

Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

November 2026

DIARY

Fri	**30th Oct**		**Rocky Horror Show at The Compass Inn**
Mon	2nd Nov	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall
Sun	8th Nov	10.30am	Tormarton Village Remembrance Service
Mon	9th Nov	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Mon	23rd Nov	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass

ADVANCE DIARY

Sun	6 Dec	10.30pm	**Tormarton Family Gift Service** (see below)
Fri	11 Dec	7 .00pm onwards	**Village Christmas Supper at The Compass Inn** (see below)
Sun	20 Dec	5.00pm	**Tormarton Carol Service & Christingle**

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 8 Nov	**10.30** am	**Remembrance Day Service** led by Mike Strathdee.	
Sun 15 Nov	9 am	Morning Service with Communion	Rev. Francis Miles

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 8 Nov	**10.55**am	**Remembrance Service in Marshfield**	Rev. Jon Hoffmann
		Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Church service	
Sun 22 Nov	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jon Hoffmann

CHURCH NEWS

The recruitment process for a new vicar

The closing date for applications was Sunday 25th October and the interview process should begin in November.

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 8th 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.

Bible Study Evenings

There are regular Thursday evening Bible Study evenings at Wol Barn; the last session of this series is on Thursday 5 November. All are very welcome.

Tormarton All Ages Family Friendly Gift Service – 10.30 am Sunday 6th December

This is our next opportunity to support the work of the Sisters of the Church in St Pauls Bristol who provide help for 500 families in this severely deprived area.. The main focus of our collection is **£15 ARGOS or One4all gift cards** for the children. We are also collecting gloves, warm scarves, hats, socks and toiletry sets for men and women.

PARISH COUNCIL – Notes from Chairperson Katy Pool

There is not a lot to report following our last PC meeting on 12 October.
The two proposed housing developments in Tormarton – Manor Farm and land behind the Major's Retreat – are still being considered by the South Glos Planning team and you can follow their progress on the South Glos Planning portal.
After nearly 10 years on the Parish Council, mainly as vice-chair and for the past 18 months as chair, I would like to step back from the Parish Council at the end of 2026. This means there is a councillor (and potentially a chair) vacancy to fill and we would like to hear from anyone interested in this role. Ideally, this should be someone resident in the Tormarton area as Tormarton is by far the biggest village and probably takes up 75% of our agenda, so local knowledge, geography and knowing residents in the village is very helpful. If you are interested, please contact our clerk, Emma, on clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk who will be happy to answer any questions you may have or speak to one of our Tormarton-based councillors who can tell you more about the role. The only qualification is a willingness to represent the community, training is available for new councillors.
Our next PC meeting is on Monday, 2 November at 6.30pm in the village hall and we welcome residents to attend.

VILLAGE AGENT - Sharon Wood

Hello Everyone,
I thought I would let you know a little about what I do in my role as Village Agent with WERN (West of England Rural Network). to support local residents with a wide range of issues. This might mean helping with forms and applications, finding out what support is available, answering questions about transport or housing, or simply being someone to talk to when things feel a little overwhelming.
I can help with things such as Blue Badge and Attendance Allowance applications, bereavement support, accessing local services and finding support for carers. Sometimes, knowing where to turn or who to ask can be difficult, and I'm here to help make that a little easier.
An important part of my role is also helping people feel less isolated and more connected to their community. This might be introducing someone to a local coffee morning, helping arrange transport to an appointment, or simply having a friendly chat. Often, it's the little things that can make the biggest difference.
If you, or someone you know, would like a chat or could use a little help with a problem, big or small, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My service is **free and confidential**, and I'm here for anyone aged 18 or over. You don't need to be facing a major problem to ask for support.
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 Bookings

Please email Sophie: 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 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.

Tormarton Pickleball – Now Indoors

Zero Zero Two. Come & get pickled. Wednesday evenings 19:00-21:00. Tormarton Village Hall. All abilities and ages welcome. £2.00pp

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD 100 club

Lucky winners were:-
A.Wilson (£50), J.Orchard, M.Saunders, J.Giles, C.Berry, and S.Smith (£10 each).
The 2026 Christmas Draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 14th December at 8pm.
Payment of outstanding memberships would be appreciated. Thank you.

NEWS from Penny & Rupert at the COMPASS INN

Village coffee mornings, 9th and 23rd November - As the season change the fires are now being lit, so come along and keep warm in good company with free tea, coffee and biscuits between 10:00 and 12:00 at The Compass Inn.

Save the date, Village Christmas supper!
The annual village Christmas cheese and mulled wine supper will be held at The Compass Inn on Friday the 11th of December from 7:00pm
This year marks our 65th year in the village and we would like to do something special to mark the occasion (our plans to celebrate our 60th were scuppered by Covid). The family moved to Tormarton on 30th November 1961 and opened the doors of The Compass Inn the very next day on the 1st of December.
We would dearly love as many of you as possible to celebrate with us, so please mark the date in your diary. There is no charge for this village gathering but we would be grateful if people would call us on 01454 218242 so we can gauge the number of people attending.

Contact Details for our Local Community Police

PC 1542 Brown and PC 309 Andrews.
mike.brown@avonandsomerset.police.uk danield.andrews@avonandsomerset.police.uk
PCSO for our area 7007@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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

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 1 - Winsley Circuit from Bradford-on-Avon, 5.5mile circular moderate walk from Station Car Park
Nov 3 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne
Nov 10 - 5.5 miles circular moderate walk from 44 Church Lane, Old Sodbury around the Sodburys
Nov 17 - 5 miles circular moderate walk around Box, starting at Box Recreation ground

2027 – Cotswold Way - 10 Stage Walk Looking for a rewarding challenge in 2027? Why not join us walking the length of Cotswold Way? Great opportunity to walk the Cotswold Way from North to South with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. Each stage starts on the first Saturday in every month starting May 2027.Coach departs from Cold Ashton at 0845 and returns to Cold Ashton at end of each walk. Contact John Bartram at woodlandsbarn@btinternet.com for more information

All walks are led by the Voluntary Wardens and 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

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:

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.

The South Glos Council app has lots of great features – from information on planning to reporting potholes and looking up waste and recycling collection days. For more information see http://www.southglos.gov.uk/app

, is our new series of community meetings. They create an informal space for

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 1/8 Nov Mrs E Barker, 15/22 Nov Mrs S Smith, 29 Nov/6 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.