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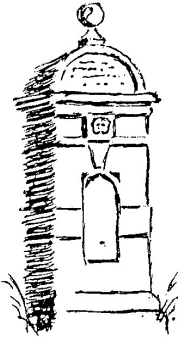
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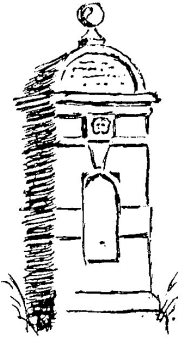
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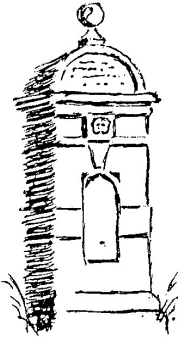
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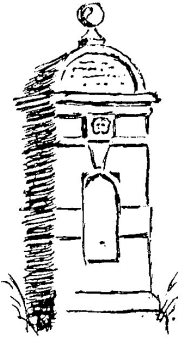
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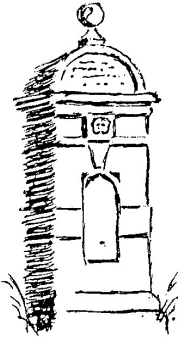
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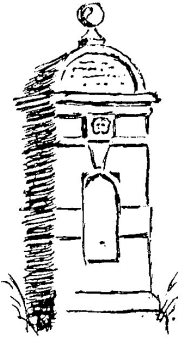
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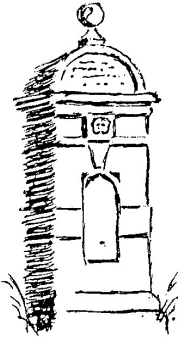
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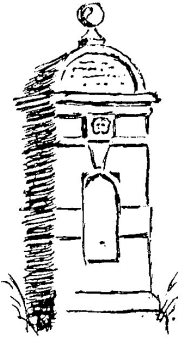
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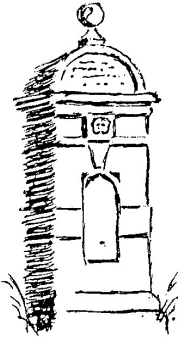
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VILLAGE HALL news from Chairman Stewart Waters

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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.

If you think that someone has had a cardiac arrest you should:

- 1) Dial 999 and shout for help
- 2) Start doing CPR - the 999 operator will talk you through this
- 3) Send someone to get a defibrillator if you can.

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

Now & Zen

A yoga-style class. Bend and breathe through a range of easy stretches and poses. Focusing on the breath whilst gently improving mobility and flexibility. A relaxing, low-intensity class for all. £6.00 a class, please bring a mat. Contact Alice to book 07964 925555

Tormarton Run Club

We've recently set up a small run club for anyone in the village who'd like to run in a friendly, social group. At the moment, we're still working out the best days, times, and distances to suit everyone, so runs are being organised on an ad hoc basis. Saturday afternoon outings have been especially enjoyable, giving us a chance to explore the local area, have a good chat, and get some fresh air and exercise! If you'd like to join in, please contact Stacey on 07825 605058 to be added to the WhatsApp group where runs are arranged.

Thursday BOULES at the Compass

John Wells has started a boules group that plays every Thursday at 2pm at the Compass Inn. No previous experience is necessary and the rules, which are not complicated, will be explained. If you are interested in joining this group please contact John on 01454 218549 or email drakehouse365@btinternet.com

TORMARTON VILLAGE POND

The village pond committee recently celebrated 20 years since the pond was handed over to the village by the family of Lady Joan Altrincham who used to live at Tormarton Court. A photo display was prepared for the village VE 80 celebrations and, for those who missed it, is available to view in the church.

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

The Saturday Cricket matches continue throughout the month commencing at 1 pm. Wednesday evening outdoor net sessions are held from 6 pm, weather permitting. Anyone is welcome to join in.

A plea to all dog walkers - **please do not leave dog mess lying on the field. It has become a regular occurrence of late.**

June 7	Tormarton v Eastcombe	June 14	Marshfield
June 21	Tormarton v Oldlands	June 28	Marshfield

The field and its facilities are available for hire for children's parties or other occasions. Please email Mick Bell at mickjbell@yahoo.co.uk for more information

Tormarton Playing Field 100 Club:

The first draw of the 25/26 season will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 9th June, 2025. £12 memberships were due from 1st May 2025 and would be much appreciated. Anyone new wishing to support the playing field facilities should contact Pam at Glebe Cottage or on 07522 172181. Thank you.

Contact Details for our Local Community Police

PC 1542 Brown and PC 309 Andrews.

mike.brown@avonandsomerset.police.uk

daniell.andrews@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.

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?

June trips include:

Mon 2nd June – Lunch, The Royal George Thornbury £10.00

Tues 10th June – Lunch, The Rose and Crown Rangeworthy £9.00

Fri 13th June – Cadbury Garden Centre £15.00

Mon 16th June – Lunch, The White Hart Iron Acton £9.00 (under new management)

Fri 20th June – Acton Court Visit 14:00-16:30. £9.00

Look around the beautiful gardens and see where Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn stayed! Tea, coffee, fabulous cakes and pastries, ice cream available. Free entry to the Court.

More information is available at www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk or telephone 01454 228706 find out more and to register your interest in a trip.

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:

Circular walks around Box and Colerne; June 14 a wildflower identification walk at Emorsgate wildflower seed producers; June 21 easy evening walk around Badminton and June 25 a walk around Hinton Fort and Dodington 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

Nature Notes

Please 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, remember to check long grassy areas, hedgerows or underneath large plants for hedgehogs and their nests before strimming or mowing. Piles of leaves and twigs, or tunnels through undergrowth 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).

Advice is available from the Hedgehog Emergency Rescue Helpline on 01584 890 801.

Would you like your newsletter via email?

If you would like to receive future copy via email, please contact newsletter@tormarton.org

Tormarton Community WhatsApp group

The Tormarton WhatsApp group has been set up to facilitate the sharing of important information relevant to the people of Tormarton. To join the group please contact newsletter@tormarton.org giving details of your name, mobile number and the first line of your address. Alternatively you can speak to someone who is already a member of the group.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 1/8 June Mrs P Monyard; 15/22 June Mrs C Harrison; 29 June/6 July Mrs J.Wells

Church Cleaning: Mrs. S. Turner and Ms Maz Evans

Mowing Rota: 2/9 June – Rob Morley; 16/23 June David Butler; 30 June/7 July Benn Camber

Items for the next issue which will cover July and August to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 26th June please.