



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

November
2025

Diary

Sat	1 st Nov		Rocky Horror Show at The Compass Inn
Mon	3 rd Nov	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall
Sun	9 th Nov	10.30am	Tormarton Village Remembrance Service
Mon	10 th Nov	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
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Advance Diary

Sat	6 Dec	7.00pm	Marshfield Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert at Tormarton Church
Sun	7 Dec	10.30pm	Tormarton Family Gift Service (see below)
Sun	7 Dec		Children's Christmas Party (see below)
Fri	12 Dec	7.00pm onwards	Village Christmas Supper at The Compass Inn (see below)
Sun	21 Dec	5.00pm	Tormarton Carol Service & Christingle

A FINAL MESSAGE from REV. SALLY

God bless, Thank you and GoodBye.

Thank you Tormarton and West Littleton for your love and support as we have travelled through the last 13 years together. I am so thrilled that a rose has been planted in Tormarton churchyard as a way of remembering my ministry - roses are really special to me, my grandchildren know I will always insist on stopping to smell a rose! My beautiful white standard rose is planted on the south side of the church, alongside two other roses already established there. Do stop and have a sniff and give thanks for the beautiful things we can take for granted. I'll pop by quietly from time to time and see how it is growing! Rev Sally x

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 9 Nov	10.30 am	Remembrance Day Service led by Mike Strathdee.	
Sun 16 Nov	9 am	Morning Service with Communion	Rev. Sharon Roberts

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 9 Nov	10.55am	Remembrance Service in Marshfield	Rev. Sharon Roberts
		Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Church service	
Sun 23 Nov	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Becca Stevens

THE TORMARTON CHURCH CRACK – update from Stewart Waters

The repairs to the crack in the east wall of the Church have been addressed and not unsurprisingly further work was identified as being necessary when the scaffolding was erected and the coping stones removed. Wells Masonry have completed this work and are now resetting the cross which was beginning to lean. We are pleased to have completed these works before winter set in and hence avoided further internal staining. Thank you to those who donated towards the fund and ensured that we continue to have a functioning church building. Whilst costs exceeded the total donated we are fortunate on this occasion to have sufficient funds to cover the additional cost.

However this has depleted our church fabric fund so if you would like to contribute to the cost of repairs do please feel free to contact members of the Church Council or take a look at our Just Giving page [Our Beautiful C12th Church Urgently Needs Your Help - JustGiving](#)

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.

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 decorated the church and provided the much-enjoyed Harvest lunch.

Tormarton Remembrance Service – 10.30 am Sunday 9th November

The Remembrance service will commence at 10.30 am in the church. 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.

Tormarton All Ages Family Friendly Gift Service – 10.30 am Sunday 7th December

This is our next opportunity to support the work of the Sisters of the Church. We are collecting toiletry sets, gloves, warm scarves, hats and socks for men and women and £15 ARGOS VOUCHERS per child to all the families that are in need.

PARISH COUNCIL – Notes from Chairperson Katy Pool

The first **Your Voice** meeting for Area 2 – Yate and Cotswold Edge – was held on 13 October, attended by South Glos Council, Avon & Somerset Police, Fire & Rescue and other local community groups. The Parish Council was represented at the meeting and took the opportunity to raise a number of issues such as local burglaries, co-operation between Avon & Somerset Police and Wiltshire Police, road safety, the lack of PCSOs in our area, and the role of VAR in securing speed restrictions in our villages. Discussions are on-going. All residents are welcome to attend these meetings and we'll advise you on future meeting dates and times.

It has been agreed with Chris Palmer, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Chair, that a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish shall no longer be progressed. Government funding has been axed and there was insufficient interest and support within Tormarton to drive it forward.

The minutes of our last Parish Council meeting will soon be available on the village noticeboard and on our website [Home - Tormarton Parish Council](#). The next PC meeting will be held on Monday, 3 November at 6.30pm in the village hall and all are welcome to attend. Retrofit West, funded by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, will be attending our meeting to explain how they can help residents with insulation, glazing and heating advice to create a comfortable, greener and most cost-effective home.

THE VILLAGE AGENT – Job Opportunity

Are you looking for a role that makes a difference to the lives of others? West of England Rural Network, WERN, are currently recruiting a Village Agent for the local villages. Hours are flexible, 14 hours per week. Salary £12.60 per hour plus expenses.

If you think this position could be for you, please contact Tina on 07502 641 805 or email tina@wern.org.uk.

PARISH HALL NEWS from Stewart Waters

The annual Christmas Party is due to be held in the Village Hall during the afternoon of Sunday 7th December. Posters and more info will appear on the WhatsApp group. Please make a diary note and do come along to see the children faces when Father Christmas appears, they are a picture! Grandchildren and grandparents are invited.

The clear up of the car park and general maintenance works will be undertaken during the afternoon of Sunday 16th November and many hands make light work. Please do help out if you can. There is a growing list of repairs to the hall but we are working our way through these maintenance jobs. Benches will appear shortly in the playground and the gyro spira may even be back in action!

A keysafe will shortly to be fixed on the outside wall and a code will be provided for users of the hall. The keys will no longer be kept in the metal box in the porch of the cottage of the nearby cottage

VILLAGE HALL Bookings

Please email Sophie: sophie.thomson@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 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.

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 Pickleball – Now Indoors

Join us at the village hall every Wednesday from 7 PM to 9 PM. No experience or equipment required—everyone's welcome! Just £2 per player. Come and have fun, meet new people and stay active this winter!

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 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 8th, 15th and 22nd. Tormarton Reserves vs Winterbourne United Reserves, Bristol United Reserves and Hanham Athletic A team, respectively.

Playing Field 100 Club:

Winners in the October Draw were:-

Patrick Gent (£50), £10 each to P.Leppard, M.S-Williams, S.Smith, B&A Woodward and R.Jahans-Price.

The 2025 Christmas Draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 22nd December at 8pm.

Payment of outstanding memberships would be appreciated. Thank you.

NEWS from Rupert at the COMPASS INN

The MacMillan coffee morning raised £450+gift aid which is absolutely amazing.

A massive thanks to everyone who attended and baked all those yummy cakes.

Annual Village Christmas Supper - Friday 12th December at 7pm

This free of charge event will include mulled wine, cheeseboard and mince pies with entertainment provided by a singer performing all your favourite Christmas songs.

Tickets are not required, but please call The Compass Inn and let us know if you would like to attend so we can keep track of numbers 01454 218242

Contact Details for our Local Police

PC 1542 Brown and PC 309 Andrews.

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

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 4 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne

Nov 16 - 4 miles circular moderate walk around the woods of Castle Combe

Nov 18 - 5 miles circular moderate walk around Box

Nov 22 – 11.2 miles moderate circuit of Bath – Hills and Views

Nov 23 – 9.5 miles moderate circuit of Bath – Canals Railways and History

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

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.

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

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 2/9 Nov Mrs E Barker, 16/23 Nov Mrs M Campbell Hill, 30 Nov/7 Dec Mrs J Berry

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.