



# Tormarton Newsletter

September  
2021

## TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

### **Diary**

Mon 6 Sept 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall  
Mon 20 Sept 8.15 pm Parish Hall Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall

### **Advance Diary**

Sat 2 Oct 6.30 pm Tormarton Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall (see below)  
Tues 5 Oct 6.30 pm Community Defibrillator Information Event in the Parish Hall

### **Recyclable and Refuse Collection:**

Recycling items and food bins are 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 leaflets or website.

### **Tormarton – Mondays**

Bins: 6 & 20 Sept, 4 Oct

### **B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays**

Bins: 3 & 17 Sept, 1 Oct

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

Bins: 13/14 Sept, 27/28 Sept

## **TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES**

<b>Sun 5 Sept</b>	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Rev. Sally Wheeler
<b>Sun 19 Sept</b>	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Lynne Godfrey
<b>Sun 3 Oct</b>	10.30 am	Harvest Festival Service (see below)	

## **WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES**

<b>Sun 12 Sept</b>	10.30 am	Matins (BCP)	Mrs. Aurea Hart
<b>Sun 26 Sept</b>	6 pm	Evensong Harvest Celebration	Rev. Sally Wheeler

**RIP Charles Keen, LLM in our Benefice:** Charles Keen died on 10<sup>th</sup> August while out walking with his beloved dog, Apollo. Charles will be so missed by many in our Benefice and village communities. He has been a much-loved and faithful Licensed Lay Minister in our team since he and Mary arrived in Marshfield in 2017. He was a true gentleman and his wisdom, depth and gracious company enriched us all. We thank God for him.

A beautiful service was held for Charles on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August in Marshfield Church. Thank you from the family to all who contributed with music and preparations. Donations in memory of Charles can be made to Practical Action: <https://practicalaction.org>

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## **TORMARTON CHURCH NEWS**

### **Picnic, Pimms and a Musical Romp - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

This special event marked our return to some kind of normality after the difficulties and restrictions of the last eighteen months. Happily the sun shone and we could enjoy the special surroundings of Manor Farm walled garden before heading through the garden door into the churchyard and hence into the church to watch an entertaining performance of 'Tickling the Ivories' by talented musician and actor, Michael Lunts.

Special thanks go to The Duke of Beaufort for granting us access to the garden and to the host of volunteers who helped with the organisation, prepared and served the delicious canapés and pimms and to Nick Davis and friends who erected the lovely marquee.

It was a very special evening and happily it also raised £1700 towards the considerable costs of repairs to the church roof and repair and repainting of the gutters and downpipes.

## **TORMARTON HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

This year our Harvest Celebrations are set for the first weekend in October and, as Covid restrictions are eased, we can come together as a village to celebrate this important time of the year.

### **Harvest Supper – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall**

The Harvest meal is a great opportunity for villagers old and new to enjoy each other's company and is a major social event in the life of our community. This year we have decided to change the timing to the Saturday evening as we are hoping that this will be more suitable for families who are often unable to join us for Sunday lunch because of various sporting commitments.

So please do come and join us.

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

Heather Gent 01454 218223 or Janet Wells 01454 218549

### **The Harvest Festival Service – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 10.30 am in the church**

An 'all ages, family friendly' celebration of thanksgiving for the Harvest; a key event in the calendar of this rural village.

### **Harvest Collection for the Sisters of the Church**

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. A copy of the letter from the Sisters with full details of the most useful items can be found on the noticeboard in the church porch or on the village website at [www.tormarton.org](http://www.tormarton.org).

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 over £1000 per week buying basic foods to supplement the food donations they receive. They make a little go a very long way, but with an ever increasing rise in the number of people needing help, their funds are becoming considerably depleted.

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 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September until the evening of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## **PARISH HALL NEWS from the Committee:**

The parish hall will be available for hire in the weekday evenings and throughout the weekends with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September although we will need to work with the nursery to ensure that it remains safe for all users. Please do contact Sophie Elcock if you require the hall for an event (email: [sophiehthomson@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiehthomson@hotmail.com)). Conditions of use will be available and there will be a need to leave the hall clean and safe for the next user.

**The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 8.15 pm**

**PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the Chairman, Simon Stevens**

Hopefully everyone managed to have some form of break over the summer, be it a staycation, or a more adventurous trip to somewhere slightly less damp. I optimistically thought that when I wrote for this edition of the newsletter that the COVID-19 situation would have been far healthier than it since has turned out to be. Whatever your thoughts on vaccinations, isolation, and the incumbent regulations, there is no doubt that we are still on the edge of COVID-19 having a serious impact on our day to day lives, with cases uncomfortably high in many areas, and hospitalisations and deaths slowly rising again. As a Parish Council we obviously want to reiterate the messages that I'm sure you are all too familiar with, and ask you to follow the latest NHS guidance which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> to keep yourselves safe and well. However, I realise that not everyone in the village has access to the internet, and so to help those who aren't connected to the web, and possibly a few of you who are, I will be delivering the latest information/advice leaflet to every home in the parish over the next week or so, with the aim of making sure parishioners understand the current guidance. This will explain how we can stay safe as autumn approaches, and what we can do to protect others in our community.

As you may know the Parish Council 3 year plan states that: '**The Parish Council plans to develop an environmental plan** that supports biodiversity in our flora and fauna and maintains the historic setting of our villages and surrounding countryside. We will actively seek ways to encourage parishioners to consider the area in which we live and how they can sustainably support it for future generations. This may include planting events, encouraging residents to develop verges as habitats for wildflowers, and community awareness initiatives.' Several villagers have already indicated that they are interested in helping us to develop this plan, and South Gloucestershire Council has already indicated that they are keen to support us in this endeavour; we can also learn from ideas developed in other villages. There will be plenty of great opportunities for residents of all ages to get involved, both in the planning aspects, as well as the more practical elements such as planting and seeding. So if you are interested in helping to improve the villages' biodiversity please speak to a member of the PC for more information.

**The next full meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in Tormarton Parish Hall.** As always, your attendance would be more than welcomed, not only from those of you who have issues to air, but also from anyone who would like to know more about what the Parish Council does and meet its members.

**Community Defibrillator Information Event**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in Tormarton Parish Hall**

South West Ambulance Service are coming to Tormarton to give some important information to our residents about the community defibrillator within the Parish. This will be an informative evening and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty AONB**

The latest edition of the Cotswold Lion is now available to download

at: [https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/CL45-v6\\_FINAL\\_S-O.pdf](https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/CL45-v6_FINAL_S-O.pdf).

This edition is full of walking ideas, more behind-the-scenes artist interviews from the Kingfisher Trail, wildlife safari tips and inspiring stories from one of the Cotswold wardens.

It also includes a celebration of the Cotswold Way at 50 and details of their Guided Walk Programme.

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**100 Club**: Results of the August Draw are as follows:-

M. Abell (£50), M. Davis, C. Norman, R. Godden, S. Elcock, C. Berry (£10 each).

The next Draw will be held at The Major's Retreat at 8.30 pm on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**Pilates** sessions are currently held via zoom at 6.15 pm every Monday evening.

In September it is hoped that sessions will return to the Hall, with a likely start of 7 pm.

Anyone interested in joining, who has already done some Pilates, can contact Sophie, email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834. Cost on zoom: £6 per session.

**Badminton Club** resuming on 14<sup>th</sup> September at Tormarton Parish Hall from 7 - 9 pm every Tuesday subject to availability of the hall. New members are most welcome to come.

Please contact Heather Gent on 218223 for any further questions.

### **Fireworks Warning!**

The Compass Inn has advised that at the wedding taking place there on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October there will be a fireworks display at approximately 9 pm.

**Please** remember to pick up your dog's messes on the roads and pavements round the village.

### **Personal**

Caroline Morris, who had lived in Tormarton for many years, passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Her funeral took place on 27<sup>th</sup> August in Westerleigh Crematorium. Sincere condolences to her husband Dennis and all their family.

### **Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church**

Church Flowers: 5 Sept: Mrs. M. Sprules 12/19 Sept: Mrs. B. Berry 26 Sept: Mrs. D. Slade

Church Cleaning: Mrs. J. Wells

We are grateful to all volunteers who help with these church rotas, but there are some gaps in the rotas so we would welcome hearing from anyone who would be willing to help keep the church looking beautiful. Anyone interested can contact Heather Gent on 218223.

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Items for the next issue to be given to Diana Elliott, St. Mary's House, Tel: 01454 218364 not later than 26<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Diana if you would like to send information by email.