



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

February & March 2026

Diary

Mon	2 Feb	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass, all welcome	
Mon	2 Feb	6.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall	
Fri	13 Feb	The Mermaid Club are being hosted at The Compass Inn For tickets and more details call the Compass on 01454 218242		
Mon	16 Feb	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass	
Mon	16 Feb	8.00 pm	Playing Field 100 Club draw at The Compass Inn	
Mon	2 Mar	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass	
Mon	2 Mar	6.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall	
Wed	11 Mar	Soup lunch at Grange Farm - details will be circulated on WhatsApp		
Mon	16 Mar	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass	
Fri	20 Mar	7.30 pm	Bristol University Madrigal Society will be performing at St James's Church, West Littleton followed by supper at The Fine Cheese Company– see below	

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

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 1 Feb and 1 Mar: 10.30 am

Sun 15 Feb and 15 Mar 9 am

All Ages Morning Service followed by light refreshments
Morning Service with Holy Communion Rev. Sharon

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 8 Feb 10.30 am Matins (BCP)

Sun 22 Feb 9 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sun 8 Mar 10.30 am Matins (BCP)

Sun 22 Mar 9 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Aurea Hart

Rev. Sharon Roberts

Andrew Gammie

Rev. Adam Beaumont

Benefice Website - the 'go-to' place to look for Tormarton and West Littleton church services and information, and also find the monthly Cotswold Edge and other events. Just follow the link marshfieldchurches.org

New Vicar - The process to find a replacement vicar moves slowly; after consultation with the other parishes a document has been produced setting out our requirements and hopefully this will enable the position to be advertised shortly. It is likely that if an appointment is made it will take a considerable time and a new vicar is unlikely to be in the post before the end of 2026. We remain hopeful that a suitable person will come forward but in the meantime we are blessed to have a ministry team that are supporting us led by our curate Rev Sharon.

WEST LITTLETON Madrigal Evening

The Bristol University Madrigal Society will be performing at St James's Church on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm to be followed by a home cooked supper and cheese course at The Fine Cheese Company, Toldown. There will be a retiring collection in the church after the concert. All of the proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Church.

There is no need to pay in advance but to make sure that neither the concert or the supper are too overcrowded please email sallyyoung106@gmail.com if you'd like to come. We don't yet have the facilities for card payments so please bring cash.

Carol Singing in Tormarton

We had a fun but chilly evening as we visited homes on the high street and along Marshfield Road. Our thanks to all to those that contributed to the wonderful collection of £175 to be split between The Children's Society and Medicins Sans Frontieres which supports people affected by war in Ukraine, Gaza, Syria and the Sudan.

PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES from the Chairperson Katy Pool

It's been a cold and then wet and windy start to the New Year, but a relatively quiet time over Christmas and January for the Parish Council.

Potholes

We're very aware of the state of our roads in the parish and have been liaising with South Glos Council on the large number of potholes within Tormarton particularly, but also in West Littleton. We've provided a detailed list (and some images) and have been told that 'all jobs are on the list are awaiting repair. Sadly, the reality is that there are thousands of jobs awaiting repair across the county, so the scale of the problem compared to the budgets allocated are disproportional'. An inspector visited Tormarton last week (22 January), so we are hopeful that repairs will be made soon. To help us put pressure on South Glos Council to repair potholes, it really helps if everyone reports a problem on <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/report-a-pothole-damaged-road-footpath-or-cycleway/>. The more reports, the quicker the action.

20 mph speed limit for Tormarton

We're pleased to report that a 20mph speed limit within Tormarton Village including Marshfield Road (in part), High Street, Church Lane and Spyke Park Lane has now been added to South Glos Council's investigation list. All schemes must pass several stages of further assessment and selection before they can progress to construction or implementation. We'll keep you updated.

Have you downloaded the **South Glos Council app** which has been made available 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!

The **next meetings** of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday 2nd February and Monday 2nd March at 6.30 pm. You are all welcome to attend or to raise any issues you'd like to have discussed by writing to the Parish Clerk at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk

PARISH HALL NEWS from Stewart Waters

The next meeting of the Parish Hall will be on Monday 9th Feb at 8.15pm at the Hall. Minor maintenance works continue to be completed and improvements are being considered to the drains, doors and general decoration. There will be a summer activity and the Dog Show will be held in the autumn, dates to be confirmed. The AGM will be held in May and if anybody wishes to become involved with this committee then please do speak to one of the existing committee. It is not an onerous task!

Village Hall Bookings

Please email Sophie: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834 for hall bookings and to arrange hire of the Rotowasher.

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.

Pickleball in Tormarton Village Hall

Wednesdays 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information and to join the Tormarton Picklers WhatsApp, please message Andy Gent 07855 794265

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

Tormarton FC are currently having a really good season with both teams pushing for Promotion.

Our Firsts are currently 5th in division 1 and are 2 points off 4th place.

The firsts only have 2 games from now and until April and they are both away to lower opposition. We hope that our firsts will be in the top 4 come their next home games on April 4th when they welcome local rivals Chipping Sodbury to the recreation ground.

Our reserves are currently 4th in division 4 and have 3 games in hand against the teams above them.

Our reserves have a lot more games from now until April with home games being;

7th Feb - Reserves vs Stockwood, 14:00KO

21st Feb - Reserves vs Fry Club 'B', 14:00KO

7th March - Reserves vs Sea Mills 14:00 KO

We are hoping as a club come April that both teams can be in with a promotion chance. We are also looking for new players to come and join.

Playing Field 100 Club:

Lucky Winners in the Christmas Draw were -

S.Williams (£50), Heritage Res (£25), B&A.Woodward (£25), R.Orme, R.Jahans-Price, M.Smith, H.Bateman, V.Roberts (£10 each).

The next Draw will be held on Monday, 16th February 2026, 8pm at The Compass Inn. However, due to non-payment of many memberships, there may not be enough funds to cover the prizes.

Payment of outstanding memberships will, therefore, be much appreciated (the current season began in May 2025). For further information, please contact Pam Davis on 07522 172181.

NEWS from THE COMPASS INN

Come and join us at the **Mermaid Club** on Friday 13th February for an evening of classic cabaret entertainment set in prohibition times.

Buy One Get One Free Sunday Roasts are back at on the 1 & 22 Feb, 1 & 29 March

Book now to reserve your table 01454 218242

ROY GODDEN

I am sure many of you will have already heard the sad news of the passing of Roy Godden, past landlord of 'The Majors Retreat' and longtime resident of Tormarton. I think that we can all agree that Roy was a colourful member of our community for many years, both in his choice of waistcoats and views. Always keen to share an opinion or two with his regulars, and ever present as a source of 'interesting' trail advice to those navigating the Cotswold Way, I am sure that his anecdotes will live on in the memories of many for a long time. There will be a memorial and celebration of Roy's life that will take place at the 'Compass Inn' on Sunday 15th February at 2.00 pm. Let's give him a send off that he would have loved, by raising a glass and sharing a memory or two. Please can you contact Bridgette on 07818 350808 if you are planning to attend.

JOHN DOUBLEDAY

John Doubleday's funeral will take place on Thursday at 11.15am in Tormarton Church and due to the many circles that John was involved with it is likely to be well attended. John was a local farmer from Toldown who lived next The Crown for 40 years. Prior to that he had been a surveyor in Chipping Sodbury but was more often recognised for being one of the lynch pins in the Bristol Rugby success of the late 1970s and early 1980s and most memorably the winners of the John Player Cup in 1983. Originally his family were from Monmouthshire and after a short spell with Newport he transferred to Bristol and as a front row forward he was selected to play through the age grades for England and in the international match day squads on a number of occasions. He toured Japan in 1979 with England and played in the second test.

After his rugby career he concentrated on his farm and his family, his wife Joy who was very active in the village and their two children Laura and Jamie. Sadly Joy passed away in 2019 but John remained active and would often be seen at services in Tormarton Church proudly wearing his Barbarians tie. He was also known for being the landlord of the Cross House, Doynton and enjoyed his golf. His determination in all that he did remained as strong as ever until his sudden passing. John would have turned 70 in January and is survived by his father, two children and three grandchildren, soon to be four. Our thoughts and best wishes are with his family and close friends who have lost a big man in all senses.

Contact Details for our Local Police

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

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.

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. **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.

VILLAGE AGENT Sharon Wood

Sharon is the village agent for Tormarton and West Littleton. Her role is to help/advise residents on where to find help re. all things health and wellbeing and links into South Glos Council social services. Sharon can be contacted on 07985 018550, email sharon@wern.org.uk or visit <https://www.wern.org.uk/southglos-village-agents>

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? Green community transport provides affordable and accessible transport from your door.

More information about the service and the new shuttle bus transport to Southmead Hospital is available at www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk or telephone 01454 228706.

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:

Feb 3 – 5 mile moderate walk around Colerne

Feb 10 – 5.5 mile moderate walk from Old Sodbury

Feb 17 – 5 mile moderate walk around Box

Feb 27 – 6 mile moderate walk from Lansdown Park & Ride passing Beckford's tower, descending to follow a section of the Cotswold Way through Bath and returning via Kelston Hill.

2026 Cotswold Way – 10 stage walk

A great opportunity to walk the Cotswold Way from North to South. Each stage starts on the first Saturday in every month starting May 2026. Coach departs from Cold Ashton at 8.45am and returns at the end of the walk.

All walks by the Voluntary Wardens 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.

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.

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: 1 Feb - Liz Scott Martin; 8/15 Feb – Joan Marshall; 22 Feb- Mar 29 LENT no flowers

Church Cleaning: Feb - Maria Spyte and Jane Smart March – Heather Gent

Items for the next issue to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 20th March please.