



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

September
2024

FAMILY FUN DAY

3pm – 5pm Sat 1 Sept at the Village Hall

Activities include water slide, coconut shy, rounders game and for the first time the **Tormarton Dog Show** which will include several fun classes for your pet to enter including waggiest tail, best trick, most like the owner. We all love our pets and there seems to be a good number of dogs in the village and so do bring your dog along for a little fun. The activities will start at 3pm and finish by 5pm.

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

MARSHFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR (MMVC) TASTER SESSION

7.30pm Mon 16th Sept in Marshfield Chapel

Do you enjoy singing in the shower, in the car or at the footy?

Would you like to sing for fun with like minded people, support local events and raise money for charity?

Then why not come along to a 'no obligation' taster session on 16th September?

There are no auditions and you don't need to be able to read music.

For further information call Peter on 0787 6566621, email petergwragg@gmail.com or check out the website [Marshfield Male Voice Choir \(mmvc.co.uk\)](http://Marshfield Male Voice Choir (mmvc.co.uk))

TORMARTON VILLAGE HARVEST LUNCH

12.30 Sun 6th 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	2 Sept	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Mon	9 Sept	8.00pm	Church Council Meeting

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: 2, 16 & 30 Sept

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 11 & 25 Sept

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 13 & 27 Sept

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

Bins: 9/10 Sept, 23/24 Sept

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	1 Sept	10.30 am	All Ages Morning Service followed by light refreshments	Mike Strathdee
Sun	15 Sept	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun	29 Sept	10.30 am	Benefice Service	Rev. Sally Wheeler

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	8 Sept	10.30 am	Mattins	Mrs. Aurea Hart
Sun	22 Sept	9.00 am	Holly Communion	Rev. Sharon Roberts

MESSAGE from REV SALLY

Benefice Service 10.30 am Sunday 29th September

There will be special service in Tormarton church for the congregations of our four parishes when we will gather to worship together, and for those who haven't been to Tormarton Church, a chance to see the new servery and enjoy coffee and conversation after the service.

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 those struggling to afford food 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 2 Oct to Mon 7 Oct.

PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES from Chairman Simon Stevens

Following a 'varied' summer break weather wise that seems to have flown by, it's time for the Parish Council to reconvene and prepare for the second half of the year.

Although things have been relatively quiet since my last newsletter submission, life in our two villages has ticked along and there are a couple of updates.

The Parish Council have now taken control of data collection from the Vehicle Activated Road (VAR) Signs, which along with the new solar panels will save us around £4,000 per year. Obviously, the saving is good, but more importantly we don't have to rely on South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) supplying us with the data on drivers' speeds which sometimes has not been forthcoming.

The other update is regarding planning, and the fact that SGC are revisiting the call for sites, and where development will be pursued or encouraged in the county. Although there are no sites particularly local to the Parish that have been headlined, I think we would be wise to keep an eye on the consultation that has now been opened. We wouldn't want to miss something that gets added halfway through the process which, although doubtful, from past experience we know is possible!

It looks like the villages' social calendar for the rest of the year is getting off to a fabulous start with the Family Fun Day on 1st September shaping up nicely. It certainly looks like we would all be 'barking mad' to miss this family event. Thank you to the Village Hall team for all their hard work putting this together, and please do attend and support if you can. Then in early October we have the village Harvest Lunch, a great opportunity for villagers old and new to meet and enjoy a home-cooked meal and 'catch-up' with all the village news.

I also understand that there are events being planned for Christmas, and the possibility of another Halloween spooktacular, as well as plans for a large VE80 celebration in the spring. Please remember that these village events can only exist with your support, whether it's posting some leaflets through doors, setting up a few tables and chairs, or manning the bar, it all goes into making these events happen.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 2nd September 2024 at 6.30 pm. As always, participation from residents is 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.

Badminton Club

The Badminton club will restart on 17th September at Tormarton Village 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.

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.

Tormarton Playing Field 100 Club:

Lucky winners in the August Draw were:- Patrick Gent (£50), Peter Gent, R Player, Tormarton Cricket Club, J Sage, and N Seymour-Williams (£10 each).

The next draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 14th October, 2024 at 8.30pm.

Anyone interested in joining the 100 Club (which helps to support the playing field facilities) should contact Pam Davis on 01454 218301 or 07522 172181.

Payment of the £12 annual subscription for 24/25 is now due from existing members and would be appreciated. Please pay your usual collector or direct to Pam Davis at Glebe Cottage. Thank you.

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.

VILLAGE AGENT Aimee Cherry -Williams

Aimee Cherry-Williams, is the village agent for Marshfield, Tormarton, Pucklechurch, etc. Her role is to help/advice residents on where to find help re. all things health and wellbeing and links into South Glos Council social services. To find out more visit [Village Agents – WERN](#)

Aimee can be contacted on 07555 460655 or email aimee@wern.org.uk

You could save a life! - DEFIBRILLATORS

We have TWO AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillators) available locally, one by the entrance to Tormarton Village Hall 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 have 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. The machine will talk you through what to do 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.

WESTlink – ‘on demand’ bus service

WESTlink, the ‘on demand’ bus service, operates in our area and runs without a fixed timetable or route. It 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.

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 3 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

Sept 16 – 9.5 miles circular moderate walk from Bathford through a Nature Reserve and along the River Avon.

Sept 17 – 5 miles moderate circular walk around Box starting at Box Recreation Ground Car Park.

Sept 17 – 5.5 miles moderate walk around Bath starting at Café Nero and finishing at Parade Gardens

Sept 18 – 5.5 miles easy circular walk from Kelaton Cheese Shop.

Sept 19 morning and afternoon walks from Newbridge Park and Ride.

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.

Bath based walks are part of The Bathscape Walking Festival 7-22 September.

Visit: <https://www.bathscape.co.uk/event/bathscape-walking-festival-6/> for more information

Our local footpath warden is Bev Hope-Bell who can be contacted for any issues with local paths

bevhopebell@btinternet.com

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.

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: 25 Aug/1 Sept Margot Spruels, 8/15 Sept Mary Campbell Hill, 22/29 Sept Dawn Slade

Church Cleaning: Stella Turner

Mowing Rota: 2 & 9 Sept Robert James, 16 23 Sept Charlie Orchard, 30 Sept Anthony Hendy

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