

# Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

## July & August 2023

### Diary

Mon 3 July 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting  
Aug 16 – 18 Marshfield Holiday Club with Trevor Ranger – see below

### Advance Notice

Sept 24 West Littleton Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Lunch  
Oct 2 Tormarton Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch

### 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: 10, 24 July; 7 & 21 August

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

Bins: 5, 19 July; 2, 16 & 30 August

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

Bins: 7 & 21 July; 4 & 18 August

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

Bins: 3/4 & 17/18 July; 31 July/1 Aug, 14/15 & 28/29 August

### TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES during July & August are:

Sun 2 July	10.30 am	All Ages morning service lead by Andrew Gammie and his guitar The service will be followed by light refreshments
Sun 16 July	9.00 am	Parish Communion Rev Sally Wheeler
Sun 6 August	10.30 am	All ages morning service Rev Sally Wheeler with Rev Sharon Roberts The service will be followed by light refreshments
Sun 20 August	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Lynne Godfrey

### WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 9 July	No Service in West Littleton as there is a Benefice service in Marshfield at 10.30am to welcome the new curate	
Sun 23 July	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Lynne Godfrey with Rev Sharon Roberts
Sun 13 August	10.30am	Mattins Rev Sharon Roberts
Sun 27 August	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Sally Wheeler with Mike Strathdee

### Message from Rev. Sally

We look forward to welcoming Rev. Sharon Roberts who will be ordained on July 2nd in Bristol Cathedral before beginning her curacy with us. Sharon introduces herself and tells us more about her journey to ordination in the July Cotswold Edge. There will be a special Benefice welcome service for Sharon at 10.30am in Marshfield Church.

### **Marshfield Churches Holiday Club**

This is a three morning club in August for primary aged children which is held in Marshfield School and led by Trevor Ranger, assisted by Rev Sally, David and Janet Spence.

9.00 am - 12 noon on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th August.

For further information please contact Rev Sally on 01225 892180.

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

I had the pleasure of trying out the new 'on-demand' bus service a couple of weeks ago, and I have to say it was pretty impressive! My wife's car needed collecting urgently from the centre of Bristol and I found myself with no way of getting there. So, with no other option available, I downloaded the new bus service's App onto my mobile phone, booked a bus, and within twenty minutes my bus had turned up to take me directly from the village to Yate train station. All for the bargain price of just £2.00. If you want to find out more about the service visit [www.travelwest.info](http://www.travelwest.info) or download the WESTlink App to your mobile device.

I am sad to announce that our Clerk Jack will be leaving Bristol in July to take up a new position working for a bank on the island of Jersey. Thankfully, he has agreed to continue to carry out his duties as Parish Clerk remotely whilst we look for a suitable replacement. Obviously, we need to find a replacement as soon as is reasonably possible, and we are now in the process of looking for either a fully qualified clerk from another area, or someone local who would be willing to train and gain the relevant qualifications necessary for the role. For more information, please email [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk) or speak to a member of the Parish Council.

The next South Gloucestershire Council Community Engagement Forum for our area (Boyd Valley) will be taking place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm and you can find details of how to join this online meeting at <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/local-community-meetings>. At these meetings you can meet representatives from South Gloucestershire Council, neighbourhood police teams, Avon Fire and Rescue Service, other town and parish councils, community organisations and members of your own community.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 7:30pm. As always, members of the Parish Council will welcome your attendance and contributions in person on the night. However, you can also submit comments and questions electronically by emailing our Clerk Jack at [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk).

There is no meeting in August.

## **Tormarton Playing Field**

The cricket season is now in full swing and villagers and their visitors are very welcome to come along and watch the games. The programme of matches is shown below.

Saturday afternoon matches- 1pm

July	August
1 Marshfield	5 Marshfield
8 Marshfield	12 Tormarton v Down Hatherley
15 Tormarton v Arcadian Nine Elms	19 Marshfield
22 Marshfield	26 Marshfield
29 Tormarton v Gloucester 2 <sup>nd</sup>	

Evening matches 6pm – all in July

3 <sup>rd</sup> Marshfield Youth
4 <sup>th</sup> Marshfield Youth
5 <sup>th</sup> Tormarton v Oldbury – Pratt Cup
10 <sup>th</sup> Marshfield Youth
11 <sup>th</sup> Marshfield Youth

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:**

Winners in the June Draw were - C.Cooper (£50), A.Smith, M.Chivers, P.Turner, R.Orme, Tormarton Cricket Club (£10 each).

The next Draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 14th August 2023 at 8.30pm.

### **VILLAGE HALL report from Stewart Waters:**

The AGM of the Village Hall Committee was held on Monday 12 June and the committee and officers agreed to stand again and were re-elected on block. The Chairman (Stewart Waters) thanked the committee for their support over the past 12 months and in particular Sophie Elcock and Morwenna Saunders for undertaking the secretary and treasurer roles respectively. Ongoing works to the Hall including replacing the carpet in the committee room and maintenance to the Hall and Playground are scheduled. An Acer tree will be planted in the autumn to replace the Ash trees which were felled due to die back which will be jointly purchased with the Parish Council.

A Family Activity Day is planned for early September for all ages which will involve some competitive and some non-competitive activities. Further details in due course.

### **Village 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.

### **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:

July 1 – 7.5 mile moderate walk from Cold Ashton to Marshfield via St Catherines Valley and returning on the Cotswold Gateway walk 4.

July 4 – 5 mile circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

July 12 – 8.5 miles moderate circular walk from Swineford Picnic Area taking in North Stoke, Piple Wood, Hanging Hill, Upton Cheney and Bitton.

July 18 – 5 miles moderate circular walk around Box starting at Box Recreation Ground Car Park.

July 30 – 5 miles moderate circular walk from Castle Combe Car Park, out to West Yatton Down circling the Castle Combe circuit.

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)

### **Green Community Travel**

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 is available at [www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk](http://www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk) or telephone 01454 228706 for more information.

### **Nature Notes – How to help during this very dry spell**

It looks like it is going to continue to be hot and dry so it is really important to provide clean fresh water in a shallow dish for thirsty hedgehogs and birds. Large flower pot saucers are ideal for this purpose.

## **Nature Notes – continued**

**Hedgehog care** - Please do remember that every year hedgehogs are injured or killed by strimmers and mowers; so always check long grassy areas before strimming or mowing.

**A welcome return of the swifts** – Are you enjoying the glorious sight and sound of the swifts as they screech across the summer sky? The swifts are summer visitors flying 3,400 miles all the way from Africa. They are amazing birds that can sleep on the wing and rarely touch the ground. They have an impressive top speed of 69mph.

Swifts pair for life, returning to the same site each year. They like to nest in tiny gaps in the roofs of churches and old houses but as more old buildings are renovated their nest sites are fast disappearing; this is one of the reasons that the swift is now on the UK red list for endangered species.

The hedgehog is sadly also on this list.

## **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.

## **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: 2/9 Jul Mrs H Gent; 16/23 Jul Mrs J Wells; 30 Jul/6 Aug Mrs N Finnamore  
13/20 Aug Mrs H Maddicks, 27 Aug/3 Sept Mrs M Spruels

Church Cleaning: July Mrs. J. Woolley August Mrs L and Miss R Waters

Mowing Rota: 2 Jul David Butler, 9 Jul Tom Harrison, 16 Jul Dan Campbell, 23 Jul Bruce Finnamore  
30 Jul/6 Aug Phil Turner, 13 Aug Tom Harrison, 20 Aug John Saunders,  
27 Aug Simon Stevens

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO LOOK AFTER THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD** – comments in the church visitors book often refer to the loving care of the church.

This issue kindly printed by Simon Stevens.

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