



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

November
2024

Diary

Fri	1 st Nov	08.00pm	Halloween Quiz and Bingo Night at The Compass Inn
Mon	4 th Nov	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall
Sun	10 th Nov	10.30am	Tormarton Village Remembrance Service

Advance Diary

Sun	1 Dec	10.30pm	Family Gift Service (see below)
Sun	1 Dec	3.00pm	Children's Christmas Party (see below)
Fri	8 Dec	7.00 pm onwards	Village Christmas Supper at The Compass Inn
Mon	16 Dec	8.30pm	Tormarton Playing Field 100 club draw at The Compass Inn
Sun	22 Dec	5.00 pm	Tormarton Carol Service & Christingle

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: 11 & 25 Nov

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 6 & 20 Nov

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 8 & 22 Nov

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

Bins: 4/5 Nov, 18/19 Nov

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 10 Nov	10.30 am	Remembrance Day Service led by Rev Sharon Roberts followed by coffee & biscuits	
Sun 17 Nov	9 am	Morning Service with Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 10 Nov	10.30 am	Remembrance Service in Marshfield	Rev. Sally Wheeler
		Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Church service	
Sun 24 Nov	9 am	Holy Communion (1662)	Rev. Sharon Roberts

NOTES from REV. SALLY

Harvest Thank you

A huge Thank you to parishioners and to Little Minds Nursery for the harvest gifts which were taken to the Sisters of the Church in East Bristol. Also to all who worked hard to put on a much-enjoyed lunch to mark Harvest. A presentation was made to Peter Gent in gratitude for his lifetime of commitment to the church and village and in honour of his 90th birthday.

All Soul's Service, 4pm November 3rd: Remembering loved ones:

Our Benefice All Soul's Service at Marshfield Church offers a gentle space for remembering and naming our loved ones with candles and beautiful music. Please let Sally know if there is a name you would like added. We automatically read the names of those who have died in our Benefice in the last four years, but other names from other times and places can be remembered too.

Remembrance Service with Rev Sharon.

The Remembrance service will be held in Tormarton Church on Sunday 10th 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.

Ordinand on Placement

Welcome to Rachel Howlett who is training to become a priest in the Church of England and will be gaining experience in our Benefice from November through to June 2025 before her ordination into Bath and Wells Diocese.

Tormarton All Ages Family Friendly Gift Service – 10.30 am Sunday 1st 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.

PARISH COUNCIL – Notes from Chairman Simon Stevens

Well, if we needed any confirmation that summer's over, with the clocks going back and the darker nights now upon us, I think its fair to say we won't be sunbathing in our gardens any time soon. Thankfully, it looks like there will be plenty to keep local residents occupied, like the recent harvest luncheon or, for the more active of you, the recent pond clear-up morning, both of which were so well supported. To keep up with what's-on in and around the village, don't forget to subscribe to the online version of this newsletter by following the village Facebook page or by emailing newsletter@tormarton.org to register.

I am sad to announce the departure of our Parish Clerk Richard Cole, who leaves the role on 31st October 2024. I would like to join my colleagues in thanking Richard for his help and support during 2024 and wish him all the very best in his new and existing roles in the future. As you can imagine, Richards unexpected departure leaves the Parish Council with a big void in the team, and although in the short-term Katy Pool and myself will take up the administrative slack, we will now start looking for a locum Clerk to steady the ship until we can find a suitable replacement. Although, ideally, we are looking for someone with previous experience in this type of role, we would consider someone with proven administrative skills who is confident in using well known online software packages. This is a paid part-time role requiring around a 20 hours per month commitment. Anyone who is interested should email clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk for further information.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 4th November 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 the Parish Clerk via email at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

PARISH HALL NEWS from Stewart Waters

The Children's Christmas Party will be held in the hall on Sunday 1st December between 3pm and 5pm. Hopefully we can entertain the children for a couple of hours and perhaps there will be a few surprise guests. Please do bring your young ones along and if you can borrow any grandchildren or nieces/nephews then we would be pleased to see you all at the Village Hall.

The annual autumn clear up of the car park and surrounding area will be on Sunday 24th November at 9am and any volunteers to help with sweeping up leaves and clearing the gutters would be very much appreciated.

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.

Badminton Club

The Badminton club plays every Tuesday at the Tormarton Parish Hall from 7 - 9 pm.
New members of all ages and experience are most welcome to join us.
Please contact Heather Gent on 218223 for any further information.

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

The football season is now in full swing and villagers and their visitors are very welcome to come along and support the Tormarton team. November games are at 2pm on 9th, 16th and 23rd.

Playing Field 100 Club:

Lucky Winners in the October Draw were:-

S.Elcock (£50), £10 each to V.Stevens, J.Williams, B.Spruels, Tormarton Cricket Club x 2 prizes.
The Christmas Draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 16th December 2024 at 8pm.

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.

Contact Details for our Local Community Police

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

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

VILLAGE AGENT Aimee Cherry -Williams

Aimee Cherry-Williams, is the village agent for Marshfield, Tormarton, Pucklechurch, etc. Her role is to help/advise 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

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)

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

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

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

Nov 7 - 6 miles circular moderate walk from Sherston via Luckington and return.

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

Nov 23 – 7 miles moderate circular walk from Dyram Park National Trust Car Park.

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.

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: 3/10 Nov Mrs E Barker, 17/24 Nov Mrs M Campbell Hill

Church Cleaning: Nicky Butler and Sophie Elcock

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO LOOK AFTER THE CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD – comments in the church visitors book often refer to the loving care of the church.

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