



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

May 2024

Day 80th Anniversary D-Celebrations SAVE the DATES

6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day when we honour and pay tribute to all those who selflessly served their countries in order to protect our freedom and values.

Fri 7th June 11.45am onwards in Acton Turville

The Royal British Legion, Acton Turville Parish Council and Trinity School are organising a special event to include a talk about D-Day, a Service of Remembrance and D-Day themed lunch at the Fox and Hounds. Full details are available on the village noticeboards. Those planning to attend are asked to add their names to the lists available in the Acton Turville or Badminton Stores or in the Fox and Hounds.

Sunday 9th June, 2.30 D-Day Celebrations at The Playing Field in Tormarton

A community event organised by members of the Parish Council, Village Hall and Playing Field Committees plus other volunteers.

Do join us at the Playing Fields for a fun rounders match, singing by the D-Day Dollies, refreshments and a Village Get Together.

If you would like to play in the rounders match, please contact Sophie.

email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834

Diary

Thurs	2 May		Election of Police Commissioner – remember to take id
Tues	7 May	7.30pm	Tormarton Church Council AGM – see below
Mon	13 May	8.00pm	Village Hall AGM – see below
Mon	20 May	6.30pm	Parish Council AGM and Annual Parish Meeting – see below

Advance Notice

Weds	5 June	7.00pm	Defibrillator Awareness Session at the Village Hall – see below
Sat/Sun	8/9 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: 13 & 27 May

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 8 & 22 May

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 10 & 24 May

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

Bins: 6/79 May, 20/21 May

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	5 May	10.30 am	Informal morning service led by the Archdeacon of Malmesbury – see below
Sun	19 May	9.00 am	Holy Communion Rev. Sally Wheeler

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	12 May	10.30 am	Mattins	Rev Sharon Roberts
Sun	26 May	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. Sally Wheeler

Message from Rev. Sally

Special visitor to St Mary Magdalene on Sunday May 5th

On Sunday May 5th our 10.30am informal worship service will be taken by the Archdeacon of Malmesbury, the Ven. Christopher Bryan. Christopher was previously the minister of the rural Gauzebrook Team of churches and is looking forward to visiting St Mary Magdalene and leading worship with us here. It is many years since we have had an Archdeacon in our church!

The service will be followed by refreshments in our wonderful newly refurbished hospitality area. Do come and join us for this friendly service which lasts around 45 minutes.

Tormarton - Annual Church Meeting – Tuesday 7th May

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Church Council AGM) will be held in Tormarton Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th 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.

New Community Space in the church – the works are nearing completion and we have a large gathering space with overhead heaters and very impressive servery with hot water and ample storage.

Mark Brookman and his team have worked hard to deliver this facility which is very much in keeping with the church and the servery provided by Zeal of Sherston demonstrates their craftsmen skills.

It is available for anybody to use and is not limited to church events, so do please speak to a member of the church council if you have an idea to use this lovely new area.

West Littleton Open Gardens: - Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June

West Littleton gardens will be open on 8th and 9th 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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 20th May 2024 at 6.30 pm, and will be followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish Assembly. This is a special meeting which is open to all and the Parish Council would really welcome and appreciate your attendance.

Participation from residents is greatly encouraged and welcomed, either in person or by writing with your questions or input to Richard the Parish Clerk via email at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

Neighbourhood Plan

Over 50 residents attended the Neighbourhood Plan meeting that took place at Tormarton Village Hall on the 20th March. Thank you to everyone who attended and gave their opinions on the key areas that any future Neighbourhood plan should incorporate. A vote taken from all those present at the meeting, and from a previous meeting held in West Littleton, both showed unanimous support for the steering group to proceed with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. This plan will provide a statutory document that both safeguards and guides proposed future land use across the Parish, as well as setting out wider visions for improving our community spaces and infrastructure.

South Gloucestershire Council has now confirmed its approval and our Parish Council boundary has been designated for a Neighbourhood Plan.

Attached to this newsletter is a separate Neighbourhood Plan flyer. We'd love to hear from all residents – please let us know your views on the issues raised and/or any new topics you'd like to add – **email: np@tormarton.org**. **Do also let us know if you'd like to join us on the steering group.**

Defibrillator Training

South Western Ambulance Service will be holding a defibrillator training session in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th June at 7pm. Guidance has changed since Covid, and you could save a life; so please come along and make sure you know what to do in an emergency.

PARISH HALL news from Stewart Waters

Hall - The AGM for the Parish Hall will be held on Monday 13 May 2024 at 8.00pm at the Hall. Anybody is welcome to attend and if there is any question that to put to the committee then please do let me know.

Email: Stewart.waters@david-james.co.uk

Painting continues inside the Hall and will be completed shortly. The annual inspection of the playground has recently been completed and identified a few minor issues which will be addressed.

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, 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, phone: 07786 653834. Cost: £5 per session.

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

May 4	Marshfield vWinchcombe	May 11	Tormarton v Oldlands
May 18	Marshfield v Gloucester	May 25	Tormarton v Upton St Leonards

Tormarton Playing Field 100 Club:

The final draw for the 23/24 season was held at The Compass Inn on 15th April. Lucky winners were:- Tormarton Cricket Club (£50 and £10 prize), B.Abell, Heritage 1st Team, M.Spruels and C.Cooper (£10 each).

The first draw of the 24/25 season will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 10th June 2024 at 8.30pm. Memberships will be due from 1st May (£12 per year) and your continued support for the playing field facilities is very much appreciated. Please pay your usual collector or direct to Pam Davis at Glebe Cottage. If you no longer wish to be a member, please let Pam know on 07522 172181 or 01454 218301.

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:

May 7 – 5 miles moderate walk around Colerne starting at the Fox & Hounds

May 14 – 6 miles moderate walk through Monkton Farleigh, Conkwell and Claverton Down taking the bus to Bathford and back from Bath Uni

May 18 – 9.5 miles moderate walk, stage one circuit of Bath starting at Odd Down Park & Ride

May 21 – 5 miles moderate walk around Box starting at the Recreation Ground Car Park

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.cotswoldsاونب.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

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.

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 75% of our food crops and fruit trees – 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.

Contact Details for our Local Community Police

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

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

The Police have asked that residents report all incidents, as if they don't know about an issue how can they do anything about it.

WESTlink – 'on demand' bus service

WESTlink is the '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.

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.

Tormarton Community WhatsApp group

The group has been set up by Noreen Finnermore 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@thefinnermores.com giving details of your name, mobile number and the first line of your address.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 5/12 May Mrs L Waters; 19/26 May Mrs. R. Calleja

Church Cleaning: Mrs. S. Smith

Church Mowing 6 May Martin Chivers, 13/20 May Ian Elcock, 27 May John Saunders

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

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