



# Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

June  
2023

## Diary

Mon	5 June	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
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.
Mon	12 June	7.00pm	Parish Hall AGM
Mon	12 June	8.00pm	Church Council meeting
Thurs	22 June		Our Deanery Synod meets at St Peter's Church Hall, Chippenham – all welcome

## Advance Notice

Aug 16 – 18 Marshfield Holiday Club with Trevor Ranger

## 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: 12 & 26 June

### **Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays**

Bins: 7 & 21 June

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

Bins: 9 & 23 June

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

Bins: 5/6 June, 19/20 June

## TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 4 June 10.30 am All Ages morning service lead by Andrew Gammie and his guitar.

The service will be followed by light refreshments.

Sun 19 June 9 am Holy Communion

Rev. Sally Wheeler and Jodie Ward

## WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 11 June 6 pm Benefice Evensong to round off the Open Gardens event Aurea Hart

Sun 25 June 9 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Sally Wheeler and Jodie Ward

## Crowning Success – Tormarton Coronation Celebrations

The day had the normal Coronation splash of rain so Tormarton residents had to retreat to the Orangery at the Compass Inn wherein a big projection screen was set up for this once in a lifetime event. Vicki Stevens set the projector going and a few of us started viewing at 10:00am. Gradually the Tormarton audience increased in numbers so the staff of the Compass were busy serving very tasty hot dogs, burgers and drinks. As the crowd grew the wi-fi controlled projector spluttered from time to time unlike the significant and important ceremony of King Charles' Coronation.

Horse Racing from a chair caused great hilarity as well as the games for children and adults. Following the Westminster occasion we were well entertained by two of Simon Stevens' young singers

Tormarton thanks Rupert and Penny Monyard for their hospitality and Simon and Vicki for their organisation.

## 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.

### **Message from Rev. Sally**

In June we will be welcoming Jodie Ward, a student from Trinity College Bristol, to spend time in our area on a rural placement and on July 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Roberts will be ordained in Bristol Cathedral and then begins her curacy in our Benefice as a Self Supporting Minister.

On 11<sup>th</sup> June the Marshfield Family Service will be led by Trevor Ranger who has organised the Marshfield Holiday Club for many years.

### **Tormarton Church Annual Meeting**

Tormarton Church held its Annual Church Meeting in May. At the meeting we re-appointed our Church Officers for the coming year and thanked Jennifer Woolley for her contribution as church treasurer. Stewart Waters and Richard Lawrence have agreed to continue as Churchwardens, Janet Wells remains as PCC Treasurer, Stewart and Bruce continue to project manage the improvements to church facilities, and Heather Gent is responsible for the arranging the maintenance of the church building. We are still looking for someone to take on the role of church council Secretary. Do please contact Rev Sally if you would like to help.

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

We had two fantastically well attended meetings this month in the Annual Parish Assembly and the Neighbourhood Plan meeting. A huge thank you to all those who attended both for their questions and their useful input. It was great to see so many familiar faces taking an interest in the future of our Parish.

The annual Chairman's report that was given at the assembly will be available online via the Parish Council website as usual. The key message was that although we are in a healthy financial position relative to our size, as a parish of only 174 homes, we suffer from the inability to employ 'economies of scale' to projects we undertake. With South Gloucestershire Council expecting us to pick up the tab for an ever-growing number of local services from our precept we will certainly need to keep a close eye on the purse strings.

The Neighbourhood Plan meeting was a great success and, based on the feedback received on the night and since the meeting, the Parish Council will be looking to agree its stance on this matter and any future actions at our June meeting. At this moment, and I can only speak for myself, I certainly felt that over the two meetings there was definitely an appetite in the villages to try and take more control of our own destiny when it comes to future housing projects and environmental issues.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in making the Tormarton Coronation Party a day to remember. It was one of the most well attended events that we have had for a long time, and it was great to see so many people in the same place at the same time. Special thanks go to those who organised the event, to Rupert, Penny and all the staff at The Compass, to Phil and Stella (I particularly loved the horse Racing), to Janet & the members of the church council, to Sue and John Giles who organised a game for our youngest guests, and all those who helped make it such a special day for everyone.

I am aware that we still need to distribute the children's Coronation mugs, and I will be organising this over the next week or so.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 5th June 2023 at 7:30pm. As always, Parish Council members will welcome your attendance and contributions on the night or you can submit comments and questions electronically by emailing our Clerk Jack at [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk)

### **Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)**

WESTlink is a new type of bus service which now operates in our area. It runs without a fixed timetable or route and can be booked 'on demand' by users through an app or by phone.

More information is available at <https://travelwest.info/>

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

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

The AGM of the Parish Hall Committee will be held on Monday 12 June at 7pm in the village hall. Please do come along if you have any questions or wish to be part of this small group. Alternatively if you would like to put any questions/suggestions to the committee then these can be delivered to Stewart Waters (07775 648484) or Sophie Elcock (07786 653834).

We hope to be able to repair the Spyro in the children's playground in the near future, the parts have been ordered.

### **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**

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.

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 afternoon matches start at 1pm

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tormarton v Apperley 2 <sup>nd</sup>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tormarton v Oaksey
24 <sup>th</sup>	Tormarton v Cheltenham 3 <sup>rd</sup>

Sunday afternoon match starts at 2pm

4 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth
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Evening matches – 6pm

5 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth
6 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth
12 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth
13 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tormarton v Hillesley – Pratt Cup
15 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth
19 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth
20 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tormarton v Wickwar – Pratt Cup
26 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth
27 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield Youth

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:**

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.

## **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:

June 3 – 5.5 mile easy circular walk from upper Swainswick taking in five churches; Swainswick, Woolley, Charlcombe, Larkhall and Bailbrook.

June 6 – 5 mile circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

June 20 – 5 miles moderate walk around Box

June 25 – 7.5 miles moderate circular walk around Box with coffee at Colerne.

June 29 – 5 miles easy evening walk around Badminton.

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**

**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!

## **Be Hedgehog Aware**

It looks like June is going to be hot and dry so it is important to provide clean fresh water in a shallow dish for thirsty hedgehogs.

Every year, many hedgehogs are injured or killed by strimmers and mowers, but there are two simple things you can do to help reduce these injuries and deaths:

1. Always check long grassy areas, hedgerows, underneath large plants, sheds or decking for hedgehogs and their nests before strimming or mowing.
2. Be aware of piles of leaves and twigs, or tunnels through undergrowth – these could be a hedgehog nest.

## **What to do if you discover a nest or a hedgehog?**

First of all, quickly and quietly cover it back up and leave it alone, unless the hedgehog appears injured, or you have disturbed a nest with hoglets (usually between May to September), in which case ring the Hedgehog Emergency Rescue Helpline on 01584 890 801 for advice.

## **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.

## **Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church**

Church Flowers: 4/11 June Mrs P Monyard; 18/25 June Mrs C Harrison

Church Cleaning: Mrs. S. Turner

Mowing Rota: 4/11 June – Stewart Waters; 18/25 June Robin Berry

Items for the next issue which will cover July and August to be sent to [newsletter@tormarton.org](mailto:newsletter@tormarton.org) no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> June please.