



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

May
2026

SPRING CONCERT with THE STUART SINGERS

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

A lovely evening of song from this well-established mixed choir based in Minchinhampton
Book your tickets and come along to enjoy songs like A Million Dreams from the Greatest
Showman; Thank You for the Music by Abba and a John Denver Medley

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

Contact Janet Wells 079 5229 1605 or book online 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	11 May	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Mon	11 May	6.15 pm	Parish Council AGM and Annual Parish Meeting – see below
Fri	15 May	7.00 pm	Spring Concert in Tormarton Church
Mon	18 May	8.15 pm	Village Hall AGM – see below
Mon	25 May	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass

Advance Notice

Sat/Sun 13/14 June 2.00pm-5.30pm West Littleton Open Gardens – 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](#) or on The South
Glos app

Tormarton

Main collection and black bins on Tuesdays
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 Wednesdays
Green bin collection on alternate Mondays

West Littleton – location dependent

Main collection and black bins on Thurs or
Green bin collection on alternate Thursdays

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	3 May	10.30 am	Informal morning service	Rev. Sharon Roberts
Sun	17 May	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Adam Beaumont

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	10 May	10.30 am	Mattins	Julie Bradley
Sun	24 May	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. Jon Hoffman

MESSAGE from the Churches

The process to find a replacement vicar moves slowly; and sadly a new vicar is unlikely to be in the post before the end of 2026. Meanwhile we are blessed to have a ministry team led by our curate Rev Sharon and we are pleased to welcome the Rev Jon Hoffman who has recently joined the ministry team

West Littleton Open Gardens: - Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June

We are looking forward to the gardens open weekend on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June. Teas and homemade cakes will be available to buy (£5) and there will be a plant sale. The gardens will be open from 2pm to 5.30pm. Entry is £5 (children free). We don't yet have the facility for card payments so please bring cash. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of St James's Church.

PARISH COUNCIL news from Chairperson Katy Pool

We're sad to inform you that Sara, our parish clerk, has taken on more work from her original parish council of Siston and no longer has the time to devote enough hours to Tormarton Parish Council. However, with Sara's help, we've found Emma Pattullo, a fully qualified parish clerk who currently looks after the parish councils of Aust and Cromhall, and has also become our parish clerk and responsible financial officer. I'm sure you'll join us in welcoming Emma to the role.

Badminton Estate has recently published its prospectus for the next 15 years and you can find a copy here [15 Year Vision - Badminton Estate](#). We're hoping to arrange a meeting with the Estate shortly so that residents can find out more about its plans.

Our next parish council meeting is on Monday, 11 May at 6.30pm and will follow our Annual Parish Meeting at 6.15pm. All are welcome to attend or you can contact our clerk via email at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

VILLAGE HALL news from Chairman Stewart Waters

The AGM of the Village Hall committee will take place on Monday 18th May at 8.15pm in the Hall and is open to the public. We are a small group of volunteers who oversee the Village Hall and Playground, meeting approx 5 times a year and we come together to organise a couple of community events ie Dog Show and Children's Christmas Party. There will be a few changes in personnel this year and if anybody would like to see what happens and become involved then they are very welcome to attend. Please speak to Sophie to discuss.

New LED lights have been fitted throughout the hall and hopefully this will avoid the need to replace the fluorescent tubes fitted to the high ceiling in the main hall. The weeds in the playground have been cleared and works to ensure the play equipment meets current safety standards is ongoing. The issue of the drains is also ongoing with Wessex Water continuing to investigate options to ensure the sump does not back up in the pumping station.

Village Hall Bookings

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

TORMARON PICKLEBALL

Come along and meet some people. Beginners welcome. Very easy to start, difficult to master. Equipment provided. No need to even play.

Please join the WhatsApp Community 'Tormarton Picklers' to keep on top of announcements. I'll try to keep them to one a week! Or, at least, essential only.

Contact Andy Gent 07855 794265 with name and number. Feel free to join the various WhatsApp groups from within!

Restarting in Manor Farm farmyard on Thursday 30th April 18:30 – 20:30 No charge.

Wednesday 29th April and then the first Wednesday of the month only, in the Village Hall. 19:00-21:00 £2 pp for players

COMPASS INN – Fish Fridays

The Compass Inn has now launched “Fish Fridays” offering fish & chips or scampi & chips for only £10 at both lunch and dinner time. This offer is also available to take away.

Thursday BOULES at the Compass

The group plays every Thursday at 2pm 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 Wells on 07530 466846 or email drakehouse365@btinternet.com

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.

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

Saturday Cricket on the field resumes on the 2nd May featuring Marshfield 3rd XI who share the ground on Saturdays with Tormarton Cricket Club. The first Tormarton home game is on 9th May versus Slimbridge. Tormarton's next home fixtures are 16th May versus Arcadian Nine Elms (Birdlip) and 30th May versus Quedgeley & Hardwick.

All matches start at 1 pm. Spectators and potential new members all welcome.

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 for more information

Tormarton Playing Field 100 Club:

Lucky Winners in the April Draw were:-

R.James (£50), Tormarton CC (4 x £10 prizes) and M.Saunders (£10).

This was the final draw for the 25/26 season. The first one for 26/27 will take place at 8pm on Monday, 22nd June 2026 at The Compass Inn.

Your continued support for the recreation ground would be much appreciated. Renewal of memberships (£12 per year) will be due from 1st May 2026.

Please contact Pam Davis (07522172181), before the June draw, if you no longer wish to be a member.

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:

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

May 9 – 11.2 miles moderate circuit of Bath, hills and views, starting from Odd Down Car Park

May 10 – 9.4 miles moderate, starting from Batheaston car park. finishing at Odd Down Park and Ride, and returning to the start by public transport.

May 12 – 5.5 miles moderate circular walk around the Old Sodbury, starting from 44 Church Lane

May 18 – 6.5 miles moderate circular walk from Batheaston Car Park over Solsbury Hill.

May 19 – 5 miles moderate walk around Box starting at the Recreation Ground Car Park

All walks led 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

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. Many animals rely on insects and insect larvae as their main food source including hedgehogs and bats, slow worms, frogs, toads and birds including swallows and swifts. What can **you** 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**

Contact Details for our Local Police

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

PCSO for our area 7007@avonandsomerset.police.uk

VILLAGE AGENT

My name is Sharon Wood and I took over the role of WERN Village Agent in December and I would like to remind everyone about the free support available.

Over the past few months, I've been getting out into the villages and supporting local residents with things like benefits and pension queries, health and wellbeing support, help for carers, and finding local groups and activities.

The Village Agent service is **free and confidential**, and you don't need a referral. If you'd like some advice, a bit of support, or are worried about something, please feel free to get in touch — I'm always happy to help.

Contact details: Email: sharon@wern.org.uk **Phone:** 07985 018550

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.

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.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 3/10 May Mrs L Waters; 17/24 May Mrs. R. Calleja

Church Cleaning: Mrs. S. Smith