Oak Farm, Toddington 16/00070/FUL - First floor rear extension & associated alterations.

Holloway Farm, Toddington 16/00018/FUL - External alterations to the property.

The above applications were discussed and the Parish Council had no comments to add.

A revised proposed plan for the site south of the B4077 15/00394/OUT

Residents present were very unhappy with this further amendment and believe it still amounts to an urban development in a very rural setting in land that floods and which carries run off water from the opposite side of the road and backing fields. If this flood alleviation drainage route is blocked it will cause properties to flood on the other side of the road.

The sewage issues do not appear to have been addressed.

The Council informed residents that they could put further objections to TBC .

The Parish Council decided to resubmit its earlier objections with added clauses.

The issue of half the Toddington Community not gaining from the upgrading to faster broadband is to be taken up with the County Council.

Also don't forget the minutes of the latest parish council meeting can also be found on our website. Please visit our site at www.toddingtonpc-glos.org to keep up-to-date.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 14th March In the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Kate Sales, Clerk to Toddington Parish Council

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GARDENING CLUB TO MORPH INTO A SOCIAL CLUB

Although some of the details need to be ironed out, the Toddington and District Gardening Club decided at a recent AGM that the social aspects of its objectives are more appreciated than its attempts to enthuse on gardening subjects.

Although the Club has members who are excellent gardeners and garden visits in the summer months, especially if accompanied with wine and nibbles are very rewarding, the winter meetings are less well attended

The winter months could therefore host a series of events which are nothing to do with gardening and would attract a greater interest within the community.

Although some of the details need to be ironed out, the key proposals agreed were

- The Toddington and District Gardening Club would be wound up.
- There would be a social Club Committee attached to but independent of the Village Hall Committee and David Robinson and Alan Corlett volunteered to become members with Stuart and Sue Lewis volunteering to act as Treasurer. Other members of the Gardening club volunteered to help with social events. This would expand the work being done by Chris Holder and Penny Heath
- Any funds left in the Gardening Club to be transferred to the new Social Club.

This new approach would be discussed by the Village Hall Committee meeting at a date to be confirmed in April..

VILLAGE HALL

Dates are still awaited from the Community Heartbeat Trust for Defibrillator familiarisation sessions and this is now likely to slip to March. More information on the defibrillator and its use will be posted on the Village Hall and Parish Council Websites in the near future.

Toddington School and its possible Sale

As reported in the September issue of the Newsletter, the Parish Council applied for a right to buy the building as a community asset .

A group of representatives from the Parish Council, the Village Hall, ex Governors of the School and others have started a Village SOS project,

Gloucestershire County Council now state that permission to sell the School is required from the Education Funding Agency (a Government Department) A process which could take 3 months. Progress will therefore be slower than we would like.

FENCING. The first stage of fencing the rear of the Village Hall land from the front carpark has started but progress has been slow. We may later look at the Fence between the land and the road.

ADDITIONAL STORAGE. The Office has now been converted into a lockable storage room with units and shelves.

BOOKINGS.

Julia Macphie will take over the bookings invoicing and banking for the Village Hall starting in February. Dan Blake would like to take a step back from the running of the hall whilst still being Chair of Trustees and is delighted that Julia has "volunteered" to take on this role. Julia already looks after the website which she restructured completely 2 years ago.

WATER LEAK. Some time has been spent in February tracing a leak of water from the rainwater tanks only to find that two flush valves needed replacement.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sue welcomed everyone including a visitor who we hope will become a member,.

Sue, who celebrated her birthday the weekend before the meeting, was given chocolates as a thankyou for all the birthday cor-sages she prepares for every members birthday.

We discussed the resolutions to be put to the national meeting and found that the ones we thought were important are very different from those of the County. We wait for the AGM to see what goes forward. We have decided to celebrate our WI's 70th Birthday with a trip to Waddestone Manor and Gardens including afternoon tea.

Our speaker, Clive Field, of the Cotswold Canals Trust gave a fascinating talk on the area from the Severn to the Thames, which has seen much restoration over the years. This work has been carried out in the main by volunteers. He explained that Stroud became a hive of industry when the canals were installed carrying coal corn and wool in 1779. This led to Mills being established and communities grown.

This was an excellent insight into something on our doorstep.

Helen Marsh thanked Clive, being a canal boat owner herself she knew how much the restoration work meant as she and Brian tour the country on the waterways.

The next meeting is on March 1st and the subject will be 'The Land Army'

FUTURE CHURCH SERVICES 2016

Date	Time	Church (or location)	Service	Notes
Sunday February 28	9:30am	Toddington, St Andrew's	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday February 28	6:30pm	Toddington, St Andrew's	NO SERVICE	
Sunday March 6	10:00am	Toddington, St Andrew's	Family Service	Mothering Sunday
Sunday March 13	9:30am	Stanway, St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)	Passion Sunday
Sunday March 20	9:30am	Didbrook, St George's	Holy Communion (CW)	Palm Sunday
Thursday March 24	7:00pm	Buckland, St Michael's	Holy Communion (CW)	Maundy Thursday
Friday March 25	2:00pm	Toddington, St Andrew's	Devotional Service	Good Friday
Saturday March 26	7:00pm	Hailes Church	Easter Service of Light	Easter Eve
Sunday March 27	11:00am	Stanway, St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)	Easter Sunday
Sunday March 27	6:30pm	Toddington, St Andrew's	Choral Evensong (BCP)	Easter Sunday

Lent Lunches in Toddington - UPDATED FROM MONTH!!!!

Once again we are having a series of Lent lunches on Wednesdays in Lent from 12noon to 1.30pm and costing £5. All proceeds to Toddington church funds.

Wed 24 February Pam Holmes The Old Dairy, Raymeadow FarmDumbleton 01242 621142

Wed 2 March Penny Heath Toddington Mill 01242 621301 Venue Change

Wed 9 March Sue Brooks 3 Grove View, Market Lane, Greet 01242 603693 Venue Change

Tue 15 March Jill Mann 8 Broadway Rd, Toddington 01242 621395 New

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.Wednesday Evenings.
Juniors 6.30 to 7.30pm
Adults 7.30 to 9.00pm

Joe Humber on 01242 621330

SHORT MAT BOWLS.
Thursday evenings 7.30pm

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