



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

October
2025

TORMARTON VILLAGE HARVEST CELEBRATIONS Sunday 5th OCT

Starting at 11.00 in the church and moving on to the Village Hall at about midday

Lunch served at about 12.45

The Harvest celebrations are a great opportunity for villagers old and new, young and old, to enjoy each other's company and the Harvest Lunch is a major social event in the life of our community.

The day begins with a special celebration in our beautifully decorated church. Children are encouraged to come along wearing harvest themed fancy dress and there will be a harvest themed craft table.

Tickets for the lunch are available from Janet, Heather and Bridgette

DIARY

Mon	6 Oct	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall
Fri	10 Oct	10.00-12.00	Macmillan Coffee Morning at The Compass – see below
Mon	13 Oct	7.00 pm	Now and Zen Yoga at the Village Hall
Mon	13 Oct	8.00 pm	Village Hall committee meeting in the Village Hall
Mon	13 Oct	8.00pm	Tormarton Playing Field 100 club draw at The Compass Inn
Mon	27 Oct	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Mon	27 Oct	7.00 pm	Now and Zen Yoga at the Village Hall
Fri	1 Nov		ROCKY HORROR SHOW at The Compass - see below

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sat 4 Dec Marshfield Male Voice Choir Christmas concert at Tormarton Church

Fri 12 Dec Village Christmas Supper at The Compass

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](#)

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 5 Oct 11.00 am Harvest Festival Service

Rev. Sally Wheeler

Sun 19 Oct 9 am Holy Communion

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WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 12 Oct 11.30 am Harvest Festival Service followed by lunch at St James Grange. Rev Sally

Sun 26 Oct No Service in West Littleton

Rev Sally last Service 10.30 am Marshfield

Harvest Collection for the Sisters of the Church

Tormarton and West Littleton churches are organising the usual collection of tinned and dried foods for the Sisters of the Church who are providing weekly food parcels for those struggling to afford food in Bristol.

If you are unable to join us for the Harvest Festival Service, but would like to contribute to the food collection, there is a wheelbarrow in Tormarton Church until Monday 6th October.

TORMARTON CHURCH NEWS

Regrettably **Rev Sally** will be leaving her post as our vicar at the end of October and we are preparing to send her off with a big thank you for her 13 years with us. After the Harvest Festival on 5th October, Sally's last service in Tormarton Church will be communion at 9am on Sunday 19th October where we will be making a small presentation after the service. Please do come along and show our appreciation for her support and service to our community. There will then be a final service before her retirement in Marshfield Church on Sunday 26th October at 10.30am to which all are welcome followed by cakes and drinks.

We are collecting donations across all the parishes to be able to present Sally with a financial gift which Bob and Sally can decide how they wish to spend in their new home. Donations can be made to PCC Marshfield Account No: 00291280 and Sort Code 30-90-54 with the reference SALLY. Alternatively please do pass your cheques or cash donations to the churchwardens; Stewart Waters or Richard Lawrence.

Work has now started on repairs to the **Chancel wall**, happily there is no evidence of subsidence but there is additional work needed to secure the wall and replace damaged stone.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of repairs do please take a look at our Just Giving page

. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES

South Glos Council are setting up **Your Voice** to replace Community Engagement Forums. We are in Area 2 – Yate and Cotswold Edge – and the first meeting will be on Mon 13th October, 6.30 to 8.30 pm at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall. The meeting is open to councillors **and residents** and will be attended by SGC, Avon and Somerset Police, Fire and Rescue and local community groups such as Citizens advice.

Your Parish Council has raised the following questions for response at the meeting.

1. A high number of burglaries have been reported in both Tormarton and West Littleton over the past 2 years and all reported to the police. To our knowledge, no arrests have been made and have had limited – if any – police follow-up. This is a real worry for our residents.
2. Our villages of Tormarton and West Littleton are very close to the Wiltshire border and the same sort of burglaries have been reported in the villages of North Wraxall, Upper Wraxall, West Kington, Nettleton, etc. We understand there is limited co-operation between Avon & Somerset Police and Wiltshire Police in sharing data or joint policing initiatives. Surely this is imperative?
3. The village of West Littleton has experienced drones flying at nighttime around properties where burglaries have taken place. Has this been experienced in other locations across South Glos and, if so, is it linked to burglaries?
4. We are aware that there are no PCSOs currently covering our area – what is the plan to ensure our area is policed properly?
5. How does VAR collection of speed data help the police to enforce speed restrictions.

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> is our new series of community meetings. They create an informal space for

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 6th October at 6.30 pm.

Participation from residents is encouraged, either in person or by writing to Sara our Parish Clerk at

clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS from Stewart Waters

Thank you to all who helped with the Dog Show which despite the weather (again) seemed to be enjoyed by all especially our four legged friends. Clearly the standard has improved and so you can never start training too early. Well done to all the rosette winners and thank you for coming along to our annual event.

The next meeting of the Hall Committee will be on Monday 13th October @ 8pm

VILLAGE HALL Bookings

Please email Sophie: 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 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.

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 plays every Tuesday at the Village 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.

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 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. Our First team have made it into the 3rd round of the UHL Sport Bristol and District Cup after a 4-1 victory against Longwell green development.

Our October home fixtures are as follows: Kick off at 2pm

October 4th Reserves vs Bristol United Reserves; October 18th Tormarton First team vs Shaftesbury Crusade A

Tormarton Playing Field 100 Club:

The next draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 13th October at 8.00pm.

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.

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. 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

NEWS from Rupert at the Compass Inn

Instead of our usual village coffee morning in early October we will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 10th October 10:00-12:00 . We would love as many people as possible to attend and if people would like to make cake and bring it along, we would be very grateful.

This charity coffee morning was suggested by Compass Inn staff members who appreciate the support from villagers. **Please remember cash/change for donations to Macmillan.**

Our regular free village coffee morning will be back on Monday 27th October and everyone is welcome.

Tickets are now on sale for the “**Rocky Horror Cabaret Show**” on 1st November.

Fancy dress encouraged. It's going to be a WILD show!

“**Buy One Get One Free Sunday Lunches**” are back for the month of October, call 01454 218242 to book.

Annual Village Christmas Supper - Friday 12th December at 7pm - full details in the November issue

Contact Details for our Local Police

PC 1542 Brown and PC 309 Andrews.

mike.brown@avonandsomerset.police.uk danield.andrews@avonandsomerset.police.uk

THE VILLAGE AGENT Aimee Cherry -Williams can 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

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 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 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 check long grassy areas before strimming or mowing; every year hedgehogs are injured or killed by strimmers and mowers.

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:

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

Oct 11 – 9.5 miles easy circular walk from Tormarton via West Kington and West Littleton.

Oct 16 – 6 miles easy circular walk from Sherston around Luckington and Alderton.

Oct 21 – 5 miles moderate circular walk around Box starting at Box Recreation Ground Car Park.

Oct 21 – 8.5 miles moderate circular walk from Shipton Moyne out to Westonbirt village and Arboretum

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.

Our local footpath warden is Bev Hope-Bell who can be contacted for any issues with local paths bevhopebell@btinternet.com

TIME TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER via email?

We are keen to replace the printed newsletter with a regular email; printed copies will only be available for those households not on email. Please email newsletter@tormarton.org with your name, first line of address and email address to ensure that you continue to receive copy of the newsletter.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 5/12 Oct Gaynor Bant, 19/26 Oct Sarah Smith **Plus All Harvest Festival arrangements**

Church Cleaning: Joan Marshall and Rob Morley

Mowing Rota: 7 Oct Anthony Hendy

Items for the next issue to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 24th October please.