



# Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

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## **Tormarton Coronation Celebrations - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

By the time you read this we will only be a few days away from the Coronation of King Charles III, and the final preparations for a 'long weekend' of celebrations will be well underway.

As you know the Compass Inn and various village community groups have been working hard to put together a 'Coronation Fayre' on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, an event worthy of such a momentous occasion.

The running order for the day, which will be hosted at 'The Compass Inn', is as follows:

10.00 am onward - The Coronation will be projected 'Live' on the Big Screen.

12 noon onward – Stalls, games, and children's activities will open, including a prize raffle.

BBQ food and full bar service will be available to purchase throughout, and BYO lawn picnics, including chairs and rugs, are welcome.

1.45 pm - Village Photograph

2.00 pm - Horse Racing competition with 4 races (including children's race).

4.00 pm - Live music to finish the afternoon.

From the responses that we have received so far, it looks like the event is going to be well attended and a real family occasion with food, fun and games for everyone.

All are welcome, but to help with our planning we really would appreciate a good idea of the number to expect; so please if you are planning to come, could you email [admin@tormarton.org](mailto:admin@tormarton.org) or phone 01454 218242.

**Don't forget to look out your red, white and blue and let's all celebrate together**

## **Diary**

Thurs	4 May	7.30pm	Tormarton Church Council AGM
Thurs	4 May		District Council Elections – remember to take photographic id
Mon	15 May	7.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting followed by a Parish Council Meeting

## **Advance Notice**

Fri	9 June	6.30pm	Defibrillator Awareness Session at Tormarton Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	10/11 June	2.00pm-5.30pm	West Littleton Open Gardens – 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: 1, 15 & 29 May

### **Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays**

Bins: 10 & 24 May

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

Bins: 12 & 26 May

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

Bins: 8/9 May, 22/23 May

## **TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES**

Sun	7 May	10.30 am	All ages morning service to celebrate the Coronation	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun	21 May	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Lynne Godfrey

## **WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES**

Sun	14 May	10.30 am	Mattins	Rev. Lynne Godfrey
Sun	28 May	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. Sally Wheeler

## **Message from Rev. Sally**

### **Coronation of King Charles III**

It sounds like a wonderful day of Coronation Celebration is planned for Tormarton on Saturday May 6th and I hope to join you for some of it! I would also like to invite you to mark the Coronation with a short Commemorative Service at 10.30am in Tormarton Church on Sunday 7th May. This will be an historic occasion and it will be good to pray for the King, our nation and our community at this time.

### **Tormarton - Annual Church Meeting – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Church Council AGM) will be held in Tormarton Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. This is the meeting where we review the previous year, elect new members to the team and plan for the future. All are invited to join us at the meeting and we would love to have more of the village community involved. For more information about joining the Parochial Church Council (PCC) where we meet 6 times a year and make decisions about the way the church serves the village, please contact Rev Sally 01225 892180. Thank you.

### **West Littleton Open Gardens: - Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June**

West Littleton gardens will be open on 10th and 11th June from 2pm to 5.30pm. Teas and homemade cakes will be served over the weekend and there will be a plant sale.

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

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

### **Annual Parish Assembly –7pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

This is a special meeting which is open to all and the Parish Council would really welcome and appreciate your attendance. This year it will include an open forum with our local PCSOs and an update on the proposed development of a neighbourhood plan for the Parish.

At 7.30pm, this will be followed by our Annual Parish meeting

As always, the members of the Parish Council would welcome your attendance and contributions in person at either of these meetings. However, if you can't attend, please remember that you can also submit comments and question electronically by emailing him our Clerk Jack at [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk).

### **Neighbourhood Plan Information Meeting – Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May via Zoom**

Thank you to the volunteers from Tormarton and West Littleton who have contacted us to find out more about this process. An information evening has been arranged for 7pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

This meeting is via Zoom so please contact the clerk via email, [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk) if you would like to be involved.

### **Election of our South Glos councillors – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

There's another important event taking place a couple of days before the Coronation, in the form of the local elections for South Gloucestershire Council. Wherever your allegiance may lie, please use your democratic right to have a say on how your local authority is run and by whom.

Don't forget that you will need to show some form of photo id before you are allowed to vote.

## **PARISH HALL news from Stewart Waters**

The AGM for the Hall Committee will be held in Tormarton Hall on Monday 12 June at 8.15pm. Any volunteers for the committee would be welcome – it is not an onerous task!

### **Parish Hall Bookings**

The Hall continues to be available in the evenings and at weekends for any function and the Rotowasher which is used to clean the floor in the hall is available to hire, this can also be used to clean carpets.

Please contact Sophie email: [sophiehthomson@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiehthomson@hotmail.com), phone: 07786 653834 for hall bookings and to arrange to use the cleaner.

**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.

### **Tormarton Playing Field 100 Club:**

Winners in the April Draw were:- P.Davis (£50), R.Berry, S.Stevens, J.Berry, G.Gent, J.Marshall (£10 each).

The first draw of the 23/24 season will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday 19th June 2023 at 8.30pm.

Membership fees are now due for the new season and your continued support for the Playing Field is much appreciated. Please pay memberships for 23/24 to your usual collector.

Anyone new wishing to join should contact Pam Davis on 01454 218301 or 07522 172181. Thank you.

### **GUIDED WALKS in the COTSWOLDS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE** – previously known as the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Every month the Cotswold Voluntary wardens issue a list of Guided circular walks in the Southern Cotswolds. This month they include:

May 2 – 5 mile moderate walk around Colerne starting at the Fox & Hounds

May 12 – 9 mile moderate walk from Upper Swainswick taking in St Catherine's Brook

May 16 – 5 miles moderate walk around Box

May 21 – 8.5 miles moderate walk on circular route north of Tormarton. Starting in Tormarton.

May 25 – 6.5 miles moderate walk from Upper Swainswick taking in Charmy Down and a Secret Garden.

All walks led by the Voluntary Wardens are FREE OF CHARGE however donations are welcome and help the wardens to take care of the countryside.

For full details of the walks available visit: <http://www.cotswoldsaoNB.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks> OR check the village notice boards.

Our local footpath warden is Bev Hope-Bell who can be contacted for any issues with local paths [bevhopebell@btinternet.com](mailto:bevhopebell@btinternet.com)

### **NATURE NOTES – NO MOW MAY**

#### **What is No Mow May?**

It's a national campaign where people across the country let their grass to grow throughout May to maximise food sources for insects. Not mowing the lawn 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 plants and fungi.

#### **Why do we need to help insects?**

Since the 1970s there has been a 50% decline in insects due to habitat loss, climate change, disease and use of pesticides.

Many animals rely on insects and insect larvae as their main food source including protected species like hedgehogs and bats, birds, slow worms, frogs, toads and birds swallows and swifts.

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.

#### **How can we take part in No Mow May?**

**First and foremost** – put your mower at home away! Leaving your lawn will give our insect populations a great deal of food and shelter early in the year, which helps them to thrive. Even if you can't leave the whole lawn, a patch of grass left to grow will help. We've lost nearly 97% of flower rich meadows since the 1970's and with them has gone the vital food supply needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies.

A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground – and best of all, to reap these benefits all you have to do is not mow your lawn in May!

With over 20 million gardens in the UK, even the smallest grassy patches can add up to make a significant difference.

### **Would you like your newsletter via email?**

We are gradually replacing the printed newsletter with a regular email with printed copies for those households not on email. If you would like to receive future copy via email, please email [newsletter@tormarton.org](mailto:newsletter@tormarton.org) with your name, first line of address and email address.

### **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.

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: 7/14 May Mrs L Waters; 21/28 May Mrs. R. Calleja

Church Cleaning: Mrs. S. Smith

The village newsletter is kindly printed by Simon Stevens. Thank you Simon.

Items for the next issue to be sent to [newsletter@tormarton.org](mailto:newsletter@tormarton.org) no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> May please.