



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

June
2024

80th Anniversary D-Day Celebrations

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

Do join us at the Playing Fields for a fun all ages rounders match plus singing by the D-Day Dollies, free tea, coffee, squash and cakes. There will be a pop up cash bar with beer, cider and wine from Rupert and a D Day reading by George Gent. There will even be a Tug of War – if we can find a rope!

Donations of cakes would be appreciated and if you would like to play in the rounders match, please contact Sophie. email: sophie.thomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834

Diary

Mon 3 June	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting
Mon 3 June	8.00pm	Church Council meeting
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.
Mon 10 June	8.30pm	Playing Field 100 Club draw at the Compass

Advance Notice

Aug 20 – 22 Marshfield Holiday Club – Deep Sea Divers

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 June

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 5 & 19 June

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 7 & 21 June

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

Bins: 3/4 June, 17/18 June

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 2 June 10.30 am All Ages morning service lead by Andrew Gammie and his guitar.

The service will be followed by light refreshments.

Sun 16 June 9 am Holy Communion

Rev. Sally Wheeler

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 09 June 6 pm Benefice Evensong to round off the Open Gardens event Rev. Sally Wheeler

Sun 23 June 9 am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Sally Wheeler

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 music and a plant sale.

Entry is £5 (children free) and all proceeds go towards the upkeep of St James's Church.

Message from Rev. Sally

The Rev. Sharon Roberts, who many of you have now met, will be Ordained on the 29th June at 3pm in Bristol Cathedral. There is a coach going at 1.45pm and a sign up sheet in the church, or email Revd Sally (marhsfield.benefice@gmail.com).

Then on Sunday June 30th there will be a joint Benefice Service at 10.30am in St Mary the Virgin Marshfield for us to join together for Sharon's first service as a priest, this will be followed by a Bring and Share picnic lunch in the churchyard (if sunny) or in church. Chairs and tables will be available or bring your own. Hot drinks will be provided.

There is a wedding at 1.30pm on June 1st for Ruth Coles and Jake Parrott who have been attending church in preparation for their wedding. We wish them well and hope the Tormarton children will come and tie up the gates as per the local tradition!

Tormarton Annual Church Meeting

Tormarton Church held its Annual Church Meeting in May. At the meeting we re-appointed our Church Officers for the coming year; Stewart Waters and Richard Lawrence have agreed to continue as Churchwardens, Janet Wells remains as PCC Treasurer and Stewart continues to project manage the improvements to church facilities while Heather Gent is responsible for 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

With summer literally just around the corner, the sun appearing on a more regular basis, and the deluge starting to subside, you can't help but feel upbeat about the next few months.

We have the village D-Day 80 celebration to look forward to, with a fabulous rounders spectacular, live musical entertainment, and no doubt some adult and non-adult beverages (more details elsewhere in the newsletter). The 'Open Gardens' celebration in West Littleton is coming up, and of course we will have the build up to the General Election to look forward to!

As the newsletter comes with a copy of this year's annual Chairman's report, attached for some light reading, I thought that we could forgo any usual PC related messages for this addition. Instead, I thought I would include a request for ideas that would normally sit outside the remit of the Parish Council... So, I would like to know what activities, events, or social schemes that the residents of Tormarton would like to see added to the Village's Community Diary. It could be a new sports related activity, a social gathering for a certain sector of the parish, a community enrichment project that would have a positive impact on our village or environment. Preferably things that would normally sit outside of what the Parish Council has historically championed in the past, but none the less things that you feel would add value to our community. Please remember no idea should be considered too simple, or indeed too far-fetched. It just needs to add value to the community. Simply email your ideas to me at simon.stevens@tormarton-pc.gov.uk and I will have a look at the practicalities of hopefully making one or two of them happen, either within or outside of my role as a Parish Councillor.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 3rd June 2024 at 6.30 pm. As always, 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.

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.

VILLAGE HALL news from Stewart Waters

At the recent AGM the chair reported on events during the past 12 months including: an Activity day in September when a tree was planted for in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a Childrens Christmas Party and works to the Hall including, painting, new kitchen door, new floor in committee room and other minor works.

The ongoing use by Little Minds Childrens Nursery appears to be working well. The final accounts were not available but the Treasurer confirmed that funds were healthy and these will be finalised shortly.

The Chair thanked all members of the committee for their help throughout the year but specifically for the tidy up day in the autumn. The secretary, Sophie Elcock and Treasurer, Morwenna Saunders were recognised for their contribution to the running of the Hall and it was agreed that all members of the committee would remain in their current roles for another year.

The AGM then closed and a regular meeting followed with discussion on necessary works to the Playground following an inspection, plus oil tank and general maintenance work that had been identified.

The recent presentation of a picture which would normally be displayed in a Village Hall by the Chair of the Parish Council will be displayed in the entrance lobby. Hopefully this can be completed shortly. It was agreed that the clock would be repositioned so that batteries could be replaced regularly. A discussion regarding the D Day Celebrations was held and the committee offered help to Sue Giles as the main organiser.

The next meeting will be on 5th August in preparation for the Activity Day on Sunday 1st September.

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.

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.

All matches start at 1pm

June 1	Tormarton v Arcadians	June 8	Marshfield v Kings Stanley
June 15	Tormarton v Birdlip & Brimsfield	June 22	Marshfield v Langford
June 29	Tormarton v Apperley		

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 24/25 season will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 10th June 2024 at 8.30pm. Memberships were 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.

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 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 Transport (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 or telephone 01454 228706.

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

June 11 – 5.5 mile easy linear walk along Little Solsbury Hill Bath, meeting outside Café Nero Bath Bus Station at 10am. The walk makes use of buses to and from Bath.

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

June 15 – 5 miles moderate linear walk, stage 2 circuit of Bath. Meet at Batheaston Car Park, return to start using public transport.

June 18 – 5 miles moderate circular walk around Box.

June 20 – 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

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. More insects provides greater food security and a healthier environment!

Be Hedgehog Aware

It is important to provide a regular supply of clean fresh water in a shallow dish for thirsty hedgehogs. Every year, many hedgehogs are injured or killed by strimmers and mowers, so please remember to check long grassy areas, hedgerows or underneath large plants for hedgehogs and their nests before strimming or mowing. Also please be aware that 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?

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?

If you would like to receive future copies of your newsletter via email, please email newsletter@tormarton.org with your name, first line of address and email address.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 2/91 June Mrs P Monyard; 16/23 June Mrs C Harrison

Church Cleaning: Mrs. J. Wells

Mowing Rota: 3 – John Saunders; 10/17 June Robin Berry; 24 June David Butler

Items for the next issue which will cover July and August to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 24th June please.