



Tormarton Newsletter

**June
2020**

TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

Diary

Mon 1 Jun 6.45 pm Parish Council meeting, via zoom (see below)
All Sundays: 10.30 am Marshfield Benefice Church Service on zoom

Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

Weekly recycling collections have now resumed and the Sort It recycling centre is open again, but only for essential use and not for all items. Details on the website:

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling-changes-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19/>

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

Black and green bins are collected **alternate** weeks.

For details on Recycling items to be put in each box/bag, check information on the website.

Tormarton – Mondays

Bins: 1, 15 & 29 June

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 12 & 26 June

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

Bins: 8/9 & 22/23 June

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the Chairman, Simon Stevens

I would like to start off with a huge thank you to all the residents of our two villages who made sure that the 75th Anniversary of VE Day did not pass without suitable commemoration and celebration. You all did a fantastic job, with bunting, flags, and some great outfits, not to mention the fantastic voices of the Tormarton and West Littleton mass choir. A truly memorable day.

Leading on from our celebrations on the 8th May, I am now working on a video project to document what wartime life was like in the villages, and would like to interview residents who lived in the Parish during that time. The idea is to post the video on the Parish's website to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VJ day in August, as a memorial for the occasion. If you or a relative would like to be part of this project and share your memories for future generations then please contact me on 07780 448922 to find out how to get involved.

Parish Council business is continuing, albeit virtually using Zoom to conduct public meetings, and the next full council meeting will take place on Monday 1st June at 6.45 pm. Public participation is welcomed as always, and you can find details on how to join the meeting on the Parish Council's website at www.tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

Finally, thank you to Noreen Finnamore and all the wonderful community volunteers who are doing such a wonderful job keeping residents safe and sane through this difficult time. Stay safe everyone.

Church News from Rev. Sally Wheeler

You are invited to join in a weekly Worship Service across the four churches of the Benefice at 10.30 am each Sunday, using the zoom link on this website: marshfieldchurch.org. Once on the website look in the article titled 'A Service with a Difference' where you can click on 'join zoom meeting' to take part in the worship. Hope to see you there.

We have had a burial of ashes for Hugh Barraclough in the churchyard on 20th May; and on 22nd May May Davis, who supported many Tormarton events as companion to Gordon Berry, was buried in Marshfield Cemetery.

There were two Tormarton weddings which should have taken place on 24th May and 30th May which had to be postponed to next year due to the covid 19 crisis. We hold in our prayers the two couples who have had the disappointment of their plans put on hold: Gilly Wells who was to have married Joe Ridley, and Emily Smith who was to have married Liam Barrington, along with others we know who have had to reschedule special events planned this year.

The VE Day celebrations in Tormarton were a great uplift in the tedium of these lockdown weeks. Thank you to Simon Stevens and those who organised this opportunity to bring people together. It was wonderful to see most elements captured on BBC Points West especially: some of the wonderful outfits and bunting, Ashleigh's singing, Vicki's shoes and Stewart's air raid siren! And I'm glad that many in West Littleton were able to join in through zoom.

Giving to Tormarton Church:

Giving to the church is essential to support Rev Sally and her team and for the upkeep of our beautiful church. With no collections, you may wish to find other ways of giving to the church – some of you already belong to the Parish Giving Scheme which guarantees a regular income for the church. If you would like to join the PGS, there is a new telephone service on 0333 002 1271, lines are open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. All you will need are your bank account details and Tormarton's Parish Code: 0506 05029.

Full details can be found at <https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/for-donors/>. Or you might prefer to leave an envelope clearly marked 'church collection' through the door of our church treasurer, Janet Wells, Drake House. If you would like your donation to be Gift Aided, then please write a short sentence to that effect, sign and date.

Tormarton Community WhatsApp Group

The Tormarton Community WhatsApp group continues to grow and seems to be a very useful way of keeping in contact and helping each other. If you have not joined and would like to do so, please follow the joining instructions below. Similarly if you think any of our neighbours would like to join, please pass the details to them.

All you need to do is to download WhatsApp to your phone or laptop (if you do not have it already). Then enter the following code into your browser (e.g. the bar at the top of your phone's internet page). It will take you to a simple form which just requires your name, number and first line of address - this is to ensure the chat is secure. I will then add you to the group within 48 hours. Any problems, give me a call on 218236.

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Thank you and keep safe.

Noreen Finnamore

PARISH HALL NEWS from the Committee:

Tormarton nursery will be reopening in mid June with reduced numbers of children. It is intended that they will be the only users of the hall until September when the new school year starts. To avoid any risk of infection to children and staff the hall will not be available to other users during this period.

100 Club: draws have been postponed until further notice.

Pilates sessions are currently held via zoom at 6 pm every Monday evening.

Anyone interested in joining, who has already done some pilates, can contact Sophie, email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834. Cost: £5 per session.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

No flowers or cleaning while the church is closed.

Mowing rota: 7 June – Simon Barraclough; 14 June Bruce Finnamore; 21/28 June – Dan Campbell

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Items for the next issue, to cover **July & August**, to be given to Diana Elliott, St. Mary's House, tel: 01454 218364, or sent by email to diana.elliott@hotmail.co.uk, not later than **26th June** please.