



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

September
2026

TORMARTON DOG SHOW – Saturday 19th Sept

The popular Tormarton Dog Show will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th September between 2pm and 4pm. There will be five classes and a dog agility event. A chance for the 2025 rosette winners to defend their success and for anybody new to the village to demonstrate their prize winning pooch.

Do come along even if you don't have a four legged friend, I am sure there will be some laughs (and tears) to enjoy at the end of this remarkable summer.

TORMARTON VILLAGE HARVEST CELEBRATIONS Sunday 4th OCT

Starting at 11.00 in the church and followed by a 12.30 lunch in the Village Hall

The Harvest meal is a great opportunity for villagers old and new, young and old, to enjoy each other's company and is a major social event in the life of our community. So please do come and join us.

Tickets for the lunch will soon be available from Janet and Heather.

More information will follow on the Tormarton Village WhatsApp group and on posters around the village

Diary

Weds	2 Sept	7.00-9.00 pm	Pickle Ball in the Village Hall
Mon	7 Sept	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall
Sat	12 Sept	10.00 onwards	Ride and Stride Fundraiser – see below
Mon	14 & 28 Sept	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Mornings at The Compass
Tues	15 Sept	7.00-9.00 pm	Weekly Badminton restarts in the Village Hall

Advance Notice

Tormarton and West Littleton Harvest Celebrations are on Oct 4 and 11 respectively.

We will again be organising a collection of fresh, tinned and dried foods for those struggling to afford food in Bristol. More information is available in Tormarton church or on the village website www.tormarton.org.

A Final word from our Curate...Revd Sharon

Dear friends in Tormarton and West Littleton,

I wanted to thank you for your kindness and support over the last three and a bit years whilst I have been a Curate in Marshfield Benefice. It has been lovely to get to know you, to be able to help when times have been difficult and also to share in your joys.

I have been so impressed too by your generosity in supporting our churches and the way in which you all help to keep them clean, maintained and looking so good.

In Tormarton, the way in which you all rose to the challenge of fixing the crack in the chancel was very impressive indeed. Tormarton Church will always be a special place for me and it has been a joy to lead worship there. Sometimes the challenges of there being no organ have almost defeated me (!)... but with an iPad or a laptop and downloaded tracks with a choir singing in the background we have been able to join in worship together! Thank you!

Thank you too to the community of West Littleton for your love and care for the simple beauty of St James's and for the hospitality shown in the Madrigal evening, in Open Gardens and in your shared Harvest lunch. These events have also been much appreciated.

I will be licensed at Bristol Cathedral on 20th September at Evensong ... but there will always be a special spot in my heart for the time I have spent amongst you all. Thank you!

Revd Sharon

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 6 Sept Rev Sharon's last service in the Benefice 10.30 Communion at Marshfield
Sun 21 Sept 9 am Holy Communion Rev Jon Hoffmann

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 13 Sept 10.30 am Mattins Mrs. Aurea Hart
Sun 28 Sept 9.00 am Holly Communion Rev Jon Hoffmann

Gloucester Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) Sponsored Ride and Stride Saturday 12 Sept

A small team of walkers plan to walk from Tormarton, via West Littleton to Marshfield and possibly on to Cold Ashton if we have time and energy! We will be raising funds for the church and GHCT which last year provided £4000 towards repairs to the chancel wall.

Do please contact Janet (079522 91605) or Maria if you would like to join us.

Also it would be great if you would like to sponsor us via our Just Giving page, details of which will be circulated on the Tormarton WhatsApp.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE from Chair Katy Pool

Some updates from the Parish Council since the last Newsletter at the end of June.....

Many residents in Tormarton were concerned when the **traffic lights at the A46 junction** were removed in early July and many of you signed the public petition started by Claire Young MP and Marilyn Palmer, our District Councillor. The Parish Council have written to Highway Maintenance and Claire Young MP to highlight our concerns.

The Village Hall was well attended on 30 June when Nick Davies and his family presented their plans for the redevelopment of the **Majors Retreat**. They have been working closely with South Glos Council's planning department and the meeting was held to update residents and hear their views. A planning application is due soon and will be available to view on South Glos Council's planning portal. Thank you for the presentation.

On 3 August, a similar meeting took place at The Compass, but this time it was the Badminton Estate presenting their plans for the redevelopment of **Manor Farm** and the planning application is currently under consideration. Again, a good number of residents attended and the Parish Council has collated and forwarded residents' views to Badminton Estate for consideration. The Parish Council has taken all views into consideration and has responded to South Glos Council. Overall, the redevelopment is supported by the Parish Council and residents alike.

Over the next few weeks residents are coming together to remove excess silt from the **Tormarton pond** in a bid to restore the pond to its former glory. The Pond Committee would like to thank all volunteers for the use of their machinery and expertise on a voluntary basis.

The **next meeting** of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 7 September at 6.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

VILLAGE AGENT - Sharon Wood

It has been lovely meeting some of you at the Compass Inn coffee mornings, and I'd like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome in the village.

As your Village Agent, I wanted to let you know about an upcoming change that will affect all households across our villages. Over the coming months, telephone providers will be completing moving customers from the old analogue telephone network to a new digital phone service. Your provider will contact you by letter or email to let you know when this change is due to happen.

For most people, the switch will be simple and straightforward. However, I appreciate that it may feel a little worrying if you're not sure what it means for you, especially if you use an alarm, pendant, telecare service, or other equipment connected to your phone line.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your provider. See further information on:

<https://www.gov.uk/.../moving-landlines-to-digital...>

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.

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

VILLAGE HALL news from Chairman George Evans (aka Curly)

As the newly appointed Chair of the Village Hall Committee, I would like to introduce myself and say how pleased I am to be taking on this role.

On behalf of the whole committee, I would also like to extend our thanks to Stewart for his many years of hard work, dedication and commitment as Chairman. We are incredibly grateful for everything he has done for the village hall over the years, and we're delighted that he will be remaining on the committee, where his experience and support will continue to be invaluable.

I have been a member of the committee for the past three years and am looking forward to working alongside the rest of the team to help ensure the village hall continues to thrive for the benefit of our community. We appreciate the ongoing support of everyone who uses and supports the hall, and we look forward to seeing you at future events. The first of these is The Dog Show on Sat Sept 19th – see details on the front page.

VILLAGE HALL Bookings

Please contact Sophie email: 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 the Village Hall in Tormarton and one near the village noticeboard in West Littleton.

If you think that someone has had a cardiac arrest you should:

- 1) Dial 999 and shout for help
- 2) Start doing CPR - the 999 operator will talk you through this
- 3) Send someone to get a defibrillator if you can.

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 will restart on 15th September at Tormarton Village Hall from 7 - 9 pm every Tuesday. New members of all ages and experience are most welcome. Please contact Heather Gent on 218223 for any further questions.

TORMARTON PICKLEBALL

Manor Farm farmyard on Thursday Evenings 18:30 – 20:30. Free to all.

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Come along and meet some people. 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. Text Andy Gent 07855 794265 with name and number.

Feel free to join the various WhatsApp groups from within!

In the Village Hall Wednesday 2nd September. 19:00-21:00 £2pp.

Starting back in the Village Hall, every Wednesday, from October 7th 19:00-21:00 £2pp

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

The League season has now ended for Tormarton Cricket Club. We finished mid table in a league of 10 clubs. School holidays affected our player availability for the last 3 or 4 games so any potential new members for next season will be welcomed. The club usually hold indoor net sessions from about the middle of February.

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 August Draw were:-

J.Berry (£50), R.Monyard, Tormarton Cricket Club, Andy Gent, Heritage Veterans and R.Berry (£10 each)

The next draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday 26th October 2026 at 8pm

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:

Sept 1 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

Sept 8 – 5.5 miles moderate walk from 44 Church Lane, Old Sodbury around historic locations, viewpoints and churches.

Sept 15 – 5 miles circular moderate walk around Box.

Sept 24 – 6 miles moderate walk from Lansdown Park & Ride around Bath and the Charlecombe valley.

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 Community Police

PC 1542 Brown and PC 309 Andrews.

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

PCSO for our area 7007@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/>

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)

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

More information is available at www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk or telephone 01454 228706.

Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

Full details of your Rubbish and Recycling collections are available at [Waste and recycling | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](#) or via The South Glos app which is available to download for free from the [Apple App Store](#), or [Google Play Store](#) for Android phone users.

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: 6/13 Sept Mary Campbell Hill, 20/27 Sept Dawn Slade

Church Cleaning: Janet Wells and Sue Giles

Items for the next issue to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 22nd September please.