



# Tormarton Newsletter

October  
2021

## TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

### **Diary**

Sun	3 Oct	12 noon	Tormarton Harvest Lunch (see below)
Mon	4 Oct	7.30 pm	Parish Council Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall.
Tues	5 Oct	6.30 pm	Defibrillator Information Event in the Parish Hall (see below)
Mon	18 Oct	8.30 pm	100 Club Draw in The Major's Retreat

### **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 on leaflets or website.

### **Tormarton – Mondays**

Bins: 4 & 18 Oct, 1 Nov

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

Bins: 1, 15 & 29 Oct

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

Bins: 11/12 & 25/26 Oct

## **TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES during this month are:**

Sun	3 Oct	11 am	Harvest Festival Family Service	Rev. Sally Wheeler & Mr. Mike Strathdee
Sun	17 Oct	9 am	Said Communion (1662)	Rev. Lynne Godfrey

## **WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES during this month are:**

Sun	10 Oct	10.30 am	Matins	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun	24 Oct	9 am	Said Communion(1662)	Rev. Sally Wheeler

### **St. Mary's Marshfield – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

Sun	31 Oct	10.30 am	Benefice Family Communion	Rev. Lynne Godfrey
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## **Tormarton Harvest Festival - Service and Lunch on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Confirmed arrangements are:

- **11am (not 10.30!) Harvest Service in Church**
  - **12 noon (ish) Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall** (*not* Saturday evening as previously advertised)
- Everyone is very welcome to either or both.

With regard to the harvest lunch we have decided to keep it as simple and inclusive as possible. Hopefully this will encourage everyone to come. There will be a ploughman's lunch and bar - and of course a raffle. There will be no charge for food but if people would like to make a donation that would be great. We will not be issuing tickets so just turn up. However, in order to get an idea of numbers which will help with catering arrangements we would be grateful if you could indicate whether you are planning to come or not. Please could you let Bruce know asap.

Please email him on: [bruce@thefinnamores.com](mailto:bruce@thefinnamores.com) or ring 07831 441415

We very much hope everyone can come so please spread the word. It will be a great opportunity to get together with friends and in particular meet and welcome the new families who have recently come to live in the village.

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### **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 Council Notes from the Chairman, Simon Stevens**

I would like to start this month's update with a warm welcome to our newest Parish Councillor Sue Giles. Many of you will not yet have had the pleasure of meeting Sue, who has recently moved to the village from Pendock in Worcestershire where she had been a Parish Councillor for some years. We are sure that Sue's previous experience will be a huge asset to our villages, and that she will become a popular and valued member of our Parish Council.

A few members of the community have contacted me regarding what our plans may be to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. I am pleased to announce that the Parish Council has agreed to look at organising two events, one in West Littleton and one in Tormarton, over the announced double Bank Holiday weekend. Details of the format of these events will be announced in due course, and we welcome suggestions from residents of both villages on what should be included and potential activities that could be part of them. Considering that the occasion is such a historic moment for our country, one that I am sure will not be seen again for many generations, I am sure that whatever we do it will be a very special celebration for both young and old alike.

On the subject of events...it's time to start thinking about how we are going to celebrate Christmas this year! After last year's amazing events, when residents came together in the depths of the pandemic to show our Christmas spirit was more than a match for the challenges of Covid, I'm hoping that parishioners will rally once again to help celebrate the festive season as a community. I would welcome suggestions from residents on the format of any events that we may like run and items we may want to include, Christmas tree, carolling, music, etc. Please feel free to call me to discuss your ideas on 07780 448922, or email me at [simon.stevens@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:simon.stevens@tormarton-pc.gov.uk).

Our next council meeting will take place at the Parish Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. As always, your Parish Council members would welcome attendance and contributions from local residents.

### **Parish Hall Committee**

The Hall is now available to hire on weekday evenings and weekends and after a deep clean in early October it will be ready for use.

If you wish to book then please contact Sophie: [sophie.thomson@hotmail.com](mailto:sophie.thomson@hotmail.com).

### **Community Defibrillator Information Event**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 pm 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.

**100 Club**: 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, £6 per session. On 11<sup>th</sup> October it is hoped that sessions will return to the Hall, starting at 7 pm. The cost, with the current number of participants, will be £8 per session. Newcomers, who have already done some Pilates will be welcomed, so anyone interested in joining, please contact Sophie, email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834.

**Badminton Club** 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.

**Personal**

The funeral of John Mackenzie Grieve took place on 6<sup>th</sup> September at St James, West Littleton. Sincere condolences to his family and friends.

**Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church**

Church Flowers:	3 Oct: Mrs D Slade    10/17 Oct: Mrs D. Baker    24/31 Oct: Mrs S. Smith
	<b>Also on 3 Oct - All Harvest Festival arrangements</b>
Church Cleaning:	Mrs. J. Marshall and Mr & Mrs B. Spruels

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Items for the next issue to be given to Diana Elliott, St. Mary's House, Tel: 01454 218364 no later than 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact Diana if you would like to send information by email.