



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

June
2022

Diary

Mon	30 May	7.00pm	Annual Parish Assembly followed by Parish Meeting, see below
Sun	5 June		Tormarton & West Littleton Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, see below
Sat/Sun	25/26 June	2–5.30 pm	West Littleton Gardens Open, see below

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 the South Glos website

Tormarton – Mondays

Bins: 30 May, 13 & 27 June

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 8 & 22 June

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 10 & 24 June

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

Bins: 6/7 June, 20/21 June

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 5 June No Service due to Jubilee Celebrations

Sun 19 June 9 am Holy Communion

Rev. Sally Wheeler

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 12 June 10.30am Mattins

Sun 26 June 9.am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Lynne Godfrey

Rev. Sally Wheeler

Tormarton Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – 12.30 pm Sunday 5th June at the Parish Hall

Tormarton celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are centred around a 'bring and share' lunch with entertainment provided by the Mini Concert'ers who will be performing popular songs from two distinct eras: Classics from the 1930's and 40's, made famous by icons such as Vera Lynn, The Andrews Sisters, and Glenn Miller followed by a selection of hit tunes from the 1950's and 60's, made famous by Rock and Roll heroes such as Chuck Berry, Peggy Lee, Elvis Presley, and many more. A bar will be provided and games for all ages. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the entertainment and the provision of ham, cheese, bread and standard accompaniments and then we would like families to bring a dish of their favourite salad or dessert to share.

Tickets £6/ £1 children under 11, are available from Heather Gent 218223, Pam Davis 218301 or Bridgette Barnes 07818 350 808.

So look out your red, white and blue outfits and let's make this a special celebration for the village to remember.

Ex residents and extended families will all be very welcome.

Any proceeds will be donated to the Ukrainian Appeal.

West Littleton Open Gardens: - Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June

West Littleton gardens will be open on 25th and 26th June from 2pm to 5.30pm.

Teas and homemade cakes will be served and there will be live music performed by local singers and musicians and a plant sale.

Entry is £5 (children free) and all proceeds go to the upkeep of St James's Church.

Message from Rev Sally Wheeler:

Happy Jubilee! The Churches of St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton and St James' West Littleton wish Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth warm congratulations on her Platinum Jubilee. I hope you all enjoy the Jubilee celebrations planned in the village, and nationally - it sounds like a great plan of activities for Tormarton and West Littleton. I hope to make my way round the four parishes on Sunday and get a glimpse of the fun!

Tormarton Church Annual Meeting and new Church Officers

Tormarton Church held its Annual Church Meeting in May and reflected on how we are recovering now that Covid restrictions are lifted and we can enjoy being together again. The church services are welcoming and informal and coffee is served after the 10.30am service.

In the meeting we appointed our Church Officers for the coming year and thanked those standing down.

- Bruce Finnamore has stood down as Churchwarden after 12 years of service and we expressed our thanks to him, alongside Heather Gent and others who have supported him in his tasks over the years.
- Stewart Waters and Richard Lawrence have been welcomed as new Churchwardens and will be 'sworn' in by the Archdeacon in June.
- Janet Wells remains as PCC Treasurer.

Janet has also for many years been our PCC Secretary but she cannot carry on doing both roles, so we are looking for someone to help. Could that be you?

The Tormarton Church refurbishment project is moving forward as we continue to wait for the planning process and final permissions from the Chancellor of the Diocese. The project will be approached in phases as funds allow. The aim has always been to ensure the church building can better serve you in Tormarton: it is a beautiful sacred place and always open so do come in and see the plans, but also enjoy some peace. If you would like to make a contribution to the works planned for the building, please do contact me, Bruce (who is still heading up fundraising for the project) or one of the named Church Officers. Thank you. Rev. Sally: marshfield.benefice@gmail.com tel:01225 892180

Tormarton Playing Field

The cricket season has now started and villagers and their visitors are very welcome to come along and watch the games. The programme of matches for June is shown below.

Tormarton play in Division 7 of the Gloucester County League and Marshfield are members of the Wiltshire League.

The Pratt Cup is a T20 competition between 5 local villages for a trophy donated by Eric Pratt, who lived in Tortworth and whose son John played cricket for the Tortworth team. Following the death of Mr Pratt senior the cup is now played for annually on a commemorative basis.

Saturday 4 th	Marshfield v Painswick
Wednesday 8 th	Tormarton (Pratt Cup)
Thursday 9 th	Marshfield Ladies
Saturday 11 th	Tormarton v Arcadian Nine Elms
Saturday 18 th	Marshfield v Oaksey
Wednesday 22 nd	Tormarton (Pratt Cup)
Saturday 25 th	Tormarton v Down Hatherly
Wednesday 29 th	Tormarton (Pratt Cup)

Matches commence at 1 pm on Saturdays and at 6 pm on Wednesday evenings.

NB Please walk to the playing field as the car park there is fully utilised by the players.

Take care when walking along the Old Sodbury Road as it is narrow and has no pavement.

Tormarton Playing Field 100 Club:

Membership fees are now due for the new season and your continued support for the playing field facilities is much appreciated. The first draw for 22/23 will be held on 20th June at 8.30pm at The Compass Inn
Anyone new wishing to join should contact Pam Davis at Glebe Cottage (218301).

PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES from the Chairman

The Parish Council will be holding two meetings on Monday 30th; the ‘Annual Parish Assembly’ at 7.00pm and the ‘Annual Meeting of the Parish Council’ at 7.30pm. The Parish Assembly provides residents with an opportunity to speak on matters of local interest, make suggestions, and ask questions relating to Parish matters. The ‘Annual Meeting of the Parish Council’ is a formal meeting of the Council where the Parish Councillors will have the opportunity to elect a new Chairman, and review its policies, official documents, etc. Full details of these meetings are available on the Parish Council website at www.tormarton-pc.gov.uk and on the village noticeboards.

PARISH HALL:

The Parish Hall Committee AGM was held on 16th May at the Hall and after an update from the chair and treasurer the committee agreed to stand for re-election on block. There then followed the regular meeting when the relaying of the floor was confirmed for 22 August with badminton lines being added in mid September. Further electrical works will be undertaken to meet current legislation. Concern was raised about the ash trees at the entrance and so this matter will be investigated. Tom Harrison was welcomed as a new member of the committee.

No Mow May – what’s it all about

It’s a national campaign where people across the country leave their grass to grow throughout May to maximise food sources for insects. Reduced mowing allows wildflowers and other plants to grow which insects love. The campaign is promoted by Plantlife, a British conservation charity working nationally and internationally to save threatened wildflowers, plants and fungi.

Why do we need to help insects?

Insect populations are in decline and have been for decades. Many animals and birds rely on insects and insect larvae as their main food source including protected species like hedgehogs and bats, birds, slow worms, frogs, toads and fish. We rely on insects to pollinate most of our food crops and fruit trees – 75% of our food depends on insect pollination. Insect populations are an indication of the health of the environment and their decline puts our food security and the fragile eco systems that depend upon insects at risk.

Let It Bloom June is the next step to taking part in No Mow May – allowing flowers to continue to bloom throughout June provides even more food and shelter for our insects and gives them an even better chance to reproduce and increase their numbers. Remember – more flowers means more insects. More insects means better soil, greater food security and a healthier environment!

Tormarton Community WhatsApp group

The group has been set up by Noreen Finnimore to facilitate the sharing of important information relevant to the people of Tormarton. All are welcome and encouraged to join. This will become even more important as we move to new ways of distributing the information available in the newsletter.

To join the group please send an email to Noreen at home@thefinnamores.com giving details of your name, mobile number and the first line of your address.

Plans for the future of the newsletter

Sadly no one person has come forward to take over production of the newsletter but a few volunteers have offered to help prepare copy. So it has been decided to gradually replace the printed newsletter with a regular email with printed copies for those households not on email.

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: 5/12 June Mrs P Monyard; 19/26 June Mrs C Harrison

Church Cleaning: Mrs. S. Turner

Mowing Rota: 5 June – David Butler; 12 June – Tom Harrison, 19/26 June Dan Campbell

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Items for the next issue which will cover July and August to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 22nd June please.