



# Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

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## **TORMARTON and WEST LITTLETON RESIDENTS MARK THE SAD PASSING of HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

Both Tormarton and West Littleton churches marked the death of our Queen with a table of commemoration; there was a special commemorative service in St James's, West Littleton on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September and on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Simon Stevens organised the live streaming of the 8pm national silence in Tormarton church.

## **TORMARTON VILLAGE HARVEST LUNCH** **12.30 onwards Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in the Parish Hall**

The Harvest meal is a great opportunity for villagers old and new, young and old, to enjoy each other's company and is a major social event in the life of our community.

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.

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

Heather Gent 01454 218223 or Janet Wells 01454 218549

### **Diary**

Mon	3 Oct	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall
Sun	9 Oct	10.30 am	West Littleton Harvest Festival Service followed by lunch at Home Farm
Mon	17 Oct	8.30pm	Tormarton Playing Field 100 club draw at The Compass Inn

### **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: 3, 17 & 31 Oct

#### **Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays**

Bins: 12 & 26 Oct

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

Bins: 14 & 28 Oct

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

Bins: 10/11 Oct, 24/25 Oct

### **TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sun 2 Oct 10.30 am Harvest Festival Service**

Rev. Sally Wheeler

An 'all ages, family friendly' celebration of thanksgiving for the Harvest; a key event in the calendar of this rural village. The service will include a collection for the Sisters of the church –see below

**Sun 16 Oct 9 am Holy Communion**

Rev. Sally Wheeler

### **WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sun 9 Oct 10.30 am Harvest Festival Service**

Rev. Sally Wheeler

There will be a collection for the Sisters of the church –see below

**Sun 23 Oct 9 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Rev. Lynne Godfrey

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

**Sun 30 Oct 10.30 am Benefice Family Communion**

Rev. Lynne Godfrey

## **HARVEST COLLECTION for the SISTERS OF THE CHURCH**

There will be a collection of tinned and dried foods for the Sisters of the Church who are providing weekly food parcels for those in need 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).

Little Minds Nursery (formerly Pumpkins) will come into church the week before to bring their harvest gifts and learn about harvest time.

If you are unable to join us for the Tormarton Harvest Festival Service, but would like to contribute to the food collection, we will be leaving a wheelbarrow in the Church from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## **PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES from the Chairman**

Firstly, I am sure you will join me and the members of the Parish Council, in expressing our deepest condolences, to the Royal Family following the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Whatever your position on the monarchy, it would have been hard not to have been touched emotionally by the momentous events of the last few weeks.

Secondly, I would like to thank those of you who attended the 'Music from the Stars' show which took place at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall early in September, and also the twenty or so residents that took part in the 'Vigil and Silence' that was held at St Mary Magdalene Church on the eve of the late Queen Elizabeth's funeral. Hopefully, we will see even more of you at the upcoming Harvest Festival lunch on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, which has always been an important date in Tormarton village's social calendar.

I am sad to announce that Nick Davis has now stepped down as a Parish Councillor. Having moved out of the village, and with his increasing business commitments, Nick decided that he should resign his position on the Parish Council. On behalf of myself and my fellow Parish Councillors I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nick for his time and effort over the last few years and wish him all the best for the future.

This leads me on to the prickly subject of finding a new Parish Councillor... As you will know from previous newsletters, we have been looking for a new Parish Councillor for a long time now, and to date have had no interest from residents of our two villages. Obviously, with Nick's understandable departure, the consequences of not finding at least one, if not two, new Parish Councillors, should not be taken lightly. A small Parish Council like Tormarton cannot operate effectively (or possibly at all) without it's full complement of members, which will affect, amongst its other responsibilities, budgetary and planning matters. So, if you have a few hours a month of spare time and would like to make a positive contribution to life in your local villages then please consider putting yourself forward. For those who are either interested, or would just like to find out more about what's involved in the role, there are two options available. You can either register your interest or ask any questions you may have by emailing our Clerk at the address detailed below, or you can call me directly for an informal chat about what's involved on 07780 448922.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 7:30pm. 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 Jack at [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk)

## **South Glos and WECA Surveys**

South Gloucestershire Council are conducting a survey to find out what you think about the quality of life in your local area, the services that they provide, and how well they keep you informed. You can use the following link to have your say and tell them what you think.

<https://southglos.researchfeedback.net/s/cc>

West of England Combined Authority(WECA) is asking for your opinion about local bus services.

See <https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/transport/bus/big-choices-on-buses>

## **MUSIC from the STARS**

Comments from the WhatsApp group:

'What a triumph. The vibrant young team had energy, beautiful voices and were so professional'

'A fantastic night' 'Thank you Simon and the team for organising such a fabulous evening'

## **PARISH HALL NEWS:**

The new floor has been laid and the lines for the badminton court have been fixed and so anybody looking to keep warm during the winter months is welcome to use this facility. The hall is free on a couple of evenings in the week and most weekends and the spongy floor has been designed for players up to Olympic standard! The nursery has changed hands and is now known as Little Minds but many of the same faces are still present and we wish them well in their new term.

## **Badminton Club**

The Badminton club plays every Tuesday at the Tormarton Parish Hall from 7 - 9 pm.  
We now have a new floor and perfect lines so no more guess calls of 'in' or 'out'!  
New members of all ages and experience are most welcome to join us.  
Please contact Heather Gent on 218223 for any further information.

**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](mailto:sophiehthomson@hotmail.com), phone: 07786 653834. Cost: £5 per session.

## **Green Community Travel (GCT)**

Are you stuck at home with difficult access to doctors, hospitals and shops or even just to see friends? Or do you fancy an outing to the pub or to a garden centre?

Green community transport provides affordable and accessible transport from your door.

**Volunteer drivers needed** – a note from GCT

Could you spare 2 – 4 hours a month, do you enjoy driving and meeting new people, would you like to help people in the community? If so, why not consider becoming a volunteer driver – all expenses are reimbursed.

More information about the service and about becoming a volunteer is available at  
[www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk](http://www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk) or telephone 01454 228706.

## **Plans for the future of the newsletter**

It has been decided to gradually replace the printed newsletter with a regular email with printed copies for those households not on email.

Please can you email [newsletter@tormarton.org](mailto:newsletter@tormarton.org) with your name, first line of address and email address if you would like to receive future copy via email.

## **Tormarton Community WhatsApp group**

The group has been set up by Noreen Finnamore 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](mailto:home@thefinnamores.com) giving details of your name, mobile number and the first line of your address.

## **Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church**

Church Flowers: 2 Oct Dawn Slade, 9/16 Oct Dee Baker, 23/30 Oct Sarah Smith

**Plus All Harvest Festival arrangements for 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

Church Cleaning: Joan Marshall, Brian and Margot Spruels

Mowing Rota: 2 Oct Martin Chivers

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**Items for the next issue to be sent to [newsletter@tormarton.org](mailto:newsletter@tormarton.org) no later than 24<sup>th</sup> October please.**