



Tormarton Newsletter

October
2017

TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

Diary

Sat 7 Oct	9 am – 12 pm	Tormarton Churchyard clear-up
Sun 15 Oct	12 for 12.30 pm	Tormarton Harvest Festival Lunch in the Parish Hall
Mon 16 Oct	8.30 pm	100 Club draw at The Major's Retreat
Tues 17 Oct	6.30 pm	Parish Council Committee Meeting in the Hall Committee Room
Sat 21 Oct	7.30 pm	Academy of Ancient Music Concert at St. James's West Littleton
Sun 29 Oct	10.30 am	Benefice Family Communion service in Marshfield Church

Recyclable and Refuse Collection:

Recycling items and food bins are now being collected **every** week.

Black and green bins will be collected **alternate** weeks.

For details on Recycling items to be put in each box/bag, check information on leaflets that have been left

Tormarton – Mondays

Bins: 9th & 23rd Oct, 6th Nov

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 6th & 20th Oct, 3rd Nov

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location in the village)

Bins: 2nd/3rd, 16th/17th & 30th/31st Oct

Mobile Library:

Tormarton (Parish Hall car park)	11.50 am – 12 pm	Mon 9 & 23 Oct
West Littleton	3.40 – 3.55 pm	Thur 12 & 26 Oct

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES during this month are:

Sun 1 Oct	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 15 Oct	10.30 am	Harvest Festival Family Service	Rev. Sally Wheeler

(to be followed by Harvest Lunch – see below)

NB. The 2nd Sunday evening Holy Communion service will resume again next Spring.

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES during this month are:

Sun 8 Oct	10.30 am	Matins (1662)	Rev. Christopher Mullholland
Sun 22 Oct	9 am	Holy Communion (1662)	Rev. Bryan Pettifer

Concert at St. James's West Littleton – Saturday 21st October, 7.30 pm:

Following its well-received concert last year, a string quartet from the Academy of Ancient Music with Bojan Cacic as first violin will be performing a concert of Beethoven and Schubert on **Saturday 21st October. 7:30 pm** at St James's West Littleton.

The AAM is among the world's leading period instrument orchestras with consistently outstanding reviews of its concerts and recordings.

Beethoven - String quartet No.8 in E minor (opus 59, no.2)

The second of the three Razumovsky quartets, 1808

Schubert - String quartet No.14 D minor (*Death and the Maiden*) 1824

Tickets **free** on request - with collection at the door for Hurricane Irma Relief in the Turks & Caicos Islands. **Tickets from James Golob, email: jsgolob@gmail.com**

Tormarton: Annual Autumn Churchyard Clear up – 7th October – from 9 am to 12 pm

All are very welcome. If you can, please bring a strimmer, otherwise tools provided!

Tormarton Harvest Service and Lunch - Sunday 15th October

There are two important occasions for the Parish to which everyone is very welcome. The Harvest Festival and Lunch.

The Harvest Festival Service will be held at **10.30 am** in the church. Harvest is an important time in the life of the village so we hope as many people as possible will be able to come to church to celebrate. During the Service there will be a collection of fresh, tinned and dried foods for the Sisters of the Church who are providing weekly food parcels for the needy in Bristol. In addition to the donations of food, we are going to have a special collection plate at the rear of the church. At present the Sisters are spending an average of £1052 per week buying basic foods to supplement the food donations they receive. They make a little go a very long way, but with ever rising costs, their funds are becoming considerably depleted. We hope therefore that we can help. Please donate as much as you can. It really will make a huge difference and will support the invaluable work they do in many of the deprived areas of Bristol. If you are unable to join us for the Service, but would like to contribute to the food collection, we will be leaving a wheelbarrow in the Church from Thursday 12th October until the evening of Sunday 15th October.

Harvest Lunch will follow the service in the Parish Hall at **12 noon**. A great opportunity for villagers old and new to enjoy each other's company.

Tickets: Adults £8; children (under 10) £4; young children free; are available from:

Heather Gent: 01454 218223 or Janet Wells: 01454 218549

We look forward to seeing you at either or (preferably) both of these events!

Advance Notice of other Tormarton Church Services

12th November – Remembrance Sunday

3rd December – Gift Service for the families supported by The Sisters of the Church

17th December – Carol Service at 5 pm

Tractor Trail: Thank you to everyone who took part in the Tractor Trail on a beautiful Sunday on 10th September. Over 25 vintage tractors of all shapes and sizes processed around the highways and byways of Tormarton, Acton Turville and Badminton ending up at the Parish Hall in Tormarton for a well-earned cottage pie and beer. Particular thanks to John Marshall for organising such a successful day. We hope it's the first of many over the next few years.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the Chairman:

- 1. Boundary Commission Review and Consultation:** The Boundary Commission has published its draft recommendations for new ward boundaries which will affect the number of wards and councillors who represent the voters of S. Glos. In effect they recommend nine fewer councillors and changing the boundaries of 28 wards with 5 fewer wards. Tormarton would no longer be linked to the villages of Badminton, Acton Turville and Hawkesbury Upton but would join Marshfield, Dyrham & Hinton, Doynton, Wick & Abson, Pucklechurch and other areas in the Boyd Valley ward. These changes cut across our current links with the Badminton Estate and Acton Turville Trinity primary school with which we have had a long-standing relationship. The full report and maps may be viewed online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/34641/SouthGloucestershire_DraftRecommendations_edited.pdf and comments can be submitted via <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/9254>
- 2. The next Meeting of the Parish Council** will be held in the Hall Committee Room on Tuesday 17th October starting at 6.30 pm

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Pilates Sessions take place in the Village Hall on Monday evenings, 7-8 pm. This group has been taking place for some time now so we are not able to take beginners, but anyone interested, who has already done some pilates, can contact Sophie, email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834. The cost of each class is now fixed at £6.50, but before each session of 4 classes you will be asked how many you would like to book and pay for. (£25 if booking for all 4),

Badminton Club on Tuesday evenings in the Village Hall, Tormarton. Players of all abilities are welcome. Play starts at 7 pm. For further details contact Heather Gent: 01454 218223.

Personal:

The funeral of Ann-Marie Siddall took place on 28th September at St. James', West Littleton. Sincere condolences to her husband, John.

Valerie Stock and the family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their care and support during Gwynne's illness with prayers, messages and cards. Thank you.
We send sincere condolences to Valerie and the family.

Gwynne Stock

Gwynne and his sister Heather grew up in Tormarton; he went to school in Chipping Sodbury and then college in Clifton. His parents kept the shop and Post Office in Tormarton, facing the main Village pond (now the playground). After his first job working at Grange Farm, Gwynne joined the RAF as a Radar Operator, before becoming a sound engineer at Abbey Road in London and then at TWW in Bristol (now HTV).

In 1962 Gwynne married Valerie Doel. They have 2 children, Bridget and Martin, and 4 grandchildren. They came back to Spye Park Cottage, Tormarton in 1982 and he took early retirement to study for a research diploma at Bournemouth University concerning Quaker burial grounds. More recently Gwynne produced comprehensive surveys of the churchyard burials at Tormarton, West Littleton and Marshfield. He wrote with Margaret Cox a book called 'Grave Concerns' which required a lot of digging! His sound engineering was used by various drama groups and for 'Son et Lumière' at Keynsham church and Wells Cathedral.

He served on Tormarton Parish Council becoming its chairman during its centenary, and was much involved in the regulation and eventual reordering of the pond at Spout Lane.

Gwynne will be fondly remembered for his knowledgeable historic research and his diligent and considerable service and support both private and public.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 1/8 Oct: Mrs D Slade 15/22 Oct: Mrs D. Baker 29 Oct: Mrs S. Smith
Also on 15 Oct - All Harvest Festival arrangements
Church Cleaning: Mrs. J. Marshall and Mr & Mrs B. Sprules
Mowing Rota week from: 1 Oct: John Saunders; 8 Oct: Martin Chivers

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Items for the next issue to be given to Diana Elliott, St. Mary's House, Tel: 01454 218364 or email: diana.elliott@hotmail.co.uk, not later than 26th October please.