



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

September
2023

FAMILY FUN DAY

3pm Sat 3 Sept at the Village Hall

Activities include water slide, tug-of-war, welly wanging, wheelbarrow and sack races

Look out for the posters around the village and on the Tormarton Community WhatsApp

TORMARTON VILLAGE HARVEST LUNCH

12.30 Sun 1st Oct in the Village 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. So please do come and join us.

Tickets: Adults £8; children (under 10) £4; young children free; are available from:
Heather Gent 01454 218223 or Janet Wells 01454 218549 or via the Community WhatsApp

Diary

Mon	18 Sept	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Mon	18 Sept	8.15pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting
Sun	24 Sept	11.00 am	West Littleton Harvest Festival Service followed by 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: 4 & 18 Sept, 2 Oct

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 13 & 27 Sept

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 1, 15 & 29 Sept

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

Bins: 11/12 Sept, 25/26 Sept

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	3 Sept	10.30 am	All Ages Morning Service	Mike Strathdee
			The service will be followed by light refreshments	
Sun	17 Sept	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Lynne Godfrey
Sun	1 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.

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	10 Sept	10.30 am	Mattins	Mrs. Aurea Hart
Sun	24 Sept	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Lunch	Rev. Sally Wheeler and Rev. Sharon Roberts

Harvest Collections for the Sisters of the Church

Tormarton and West Littleton churches will be organising the usual collection of fresh, tinned and dried foods for the Sisters of the Church who are providing weekly food parcels for the needy 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 Tormarton church porch or on the village website at www.tormarton.org.

In Tormarton, there will be a collection during the Harvest Festival service and a wheelbarrow will be available in the church from Weds 27 Sept to Mon 2 Oct.

PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES from Chairman Simon Stevens

Firstly, as this is the first newsletter following the summer break, whether you have been away with the family or have summered in the comfort of your own homes, I hope you've all had an enjoyable, if slightly damp in places, summer.

From a Parish Council perspective, it's been a relatively quiet summer. Hopefully we will have some exciting news for you in time for the October newsletter, but at the moment we don't want to speak too soon.

So, with that in mind, I would like to take the opportunity to talk about the best way to deal with the thorny issue of complaints. Obviously, my colleagues and I are more than happy to hear about any issues you may have, including anti-social behaviour and planning issues. However, if you do have concerns regarding planning, safety, or an environmental issue, then please in the first instance, register it with the relevant authority, South Gloucestershire Council, the police, etc. Then by all means approach the Parish Council for support and we will be only too glad to follow it up. By doing it this way you will be helping to maintain the Parish Council's credibility, and therefore its power to successfully lobby on your behalf in the future. Obviously, if you would like help submitting your concern to the relevant authority, then please let one of us know and we will be glad to help.

The hunt for a new Parish Clerk is ongoing, and although Jack is kindly continuing to support us remotely from Jersey, the situation is obviously untenable on a long-term basis. So, if there are any residents out there that fancy a new challenge and would like to earn a reasonable part-time wage whilst training for a formal qualification, then please send a covering letter and CV to katy.pool@tormarton-pc.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 18th September 2023 at 6:30pm. As always, your Parish Council members welcome attendance and contributions in person from residents; questions and comments can also be submitted by emailing our Clerk, Jack at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk

TORMARTON PARISH CLERK

Tormarton Parish Council is looking for a part-time Clerk (and Responsible Financial Officer), working from home around 18 hours per month plus attendance at one evening meeting per month.

Hours will be flexible to suit your own commitments with PC, printer and other equipment provided.

Training courses are available and all systems are in place to allow a smooth takeover.

This position will suit someone with an administrative background.

Our preferred requirements:

- Have qualifications to A-Level or equivalent, to include a minimum of GCSE Maths and English
- be ICT literate, able to use word-processing and spreadsheet software and manage a website
- have experience of setting and managing a budget
- have good communication skills

Salary is competitive depending upon experience and qualifications.

Please send a covering letter and CV to katy.pool@tormarton-pc.gov.uk

WESTlink – ‘on demand’ bus service

WESTlink is the new ‘on demand’ bus service which 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 0117 457 8561.

To find out more about the service visit <https://travelwest.info/westlink/> or download the WESTlink App to your mobile device.

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 is available at www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk or telephone 01454 228706.

Know Your Place

Know Your Place is an interactive digital collection of historic maps which offers the chance to explore heritage through old maps, historic images, and other heritage data. There is also a Community Layer to which anyone can add heritage related information.

Know Your Place South Gloucestershire is accessible via <https://maps.bristol.gov.uk/kyp/?edition=southglos>

A document is available from the Parish Council explaining how the Community Layer works and how to add information to it.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS from Stewart Waters

The elves have been busy and have kindly painted the kitchen and village hall over the weekends in August and so we have a new colour scheme which hopefully will not be too striking. This has freshened up the hall and it is intended to continue through the remainder of the hall when possible. Thanks to Elf Willem and Elf Harry.

Before the end of the summer! and return to school there will be a fun day at the hall which will involve non-competitive activities. If the weather allows then there will be a water slide and a few outdoor activities in the field to the rear. It is intended to be a relaxed opportunity for people to meet before autumn sets in and everybody is welcome. Please do bring your children and grandchildren along, there will be light refreshments etc.

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, phone: 07786 653834 for hall bookings and to arrange to use the cleaner.

Badminton Club

The Badminton club will restart on 19th September at Tormarton Parish Hall from 7 - 9 pm every Tuesday subject to availability of the hall. New members of all ages and experience are most welcome to join us.

Please contact Heather Gent on 218223 for any further questions.

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.

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

The cricket season is now drawing to a close and the last match of the season starts at 1pm on Sept 2nd against Haresfield. Villagers and their visitors are very welcome to come along and watch the game.

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:

Lucky winners in the August Draw were:- J.Smart (£50), P.Leppard, Tormarton Cricket Club, J.Marshall, M.Abell, and M.Spruels (£10 each).

The next draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 23rd October, 2023 at 8.30pm.

Please contact Pam Davis on 01454 218301 if you interested in joining the playing field 100 Club, especially if you are new to the village.

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:

Sept 5 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

Sept 9-24 – Bathscape Walking Festival – a selection of walks of various lengths and level of difficulty – see full details at <https://www.bathscape.co.uk/walking-festival>

Sept 12 – 5 miles easy circular walk meeting at Bath Bus Station to take bus to the university, then walk around the Ralph Allen stone quarries, over towards Fairy Woods, past Prior Park Landscape Gardens and on to Widcombe Manor. The walk finishes at Prior Park Garden Centre, just 5 minutes walk from the bus station.

Sept 19 – 5 miles moderate circular walk around Box starting at Box Recreation Ground Car Park.

All walks are led by the Voluntary Wardens and 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

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 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 with your name, first line of address and email address.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 27 Aug/3 Sept Margot Spruels, 10/17 Sept Mary Campbell Hill, 24 Sept/1 Oct Dawn Slade

Church Cleaning: Janet Wells and Sue Giles

Mowing Rota: 3 Sept Simon Stevens, 10 Sept Robert James, 17 Sept Martin Chivers,
24 Sept Charlie Orchard, 1 Oct Anthony Hendy

Items for the next issue to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 22nd September please.