



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

HAPPY EASTER
To all our readers

**April
2026**

SPRING CONCERT with THE STUART SINGERS

A lovely evening of song from this well-established mixed choir based in Minchinhampton

Friday 15th May at Tormarton Church Doors open at 7pm

Tickets £15 to include 1st glass of wine and substantial nibbles

Contact Janet Wells 079 5229 1605 or via www.stuartsingers.com – upcoming events

We are also selling tickets for a Grand Raffle with Amazing Prizes

Please contact Sue Giles 01454 218092 if you would like to help with ticket selling or to buy tickets

All Proceeds to the Church Fabric Fund

Diary

Mon 30 March 10.00-12.00

Free Coffee Morning at The Compass

Fri & Sat 3 & 4 April

Mama Mia – The Cabaret at the Compass Inn

Last few tickets remaining

Phone 01454 218242

Mon 13 April 10.00-12.00

Free Coffee Morning at The Compass

Mon 13 April 6.30 pm

Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall

Mon 13 April 8.00 pm

Playing Field 100 Club draw at the Compass

Mon 27 April 10.00-12.00

Free Coffee Morning at The Compass

Mon 27 April 7.30 pm

Tormarton Church Council Annual Meeting APCM

Advance Notice

Mon 18 May 8.15 pm

Village Hall AGM

June 13/14

Open Gardens West Littleton – details in the May edition

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 5 April Easter Day – no service in Tormarton. Parishioners will be welcome at services in Marshfield or West Littleton

Sun 19 April 9 am Morning Service with Holy Communion

Rev. Sharon Roberts

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Fri 3 April 10.30am Good Friday Devotional Service

Aurea Hart

Sun 5 April 9 am Easter Service with Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Sharon Roberts

Sun 26 April 9 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev. Sharon Roberts

MARSHFIELD EASTER SERVICES

Thurs 2 April 7pm Taize Communion

Fri 3 April 2pm The Last Hour 7.30 The Crucifixion – Coral telling of the Easter Story

Sun 5 April 10.30 am Easter Service with Holy Communion

Rev. Sharon Roberts

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.

Church Annual General meeting APCM: Monday 27th April at 7.30pm in Tormarton Church. Do come if you can to elect our officers for next year and listen to church reports.

Lent Soup Lunch at Grange Farm, Tormarton

Thanks to Heather Gent who organised the Lent Soup lunch on 11th March and to all that attended and enjoyed the company chat and the lovely selection of soups. The event raised £122 to bolster church repair funds.

West Littleton Madrigals

Thanks to all who came along to the Madrigal concert and supper on 14 March. We had a very enjoyable evening and raised just over £1,400 towards the upkeep of St James's Church.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from Chairperson Katy Pool

Our parish council meeting in March was attended by our new village agent, Sharon Woods, who explained her role supporting residents. Further details including contact details can be seen below.

The issue of litter in Tormarton was discussed at length and councillors have met with South Gloucestershire Council to discuss how litter could be discouraged and managed in the future. This will be discussed further at our next meeting and in the meantime, SGC confirmed that they would be able to provide litter bags and litter pickers if a litter pick went ahead.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 13 April at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend or you can contact our clerk via clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk with any questions or comments.

BOULES IN THE AFTERNOON

John Wells is planning to restart the boules group (petanque) on 9th April. The group meets at 2pm every Thursday afternoon at the Compass Inn. No previous experience is necessary and the rules, which are not complicated, will be explained.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact John on 07530 466846.

VILLAGE HALL news from Chairman Stewart Waters

The next meeting of the Village Hall committee will be on Monday 18th May at 8.15pm in the Hall which will be the AGM followed by a general meeting. Any comments or suggestions relating to the hall are welcome prior to the meeting and if anybody is interested in joining this group then please do get in contact with Sophie Elcock or Stewart Waters.

Maintenance work has recently been undertaken by Jon Wilson and he has been very helpful and so if anybody would like help around the house then please do give Jon a call on 07581 175166.

Village Hall Bookings

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

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.

Pickleball in Tormarton Village Hall

Tormarton Picklers remains in the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening 19:00 - 21:00 but will soon revert to the farm yard when daylight and weather allow. Everybody welcome. Keep an eye on the WhatsApp group. To be added, to enjoy the social in the farm yard, please WhatsApp Andy Gent 07855 794265.

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

The football season is now into its final month. Villagers and their visitors are very welcome to come along and support the Tormarton teams.

The Firsts team are 5th in the league and sadly the race for promotion is over but the Reserves are 3rd and still in the hunt for promotion.

04/04/26 - Firsts vs Chipping Sodbury

29/04/26 - Firsts vs DRG Frenchay - 18:30 kick off

11/04/26 - Reserves vs Magotsfield

18/04/26 - Reserves vs Stockwood greens

25/04/26 - Reserves vs Hanham athletic

All matches are 14:00 kick off unless stated otherwise

Tormarton Cricket Club begin their season the first weekend in May. Matches every Saturday through to end of August. Some midweek matches also. Check out the Facebook page for information and contacts. New members welcomed with open arms.

Playing Field 100 Club:

Lucky winners in the February Draw were -

B & A Woodward (£50), S.Waters, J.Smart, B.Berry, M.S-Williams and S.Morley (£10 each).

The final Draw of the 25/26 season will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 13th April 2026 at 8pm.

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:

April 7 – 5 miles moderate walk around Colerne starting at the Fox & Hounds

April 14 – 5.5 miles moderate walk The Sodbury Stroll starting at the Church, Old Sodbury

April 20 – 5.5 miles moderate walk from Kelston up to North Stoke and around Kelston Roundhill

April 21 – 5 miles moderate circular walk around Box

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.

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.

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

Contact Details for our Local Police

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

PCSO for our area 7007@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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/>

Bus Timetable Tormarton is served by the 41 bus Yate to Malmesbury return

Buses to Yate Mon-Fri 10.31, 12.31, 14.31 plus 16.30 on Saturday

Buses from Yate Mon-Fri 10.50, 12.50, 14.50, 17.13

Sat 10.45, 12.50, 14.50, 16.50

Buses are routed via Chipping Sodbury

There are no buses on Sundays or Bank Holidays

Green Community Travel (GCT)

Are you stuck at home with difficult access to doctors, hospitals and shops or even just to see friends?

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.

NATURE NOTES

Did you know that regularly cut grass contains very few wildflowers and has a low biodiversity value with few pollinating insects or other wildlife benefiting from this habitat.

Since the 1970s there has been a 50% decline in insects due to habitat loss, climate change, disease and use of pesticides. What can we do to help?

- consider leaving some areas of grass to grow and allow any flowers within it to bloom and seed before mowing or strimming and removing the cut grass.
- reduce or eliminate the use of insecticides and slug pellets.
- leave an untidy and undisturbed corner in your garden for insects and hedgehogs to hide.
- provide a source of fresh water for birds and hedgehogs especially in dry weather

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

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.

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

Wednesdays

Green bin collection on alternate Fridays

B4465 towards Codrington

Main collection and black bins on Tuesdays

Friday

Green bin collection on alternate Thursdays

Old Hundred Lane

Main collection and black bins on

Green bin collection on alternate Mondays

West Littleton – location dependent

Main collection and black bins on Thurs or

Green bin collection on alternate Thursdays

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 5/12 April Mrs J Clarke; 19/26 April Mrs J Bishop

Church Cleaning: Mrs. G. Bant

Church Mowing

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