



# Tormarton Newsletter

February  
2022

## TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

*NEW EDITOR NEEDED URGENTLY – PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPH BELOW*

### **Diary**

Mon 7 Feb 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting in the Hall Committee Room  
Mon 14 Feb 8.30 pm 100 Club draw at The Compass Inn

### **Advance Diary**

Fri 18 Mar 7.30 pm Madrigals at St. James's Church, West Littleton (see below)  
Sat/Sun 25/26 June 2–5.30 pm West Littleton Gardens Open (see below)

### **Recyclable and 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: 7 & 21 Feb

### **Old Hundred Lane - Wednesdays**

Bins: 2 & 16 Feb, 2 March

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

Bins: 4 & 18 Feb, 4 March

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

Bins: 31 Jan/2 Feb & 14/15 Feb, 28 Feb/1 March

## **TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sun 6 Feb:** 10.30 am Morning Worship

Mr. Mike Strathdee

**Sun 20 Feb:** 9 am Holy Communion

Rev. Sally Wheeler

## **WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sun 13 Feb:** 10.30 am Matins (BCP)

Mrs. Aurea Hart

**Sun 27 Feb** 9 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Sally Wheeler

### **Madrigals in St. James's Church, West Littleton**

The Bristol University Madrigal Society will be performing at St James's Church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm to be followed by supper at Upper Farm. There will be a retiring collection after the concert and the supper will be £15. We want to make sure that neither the concert nor supper are too overcrowded so if you'd like to come please email [sallyyoung106@gmail.com](mailto:sallyyoung106@gmail.com). We will then also be able to get in touch should the Covid situation change nearer the time.

**West Littleton Gardens Open** will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Teas and homemade cakes will be served and there will be live music and a plant sale. The gardens will be open from 2 pm to 5.30 pm. Entry is £5 (children free) and all proceeds go towards the upkeep of St James's Church.

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### **News From Tormarton PCC**

Many thanks to Ally and Ally Pullin for their kind donation of the Christmas tree to Tormarton Church and to Sophie, William and Henry Elcock for decorating the tree.

### **Christmas Gift Service**

A special ‘thank you’ goes to all those who generously contributed to this year’s Christmas collection for the work of The Sisters of the Church who, with their many volunteers, are providing essential support for vulnerable families living in Bristol.

### **Carol Singing**

This year our regular Carol Singing around the village was again affected by concerns about Covid infection and we decided that we would only visit those people who had indicated that they would like to see us and that we would not go indoors. Nevertheless we all had a lovely evening raising £150 for charities working to help the hungry and cold in Afghanistan. Many thanks must go to those who treated us with wine and refreshments and to those that contributed to the collection.

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

Firstly, I would like to wish all our parishioners a very happy New Year, and hope that 2022 has started well for you all.

As I am sure you are all aware, the 2<sup>nd</sup> January saw the closing of our village pub ‘**The Major’s Retreat**’. Firstly, I would like to wish Roy, Chris and all the team the very best for the future. The pub has been an invaluable asset for this village for many years, with Roy and the team sharing many memories with us over that time. It is going to be strange without them!

On the subject of the pub, many people have asked me if we know what the plans are for its future? What I can tell you at the time of writing: we are hoping to have official notification of the intended sale from South Glos Council in the next few days, and on this basis, it has been added to our next Parish Council agenda for discussion. If you have any questions regarding this matter, then please email me at [simon.stevens@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:simon.stevens@tormarton-pc.gov.uk) and I will be glad to put them to the other council members for comment.

To follow up on the editor’s comments below, I would like to impress on you that, with this being Diana’s final newsletter, there is an urgency to finding one, or maybe two people, to take on this important role. So, if you have a couple of hours a month to spare and would like to help maintain this invaluable service for Tormarton then please contact me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Diana for her many, many, years of work editing and publishing the newsletter for our village. Through her contribution, there has been an immeasurable benefit to this village through good times and bad, keeping residents informed, supporting local groups, and providing an inside track on village life.

Finally, but by no means least, I would like you to join me in welcoming our new Parish Clerk ‘Lea Bending’ who joined our council at the beginning of January. Although new to the role, Lea brings with her a wealth of local authority experience, as well as a determination to make as positive contribution to our small, but forward thinking, parish. I am sure that, Covid rules allowing, you will all have the opportunity of meeting Leah at one of the future village events or meetings.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council** will take place at the village hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. As always, your Parish Council members welcome attendance and contributions in person from residents, and questions can also be submitted via our Clerk by emailing [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk).

### **News From The Parish Hall Committee**

After lasting 46 years, the floor in Hall will be replaced in May with a Gerflor multi use surface which is a little softer than the existing tiles but suitable for most uses including indoor sports. It will be imperative that steel chair and table legs have a rubber bottom, ladies high heels are not broken and sharp edges do not come into contact with the surface and so we will need to take the necessary precautions. A Badminton court will be marked out on the surface and hopefully this will attract new players. The works will take approx. 2 weeks and in the meantime the nursery will utilise a marquee to the rear of the hall. An application for grant aid has been prepared and hopefully this will assist with the cost.

We are losing two long standing committee members in May (Andrew Wilson and Vicki Furphy) and so if there are any new members willing to step into their shoes then please make yourself known (Stewart 07775 648484). We are a friendly group.

### **A Royal Jubilee Exhibition**

It has been suggested that we mount an exhibition in the church as part of our plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The idea is that we bring together a collection of photographs and memories linked to royal occasions over the last 70 years.

Maybe you were in the crowds on Coronation Day or maybe you have memories and/or photographs from celebrations in your village/street/town.

You may have met the Queen or been in the crowds on other royal occasions eg the opening of the Severn Bridge, or maybe you saw the Queen and Royal family at Badminton Horse Trials before safety concerns meant that they could no longer safely mix with the crowds.

What about photos/memories from Jubilee and Royal Wedding celebrations here in Tormarton or West Littleton?

Do start thinking about what you might like to contribute; also do please contact Janet Wells on 218549 if you would like to volunteer to help with the exhibition.

### **New Editor needed - Note from Diana Elliott**

This issue is going to be my last so we urgently need someone to step forward and take over!

I have genuinely enjoyed being able to make this contribution to parish life – keeping in touch with all the activities and news and passing this on. I started helping typing the newsletter 30 years ago while looking after 3 young children and working for our company – now I am looking forward to the next phase of our lives living closer to our grandchildren.

I do hope there is someone in the parish who would like to do this newsletter who has the basic typing skills needed of copying and pasting, with a good eye for detail. There are 10 issues per year and I will supply all the templates I use – updating each issue from one year to the next. Items to be included are submitted by email, mostly by regular contributors. The sponsorship money covers the cost of printing and an arrangement can be made to pass on the printer that I use. This work could be shared if someone would like to help but can't give the time every month.

The free newsletter is delivered by volunteers to all households in Tormarton and by email to households in West Littleton. Also, it is put on the website where many others are able to read it.

Hopefully many of you find the newsletters useful and informative, but without an editor there will be no newsletter!

If you are able to help, please contact [simon.stevens@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:simon.stevens@tormarton-pc.gov.uk).

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**100 Club**: Winners in the Christmas Draw were - J.Worlock (£50), T.C.C. (£25), T.Allen (£25), T.C.C, T.Philips, M.Abbott, Heritage 1st Team, C.Cooper, & C.Monyard (£10 each). The next Draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30 pm.

**Pilates Sessions** continue to take place on zoom starting at 7 pm every Monday evening. For those unable to join at that time recordings are made available. The cost is £6 per session. Newcomers who have already done some Pilates will be welcomed, so anyone interested in joining, please contact Sophie, email: [sophiehthomson@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiehthomson@hotmail.com), phone: 07786 653834.

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

Church Flowers: 6 Feb: Mrs E. Scott-Martin 13/20 Feb: Mrs. J. Marshall 27 Feb: Mrs J. Clark  
Church Cleaning: Mrs D. Elliott & Mrs J. Smart

This issue kindly sponsored by Peter & Jean Leppard. Edited and copied by the Elliotts.

The future of the newsletter is uncertain; but items for the next issue emailed to [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk) not later than 24<sup>th</sup> February will be passed on to the new editor!