



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

November
2023

Diary

Weds	1 st Nov	8pm	Neighbourhood Plan meeting at the Compass (see below)
Mon	6 th Nov	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall
Sun	12 th Nov	10.30am	Village Remembrance Service

Advance Diary

Sun	3 Dec	10.30pm	Family Gift Service (see below)
Sun	3 Dec	4.00pm	Children's Christmas Party (see below)
Mon	12 Dec	8.30pm	Tormarton Playing Field 100 club draw at The Compass Inn
Sun	17 Dec	5.00 pm	Tormarton Carol Service

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: 13 & 27 Nov

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 8 & 22 Nov

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 10 & 24 Nov

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

Bins: 6/7 Nov, 20/21 Nov

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	5 Nov	10.30 am	All ages morning service led by Rev Sharon Roberts followed by coffee & biscuits
Sun	12 Nov	10.30 am	Remembrance Day Service Mr. Mike Strathdee
Sun	19 Nov	9 am	Morning Service with Communion Rev. Lynne Godfrey

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	12 Nov	10.30 am	Remembrance Service in Marshfield Rev. Sally Wheeler Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Church service
Sun	26 Nov	9 am	Holy Communion (1662) Rev. Sally Wheeler & Rev Sharon Roberts

Tormarton Harvest Celebrations – Thank you

The 1st October brought many of our community together starting with a 10.30 Harvest service led by Sally at Tormarton Church. The church was beautifully decorated and lots of people had contributed to the harvest wheelbarrow collection which was given to The Sisters of the Church to distribute to needy families in Bristol. This was followed by a well-attended and lively Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall with plenty of homemade cottage pies followed by a selection of delicious deserts.

Beforehand there was the planting of a field maple acer camp (Queen Elizabeth 11) to commemorate 70 years of our late Queen's reign at the entrance to the Village Hall car park. The tree was donated by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. We wish to express our thanks to Nick Davis for digging the hole for the tree through tarmac! It would not have happened without you Nick. It was pleasing to see such a large and diverse group of villagers help plant the tree which we hope to enjoy for many years to come.

Thank you to everyone who supported and enjoyed the harvest celebrations in Tormarton and West Littleton and for your very generous donations of food to the Sisters of the Church, who do such wonderful work supporting families in Bristol.

Tormarton Remembrance Sunday – 12 November

The Remembrance service will be held in Tormarton Church on Sunday 12th November, commencing at 10.30 am. We will move to the War Memorial just before 11 am to pay our respects and commemorate all those from this village who have served and given their lives for their country.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Tormarton All Ages Family Friendly Gift Service – 10.30 am Sunday 3rd December

This is our next opportunity to support the work of the Sisters of the Church. This year we are collecting toiletry sets, gloves, warm scarves, hats and socks for men and women and £15 ARGOS VOUCHERS for children: either donations towards £15 vouchers or the vouchers themselves, so that they can give one per child to all the families that are in need.

Refurbishment of Tormarton Church to create a hospitality area and servery

Work has now started inside the church with the removal of the pews in the South Aisle and lifting of some of the flagstones. We have an archaeologist overseeing the work and nothing of interest has been discovered yet. The floor will be relaid with the existing brass ledger retained. There will be some amendments to the heating pipes and these will be replaced by electric heaters in the South Aisle. The floor will be complete for the Carol Service and early in the new year work will start on the servery which will enable this to become a multi use facility.

If anybody is interested in purchasing a pew then please can they contact Stewart Waters (07775 648484).

PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES from Chairman Simon Stevens

Neighbourhood Plan

As you will know, there have now been a number of meetings regarding the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish, the most recent of which was Monday 9th Oct.

Having a Neighbourhood Plan allows a community to set out its vision for a local area and the planning policies for the use and development of land within a designated Neighbourhood Area. This could be in relation to housing developments, green spaces, transport, or indeed energy infrastructure projects like the ones for local wind farms discussed in the Gazette (21/09/2023).

It was apparent from the meeting that, although there was a large amount of interest shown by the residents of West Littleton in developing a Neighbourhood Plan, the support for a plan in Tormarton may not be strong enough to warrant the development of a Parish wide plan that would cover both villages. As well as needing strong grass roots support, for the development of a two-village plan to be feasible it would also need the support of at least three or four willing volunteers from Tormarton to help develop the plan. As a Parish Council this leaves us with two options, we either try and drum up enough support in Tormarton so that the two villages can develop a parish wide plan, or in the absence of that, we support West Littleton in their wish to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for their own community, if necessary, independently from the rest of the Parish.

It should be noted that should the latter were to be the case, and West Littleton does go on to produce its own independent Neighbourhood Plan, then Tormarton village would have no statutory document to guide planners for what the village wants or feels would be acceptable in development for its own future.

So, to help the Parish Councillors decide which one of these two options they should support I have been asked to call one final meeting for the residents of Tormarton to gauge public support, and hopefully find three or four willing volunteers to join West Littleton and help work on a joint plan for the whole Parish.

The meeting will take place at 'The Compass Inn' on Wednesday 1st November at 8.00 pm

Halloween Party Thanks

Thank you to all those that attended the village Halloween Social evening, it was great to see so many children and rugby fans having fun at the same event.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

The hunt for a new Parish Clerk continues and, as I have said before, although Jack is kindly continuing to support us remotely from Jersey, we do need a new clerk. 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

Next PC Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 6th November 2023 at 6:30pm. As always, the members of the Parish Council members will welcome your attendance and contributions in person on the night or you can submit comments and questions by emailing our Clerk Jack at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

PARISH HALL NEWS - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday 3rd December there will be a Childrens Christmas Party in the Village Hall between 3pm and 5pm. Activities will include a bouncy castle, party games and a visit from someone special – hopefully Sally will be visiting us again! Please make a note in your diaries.

Village Hall Bookings

The Hall is 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 all enquiries.

You could save a life! - DEFIBRILLATORS

We have TWO AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillators) available locally, one by the entrance to the Village Hall in Tormarton and one near the village noticeboard in West Littleton.

NO training is necessary to use them BUT they are the best way to save someone's life if they have gone into cardiac arrest - and time is of the essence.

If you think that someone has had a cardiac arrest (that is they are not obviously breathing or responding to you) you should:

- 1) Dial 999 and shout for help
- 2) Start doing CPR - the 999 operator will talk you through this, you DON'T need to breathe into anyone's mouth, just do chest compressions.
- 3) Send someone to get a defibrillator if you can. These do not need any specialist training to use. They talk you through how to use them and will only deliver a shock if the onboard computer thinks it's appropriate.

Using a defibrillator fast after a cardiac arrest saves lives

The Defibrillator case **DOES NOT need a code** – just twist the cover to remove and access.

NATIONAL TREE WEEK Saturday 25 November – Sunday 3 December

The South Glos Council, SGC, tree voucher scheme is back.

This year the Council is working with three local tree nurseries to promote tree planting at home and they will be giving away 250 free vouchers for residents to claim and plant their own tree.

This is part of the SGC plan to plant enough trees by 2030 to double the tree canopy and improve biodiversity which will help to keep our local environment healthy.

To claim a free tree voucher, visit www.southglos.gov.uk/treeweek during tree week.

PLAYING FIELD – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There have been regular occurrences of owners failing to clear up after their dogs when they have fouled on the village playing field. As well as being a health hazard for those using the playing field for sports, it is also detailed as being an offence under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The village playing field is a valuable asset to those wanting a safe space to exercise their dogs. So, please don't spoil it for everyone, and always clear up after your dogs. Thank you

Playing Field 100 Club:

Lucky Winners in the October Draw were - A.Wilson (£50), S.Smith, M.Spyt, R.Langley, E.Abbott and M.Chivers (£10 each).

The Christmas Draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 18th December at 8.30pm. All Welcome

Contact Details for our Local Community Police

Bianca Rotariu – PCSO9061 Email: 9061@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Emma Sheppard – PCSO 7315 Email: 7315@avonandsomerset.police.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.

GUIDED WALKS in the COTSWOLDS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE

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

Nov 4 & 5 Kelston Fireworks. Meet at 6pm for a 2.5 mile easy walk from the village to the top of Kelston Roundhill to watch the fireworks in Bristol and Bath.

Nov 7 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

Nov 14 – Circuit of Bath, 5.5 miles easy. Meet at Bath Bus Station for bus to South Stoke and Engliscombe.

Nov 21 – 5 miles moderate circular walk around Box starting at Box Recreation Ground Car Park.

Nov 29 – 4.5 miles easy walk from Marshfield Layby through Marshfield and back via Cloud Wood

For full details of the walks available visit: <http://www.cotswoldsaoib.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.

Fireworks Warning!

If you are planning to have fireworks on 5th November, or at the weekend, do please warn your neighbours so they can protect their animals.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 5/12 Nov Mrs E Barker, 19/26 Nov Mrs M Campbell Hill

Church Cleaning: Nicky Butler and Sophie Elcock

Items for the next issue to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 23rd November please.