



# Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

September  
2025

## TORMARTON DOG SHOW

Last call for the Tormarton “Crufts” Dog Show to be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August between 2pm and 5pm. Six classes for your dog to show off his/her attributes ranging from Handsome Man / Lovely Lady, Agility or best six legs. Please do come along even if you don’t have a four legged friend, I am sure there will be some laughs (and tears) to enjoy at the end of this summer.

## TORMARTON VILLAGE HARVEST CELEBRATIONS Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> OCT

**Starting at 11.30 in the church and followed by a 12.30 lunch 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 for the lunch will soon be available from Janet and Heather.

More information will follow on the Tormarton Village WhatsApp group and on posters around the village.

## Diary

Mon 1, 15 & 29 Sept 10.00-12.00

Free Coffee Mornings at The Compass

Sat 13 Sept

Ride and Stride Fundraiser – see notes from Rev Sally below

## Advance Notice

Tormarton and West Littleton Harvest Celebrations are on Oct 5 and 12 respectively.

We will again be organising a collection of fresh, tinned and dried foods for those struggling to afford food in Bristol. More information is available in Tormarton church or on the village website [www.tormarton.org](http://www.tormarton.org).

## Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

Recycling items and food bins are collected **every** week. Black and green bins are collected **alternate** weeks.

Full details are available at [Waste and recycling | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](http://Waste and recycling | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council)

### **Tormarton**

Main collection and black bins on Tuesdays

Green bin collection on alternate Fridays

### **B4465 towards Codrington**

Main collection and black bins on Tuesdays

Green bin collection on alternate Thursdays

### **Old Hundred Lane**

Main collection and black bins on Wednesdays

Green bin collection on alternate Mondays

### **West Littleton – location dependent**

Main collection and black bins on Thurs or Friday

Green bin collection on alternate Thursdays

## TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 7 Sept 10.30 am All Ages Morning Service followed by light refreshments Rev Sharon

Sun 21 Sept 9 am Holy Communion Rev. Sally

## WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 14 Sept 10.30 am Mattins Mrs. Aurea Hart

Sun 28 Sept 9.00 am Holly Communion Rev Sally

## MESSAGE from Rev Canon Sally

**Retirement** After thirteen wonderful years as Vicar in Marshfield Benefice I will be retiring this autumn with a final Benefice service held at 10.30am on Sunday October 26th in Marshfield Church.

This has been a tough decision to make as I have so loved my time here and have appreciated sharing the everyday and more significant moments of your lives. God’s love and faithfulness has been evident throughout this time in all four churches and communities, and I and Bob and our family will miss you all.

**Can you help Tormarton Church** fix the crack in the chancel wall? Please take a look at our Just Giving page . [www.justgiving.com/campaign/tormartonchurch?utm\\_medium=CA&utm\\_source=CL](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tormartonchurch?utm_medium=CA&utm_source=CL)

All donations great and small are much appreciated and remember you can adjust the suggested tip to just giving by editing the amount shown to a minimal amount or to zero.

Do feel free to contact members of the Church Council if you would like to help but not via Just Giving.

**Team up for the Benefice Ride and Stride Saturday 13 Sept!** This year we again welcome those raising funds for the Gloucester Historic Churches Trust as they cycle, walk or ride around our local churches. Rev Sharon and Rev Sally will be walking to each of the Benefice Churches and would welcome anyone to join them, but most importantly to sponsor them! A Just giving page will be set up which you will find on our website [www.marshfieldchurches.org](http://www.marshfieldchurches.org)

### **PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE from Chair Katy Pool**

Following Simon's departure, I'd like to introduce myself as the new Chairman of the Parish Council. I've lived in West Littleton for 23 years and have sat on the Parish Council since 2018 and have been Vice-Chair for 6 years. Simon was an excellent Chair over the past 6 years and we wish him all the best in the USA. We're delighted to announce that Ranald Crook has come forward to join the Parish Council, so we now have our full quota of 5 parish councillors again. Welcome Ranald!

It's been relatively quiet in the parish over the summer months, but there are a few items to update you on:

The **South Glos Council app** has recently launched for residents. It has lots of great features – from information on planning to reporting potholes and looking up waste and recycling collection days. <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/app>. Once signed up to the app, you will also receive a reminder for next waste collection dates directly to your smartphone!

**Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Clare Moody** is inviting you to her **PCC's South Gloucestershire Public Forum** to be held on Tuesday, 9th September, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club, Trinity Lane, Chipping Sodbury, BS37 6PU. The PCC will be joined by senior officers from the local neighbourhood policing team. This is an opportunity for residents to share your views, raise concerns and help shape local policing priorities. Those unable to attend in person are encouraged to submit questions in advance via email to [OPCCMedia@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:OPCCMedia@avonandsomerset.police.uk) or register to attend via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

**Citizens Advice Bureau** has moved to Unit 1 Badminton Court, Station Road, Yate BS37 5HZ. Look for the building with a clock tower next to Yate Railway Station.

Chris Palmer who leads the **Neighbourhood Plan** Parish Steering Committee has recently distributed an update to all those who showed an interest in progressing a NP for Tormarton & West Littleton. The project was put on hold in July last year as it was clear the new Labour government were reviewing planning legislation which would impact any NP. Also, South Glos Council's Local Plan was still under development and a NP would need to adhere to Local Plan constraints. The government has now cancelled all funding to provide expert advice to NP groups. If an NP is to be progressed, Chris needs to hear your support, and also may be able to advise if you have any thoughts/views or observations/comments about proposed future housing or other development/land use ideas across the whole parish. This needs to be a community led project though (and not via the Parish Council). You can contact Chris on [chris.palmer@pliwest.co.uk](mailto:chris.palmer@pliwest.co.uk).

A planning application **P25/01989/F** has been submitted to South Glos Council for a change of use for land by the A46 roundabout from vehicle test facility to a vehicle sales facility. If you have any comments, please submit them on the planning portal or email Sara our clerk on [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk) before 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

The minutes of our last Parish Council meeting will soon be available on the village noticeboard and on our website [Home - Tormarton Parish Council](http://www.tormartonparishcouncil.co.uk). The next PC meeting will be held on Monday, 6 October at 6.30pm in the village hall and all are welcome to attend.

## **VILLAGE HALL Bookings**

Please contact Sophie email: [sophiehthomson@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiehthomson@hotmail.com), phone: 07786 653834 for hall bookings and to arrange to use the Rotowasher.

## **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

## **Badminton Club**

The Badminton club will restart on 16<sup>th</sup> September at Tormarton Village Hall from 7 - 9 pm every Tuesday. New members of all ages and experience are most welcome. So why not come and join us as the Pickleball season comes to a close. Please contact Heather Gent on 218223 for any further questions.

## **Tormarton Run Club**

Just a reminder that we have some keen runners in the village who enjoy heading out together for runs! There's no set day, time, or meeting point – instead, runs are arranged through our WhatsApp group based on people's availability. A few members are also training for upcoming events such as the Weston Super Half and the Sodbury Slog. If you'd like to join in, whether for social runs or race training, please contact Stacey to be added to the WhatsApp group on 07825 605058

## **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](mailto: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. No need to actually play if you don't want to; just come along, watch and chat. Tormarton rules apply!

## **Now & Zen**

Alice is hoping to restart her yoga-style class in October. Watch out for new dates on the Village WhatsApp.

## **TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD**

The regular cricket season as now finished but there is a match against a touring side from Barnstable to be played on Sunday 21st September starting at 12.30 pm.

The football season is now upon us with matches as listed below starting at 2pm. All supporters are greatly appreciated.

Sept 6 Tormarton Firsts v Seymour United Firsts      Sept 13 Tormarton Reserves v Seymour United Reserves

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](mailto:mickjbell@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

## **Tormarton Playing Field 100 Club:**

Lucky Winners in the August Draw were:-

Tormarton C.C. (£50 and £10), R.Roberts, I.Elcock, R.Monyard, and B.Abell (£10 each).

The next Draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 13th October 2025 at 8pm.

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.

## **Contact Details for our Local Community Police**

PC 1542 Brown and PC 309 Andrews.

[mike.brown@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:mike.brown@avonandsomerset.police.uk) [danield.andrews@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:danield.andrews@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

**THE VILLAGE AGENT Aimee Cherry -Williams** can 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](mailto:aimee@wern.org.uk)

**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 2 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

Sept 3 – 5 miles moderate walk from Old Sodbury Primary School around Sodbury Fort and the Horton escarpment.

Sept 15 – 6 miles moderate walk from Lansdown Park & Ride around Bath and the Charlecombe valley.

Sept 16 – 5 miles circular moderate walk around Box.

Sept 20 – 6 miles moderate walk from Batheaston Car Park around commons and villages east of Bath.

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](mailto: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?

More information is available at [www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk](http://www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk) or telephone 01454 228706.

**Tormarton Community 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](mailto:newsletter@tormarton.org) giving 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** – Please remember to provide clean fresh water in a shallow dish for thirsty hedgehogs and birds and continue to check long grassy areas before strimming or mowing; every year hedgehogs are injured or killed by strimmers and mowers.

## **Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church**

Church Flowers: 7/14 Sept Mary Campbell Hill, 21/28 Sept Dawn Slade

Church Cleaning: Janet Wells and Sue Giles

Mowing Rota: 1 & 8 Sept Tim Maynard, 15 & 22 Sept Charlie Orchard, 29 Sept Anthony Hendy

## **Printed Copy of the Newsletter – volunteer/volunteers needed**

**Please consider receiving future copies of the newsletter by email.**

We are also looking for volunteers to print the remaining newsletters for older and new residents; the alternative being a return to funding commercial printing. Please contact [newsletter@tormarton.org](mailto:newsletter@tormarton.org) if you would like to volunteer to help with printing or you happy to receive copy via email and thus reduce the number of printed copies required.

Items for the next issue to be sent to [newsletter@tormarton.org](mailto:newsletter@tormarton.org) no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> September please.