



PRESS RELEASE

BOOK LAUNCH FOR TODDINGTON WI

Toddington WI are launching a new book called “ A History and Memories of Toddington”. The carefully researched history traces life from the village’s beginnings as a prehistoric settlement through to the present day. There are details of the lives of the Tracey family (the Lords of Sudeley) as well as first hand memories from villagers of life in the last century along with many photos.

The WI itself has played an active role in the village for 60 years and they’ve been working on recording Toddington’s history for much of that time. In 1955, WIs across the country took part in a national initiative to write the history of their local areas. So Margaret Prance, then President of Toddington WI, took on the challenge of recording details of life over the previous hundred years in the village. Then in 1991, Helen McCarthy, another WI member, agreed to both update that history and to go right back in time to the village’s origins. Today an Awards for All grant from the National Lottery Fund has enabled the WI to bring the story bang up to date with Helen’s help, and to fulfil their wish to finally see it published.

WI President Elaine Webb says: “This final element – getting the book published – has been a steep learning curve for everyone, but we’re very proud of it, and we’re sure anyone interested in Toddington or in village history, will want to read it.”

The book will be officially launched at Toddington Village Hall at 7.00pm on Friday 29th September. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. It will be on sale at £12.50 from Toddington Garden Centre and the Tourist Information Centre in Winchcombe from 30th September or from Toddington WI on 01242 602217.

Notes for Editors:

You are invited to send a reporter/photographer to the book launch on Friday 29th September at Toddington Village Hall between 6pm and 9pm. The official launch will be at 7.00pm followed by refreshments.

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