



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

July &
August
2025

Diary

Mon	7 July	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Mon	7 July	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	19 July	2pm	Marshfield Church Fete
Mon	21 July	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Sat	26 July		Blues Bros. at the Compass Inn
Mon	4 August	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Mon	18 August	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
	Aug 18 – 21	09.00-12.00	Marshfield Holiday Club – Team Builders– see below
Sun	31 Aug		Family Activity Day and Dog Show organised by Tormarton Village Hall Committee

Advance Notice

Sept 1	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Sept 28	West Littleton Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Lunch
Oct 5	Tormarton Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch

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: 7, 21 July; 4 & 18 August

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 2, 16, 30 July; 13 & 27 August

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 4 & 18 July; 1 & 15 August

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

Bins: June 30/Jul 1, 14/15 & 28/29 July, 11/12 & 25/26 August

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES during July & August are:

Sun	6 July	10.30 am	All Ages morning service lead by Rev Sally and followed by light refreshments
Sun	20 July	9.00 am	Parish Communion Rev Sharon Roberts
Sun	3 August	10.30 am	All ages morning service lead by Andrew Gammie with his guitar The service will be followed by light refreshments
Sun	17 August	9.00am	Parish Communion Rev Sally Wheeler

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	13 July	10.30am	Mattins	Rev Sharon Roberts
Sun	27 July	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Sharon Roberts
Sun	10 August	10.30am	Mattins	Aurea Hart
Sun	24 August	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Sally Wheeler

West Littleton Open Gardens

Thank you to everyone who visited our gardens open weekend. Despite the poor weather on the Saturday we raised nearly £3,500 towards the upkeep of St James's Church.

Marshfield Church Fete

The Annual Church Fete will be held on the 19th July from 2pm in the Church and beautiful churchyard with entertainment provided by Marshfield Town Band, stalls, childrens activities, cake and refreshments. The Marshfield Male Voice Choir will be singing in the church later that evening.

MESSAGE from Rev Canon Sally

Tormarton's Beautiful C12th Church Urgently Needs Your Help

Tormarton village Church has been serving the people of Tormarton for the last 900 years but in February a significant crack developed in the outer chancel wall and a gap has developed between the wall and the roof, leading to water ingress into the corner of the chancel.

We have been quoted £17k for scaffolding and the urgent repairs required. We have been applying for grants as we only just have sufficient funds in the church fabric fund to cover this and we are currently waiting for the 5 yearly inspection report from the Church architect which might flag up further essential works, so it is important we have some money kept in reserve.

We have so far pledged £6000 from church funds. Gloucester Historic Churches have awarded us a £2000 grant and we are awaiting the result of another grant application. Other grant awarding bodies have a lead time of many months, and we do not think it is wise to wait for these and the arrival of wintry weather before carrying out the repair. Hence this appeal for help.

The PCC are setting up a fundraising page on the 'Just Giving' website and we are hoping that this will help to spread our appeal to those with present and past connections to the church, or anyone who values these wonderful historic buildings.

Details of the Just Giving page will be shared on the Tormarton Village WhatsApp as soon as they are available and it would be wonderful if you could share the link to anyone who you think might be interested. The more we share the more we will raise and, hopefully, we can start work later this summer. Members of the PCC would also love to hear from you if you felt able to contribute or help with our fundraising. Thank you!

Marshfield Churches Holiday Club – Team Builders

This fun holiday club with a theme of Team Builders will be held in Marshfield School and led by Trevor Ranger, assisted by Rev Sharon. The club is available to all 5-11 year olds and will run from 9.00 am - 12 noon on Tues 19th, Weds 20th and Thurs 21st August. A special 'Team Builders' celebration will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 24th August.

For further information please contact Rev Sharon: email s.roberts5454@outlook.com or phone 07903 011030.

PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES from the Chairman Simon Stevens

I am sad to announce that this will be my last contribution to the Parish newsletter in my capacity as Chairman of Tormarton Parish Council. Unfortunately, due to an imminent move across the pond to St Louis Missouri, I will be resigning my position as a Parish Councillor at our next meeting, after which I will no longer be in a position to write these updates.

It really has been my privilege to serve on your Parish Council, and hope that I have made a positive contribution to our local community. Rest assured I have tried to do the right thing at every opportunity, and have won and lost some notable battles over my time in the role, both as a councillor and, with the support of my colleagues, as Chairman. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Parish Council members, Katy Pool, Janet Wells, Sue Giles, and Rebecca Derry- Evans, not to mention our fabulous new Clerk Sara Thomas, for all their hard work during my time in the role. For a good period of my time on the Parish Council we have been lucky enough to have been able to maintain a full complement of five Parish Councillors. A fact that my unfortunate early departure will now spoil. At my final meeting it is my intention to ask our excellent Vice Chairman Katy Pool to step in to my vacated position as Chairman of the Parish Council, and then reach out to the local community to find a new councillor to fill the vacant space as a councillor over the coming weeks.

I wish Katy, Sara and the team all the very best for the rest of their tenures on the Parish Council, and would thank the communities of Tormarton and West Littleton for all their kind support throughout my time as a member of Tormarton Parish Council.

Additional Notes from the Parish Council

The damaged VAR speed monitoring sign on the Acton Turville road has now been repaired and during late July or August you will see members of the South Glos Street Care team working to tidy-up the main streets in the village and making any necessary repairs to the main village signs.

The Parish Council has received information about fully funded energy saving house improvements for those on low income and in poorly insulated houses – more information is available from members of the Parish Council

The next meeting of Tormarton Parish Council is at 6.30 pm on Monday the 7th of July at Tormarton Village Hall. As always, we welcome the attendance of members of the public and any comments they may have on Parish matters. If you would like to make a comment, but cannot attend this month's meeting, then please email our Clerk Sara at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk who will make sure that your comments are submitted and recorded for consideration at the meeting.

There is no meeting in August.

VILLAGE HALL report from Stewart Waters:

The quiz night in the hall on Friday 13th June went well and congratulations to Bruce's team for winning the tie break. The multi generational team were able to answer a range of questions although benefitted from a little outside help! Hope the Toblerones last longer than the weekend! Thanks to all the helpers in making this event come together and for the support in attending, Hopefully it was enjoyable. Curly's attempt to play his team's joker after they had seen the picture round was duly noted and a penalty of 5 points was deducted. Next time we will be watching him closely.

Our second village Dog Show will return on Sunday 31st August and will be combined with a Family Activity Day. I hope that you have been training hard with your dog and will be able to demonstrate his/her special ability (if not then you still have time). The weather will be better this year and hopefully we can have an enjoyable afternoon. Please watch out for posters around the village nearer the time. The 2024 winners will have seen that there are a number of new four legged friends in the village and so they will have to be on form to retain their titles.

Hall Bookings

The Hall is available for bookings in the evenings and at weekends 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: sophie.thomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834 for hall bookings and to arrange to use the cleaner.

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 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 organises a boules group that plays every Thursday at 2pm at the Compass Inn. No previous experience is necessary. If you are interested in joining this group please contact John on 01454 218549 or email drakehouse365@btinternet.com

Tormarton Pickleball

Tormarton Picklers meet 18:30 – 20:30 Thursday evenings in Manor Farm farmyard, weather permitting. Come and have a go at pickleball, one of the UK's fastest growing sports. Bring water and your best banter. Longest rally wins. No need to actually play if you don't want to. Just come along, watch and chat if you like. Tormarton rules apply!

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

The Saturday Cricket matches continue until the end of August, matches commence 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.**

July 5	Tormarton v Cam	July 12	Marshfield
July 19	Tormarton v Tetbury	July 26	Marshfield
Aug 2	Tormarton v Bibury	Aug 9	Marshfield
Aug 16	Tormarton v Rockhampton	Aug 23	Marshfield
Aug 30	Tormarton v Oakridge		

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 was held on Monday 9th June. The lucky winners were - J.Fannon (£50), L.Walker, Vicki Stevens, R.Roberts, P.Monyard and A.Wilson (£10 each). The August draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday 18th at 8pm.

Contact Details for our Local Community Police

PC 1542 Brown and PC 309 Andrews.

mike.brown@avonandsomerset.police.uk

daniel.d.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.

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.

July 1 – 5 mile circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

July 6 – 2 miles easy walk learning how to identify trees in full leaf. Starting 2pm at Old Sodbury Primary School.

July 10 – 7.5 miles circular moderate walk from Old Sodbury School around Sodbury Fort, Lyegrove and Badminton.

July 15 – 5 mile circular moderate walk from the Box Recreation Ground.

July 23 – 6 miles easy circular walk around the Sherston streams starting from the Angel Café Sherston.

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

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/>.

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?

July trips include:

Thurs 3rd July – Shopping The Mall Cribbs Causeway £12.00

Tues 8th July – Lunch, The Folly Emersons Green £10.00

Fri 18th July – Chepstow Garden Centre £14.00

Tues 22nd July- Lunch, The Redwood Farm Cribbs Causeway £12.00

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

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.

Nature Notes – How to help our local wildlife especially in dry weather.

It is really important to provide clean fresh water in a shallow dish for thirsty hedgehogs and birds. Large flower pot saucers are ideal for this purpose.

Also please continue to check long grassy areas before strimming or mowing as every year hedgehogs are injured or killed by strimmers and mowers.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 6 July Mrs J Wells; 13/20 July Mrs H Gent; 27 July/3 Aug Mrs N Finnamore
10/17 Aug Mrs H Maddicks, 24/31 Aug M Spruels

Church Cleaning: July Mrs. J. Woolley August Mrs L and Miss R Waters

Mowing Rota: 7 July Benn Camber, 14 July Tom Harrison, 21 & 28 July Dan Campbell,
4 & 11 Aug Phil Turner, 18 & 25 Aug Simon Stevens

Printed Copy of the Newsletter – volunteer/volunteers needed

Simon Stevens has kindly been responsible for printing this newsletter for the last few years. We will now have to return to funding commercial printing unless there is someone, or several people, in the village who are happy to volunteer to print about 80 copies per newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer to help with printing or if you would like to receive future copy via email, and thus reduce the size of the print run, please contact newsletter@tormarton.org

AND FINALLY - A HUGE THANK YOU TO SIMON STEVENS who has led our Parish Council since 2019 and organised numerous community events in Tormarton – he will be sorely missed and we wish Simon and Vicki all the very best in their latest venture.

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