



Tormarton Newsletter

March
2021

TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

Diary

Mon 1 Mar 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting on zoom

Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

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 leaflets that have been left

Tormarton – Mondays

Bins: 8 & 22 March

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 5 & 19 March

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

Bins: 1/2, 15/16 & 29/30 March

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 21 Mar: 9 am Holy Communion Rev. Sally Wheeler

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 28 Mar: 9 am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Sally Wheeler

Message from Rev. Sally Wheeler:

In March we are holding one church service per week within the Benefice, offering prayer and worship in our sacred spaces on behalf of all. See the Cotswold Edge for more details. All our Benefice churches are open daily for personal prayer and reflection in this troubling time. Rev. Sally and Rev. Lynne can be contacted on these phone numbers if you would like to speak to them in confidence. Sally 01225 892180; Lynne 01249 446734

There will be more information about Holy Week on the website, once we know what is possible. On Easter Day, 4th April this year, we hope to proclaim the Resurrection of Christ in each of our church communities.

Eco Church - Tormarton

The last year has made many of us more aware of our local area and its wildlife. There is a national movement, called Eco Church, which aims to support our responsibility to care for our world. Tormarton Church has now joined Eco Church and one of our first projects has been to plant shrubs and small trees in suitable corners and edges of the churchyard; the idea being to provide more food for the birds and to soften the boundaries as some of the large trees are affected by Ash die back disease and will have to be felled this year.

The cost of felling the trees will have to be met from church funds but the Cotswold Wardens provided the shrubs and trees and we are grateful to Wardens Richard and Pauline Wilson who showed us how to plant and protect the young trees. Later this spring we also plan to introduce wildflowers to parts of the churchyard and would love some volunteers, of any age, to help us.

If you are interested and would like to find out more about the project then you can contact Janet Wells, tel 218549 or Heather Gent, tel 218223 or you can contact us via the Tormarton Community WhatsApp group.

Tormarton Churchyard Mowing Rota and Spring Clear Up

Once again many thanks to everyone who has been involved in the churchyard Mowing Rota for the last few years. The churchyard always looks tidy and very well-kept - and it's great to receive so many complimentary comments about the church and churchyard. We are in the process of finalising this year's rota and will publicise it shortly. In the meantime the rota for March is shown below.

Because of the continuing Covid restrictions we have decided not to hold a Spring churchyard clear up session, but once the restrictions have been lifted we will make the necessary arrangements. In the meantime if you would like to get involved in helping to keep the churchyard tidy please contact Bruce Finnamore on 07831 441415 or Bruce@thefinnamores.com. All help gratefully accepted!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the Chairman

Well, as I am writing this there really does seem to be light at the end of this dark tunnel we seem to have spent the last year in. The vaccination programme is going well, Boris has laid out his road map, the evenings are getting lighter, and it's definitely warmer than it was a couple of weeks ago!

As far as the Parish Council is concerned it's been pretty much business as usual - an assortment of planning applications, consultations are being dealt with, and preparations are already underway to usher in the new financial year. We will be starting the year with a full complement of Parish Council members from all corners of the parish, representing a good cross-section of our community in both age and interests. Obviously, we have approved and budgeted works, such as the new road markings through the village, including a new layout at the Church Road bus stop, mitigating works to deal with trees suffering from Ash Dieback, and the long awaited traffic flow review, all of which seem to have been endlessly put on hold due to Covid-19.

However, our councillors are always keen to hear about new ideas and projects that we could potentially champion through 2021, and there are even small grants available for projects that would specifically benefit the communities within the parish. So, if you have a good idea please, please, please, share it with us. As usual full details of the next **Parish Council meeting scheduled for Monday 1st March**, can be found on the PC website www.tormarton-pc.gov.uk, and don't worry if you can't virtually attend, written questions can be submitted by email to clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

Finally, please continue to follow the latest Covid-19 rules and advice. Things may be improving rapidly, but the virus is still out there, and we have a number of very vulnerable people, so please respect social distancing and keep everyone safe.

100 Club: Winners in the February Draw were - R.Orme (£50), Patrick Gent, P.Turner, R.Bowman, D.Slade and F.Crouch (£10 each)

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

Church Flowers: No flowers during Lent

Church Cleaning: Mrs. H. Gent and Mrs. N. Finnamore

Mowing Rota: 7 March - Bruce Finnamore; 14 March - Simon Barraclough; 21 & 28 March - Ian Elcock

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not later than 26th March please. Please contact Diana if you would like to send information by email.