



Tormarton Newsletter

February
2018

TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

Diary

Mon 12 Feb 6.30 pm Parish Council Meeting in the Hall Committee Room
Mon 19 Feb 8.30 pm 100 Club Draw at The Compass Inn

Advance Notice

Sat 3 Mar 6.30 for 7 pm Family Panto-tainment (see below)
Fri 9 Mar 7.30 pm Madrigals Evening in West Littleton (see below)

Recyclable and Refuse Collection:

Recycling items and food bins are now being collected **every** week.

Black and green bins will be collected **alternate** weeks.

For details on Recycling items to be put in each box/bag, check information on leaflets that have been left

Tormarton – Mondays

Bins: 12 & 26 Feb

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 9 & 23 Feb

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location in the village)

Bins: 5/6 & 19/20 Feb

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 4 Feb: 10.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 18 Feb: 10.30 am Family Service, followed by refreshments Rev. Ian Tomkins

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 11 Feb: 10.30 am Matins (1662) Rev. Christopher Mulholland
Sun 25 Feb 9 am Holy Communion (1662) Rev. Bryan Pettifer

Faith Matters Group, Tormarton

As Rev. Sally Wheeler is away there won't be a Faith Matters discussion group in February.

The date for March is Wednesday 7th - the venue will be in the March Newsletter.

PANTO-TAINMENT - Old MacDonald's Strange Adventure – Saturday 3rd March – 7 pm

The Village Hall, Tormarton. Bar open from 6.30 pm

Entry to this Village Extravaganza is by **ticket only** - demand is likely to be overwhelming so to avoid disappointment early booking is essential!

Tickets **£8 pp** to include a hot dog **Children go free!**

For tickets **contact Diana Elliott on 01454 218364 or email: diana.elliott@hotmail.co.uk**

Ukulele players! Joan Marshall would be delighted to hear from anyone with a ukulele who would like to join with a group to strum a short interlude at the Pantomime. All ages welcome. No previous experience necessary. Tel: (01454) 310415.

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Madrigals in St. James' Church, West Littleton – Friday 9th March

The annual Madrigal Concert by the Bristol University Madrigal Ensemble will be held at St James's Church, West Littleton on Friday 9th March at 7.30 pm. Tickets not required – retiring collection after the concert. Supper following the concert at Cadwell Hill Barn (£10 at the door).

For further information please contact David Adams on 01225 891100

REPORT FROM TORMARTON CHURCH WARDEN, Bruce Finnamore

- **Reordering – Grant from Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust:** Work is progressing well with our plans to reorder the church. Our Architect, George Chedburn is putting together the final designs so we hope to be in a position to share these with parishioners very soon. In the meantime, we are pleased to say that we have received our first grant. Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust have very kindly agreed to make a grant of £7000 towards the reordering scheme. Details of this grant and the Trust have been posted on the noticeboard in the church. We are very grateful to Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, and know you will share this view. We will now begin the process of contacting other organisations to seek their preliminary support.
- **Mothering Sunday – 11th March:** The Mothering Sunday service will be held at 4 pm on 11th March. We would like to welcome as many families (with a particular emphasis on mothers!) to come to the service and stay for tea and cakes. Please can you spread the word and invite everyone to this service. Everyone will, of course, be very welcome.
- **Hold the Date – Saturday 30th June :** We are currently planning a 'Pimms, Paté
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- and Pudding' on the evening of Saturday 30th June. The party will be held in the grounds of Tormarton Court and further details will be circulated and publicised nearer the time. In the meantime, please hold the date.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the Chairman

1. **Gypsy/Traveller Site Planning Application PK17/2008/F** This planning application was approved at the SGC Planning Committee meeting on 11th January 2018 despite considerable opposition from local residents and Tormarton Parish Council. A legal challenge to the procedure used by SGC in arriving at this decision is currently in progress. Further news of this action will be announced in future issues of the Newsletter and by The Tormarton Action Group. If you wish to be part of the Tormarton Action Group and receive up to date information on this planning application please email tormartonactiongroup@gmail.com to receive blind copies of communications that are anonymous.
2. **Tormarton Village Website** - This website (www.tormarton.org) provides information to local residents about current news and events and a service to the outside world about local businesses and services in the village, such as B&Bs. Due to a change in legislation the Parish Council part of this website has now been moved to a dedicated website (www.tormarton-pc.gov.uk) which is maintained by the Parish Clerk. A volunteer is now being sought to help maintain the village website, which should take no more than 1-2 hours each month. This is a straight forward task and the person will be fully trained beforehand. Please contact Gill Penberth, the Parish Clerk, for further information on 01454 218186 or 07976 820805.
3. **The next Meeting** of the Parish Council will be held in the Hall Committee Room on Monday 12th February starting at 6.30 pm.

Carol Singing in Tormarton

On Friday 22nd December a lively band of singers headed out to visit houses around the centre of the village. Many thanks must go to those who treated us with wine and refreshments and to the many who contributed to the collection of £170. This has been divided between The Children's Society and the UNICEF support for the Syrian Refugees.

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Christmas Gift Service

A special thank you goes to all those who contributed to this year's collection of food, essential clothing and Argos vouchers for The Sisters of the Church plus those who donated money for the special collection. The Sisters have written that 'The response from the Tormarton community is always so generous and we cannot thank people enough for their thoughtful support for our work here.'

Once again, many thanks for your generosity. Janet Wells

100 Club: Winners in the Christmas Draw were - Tormarton CC (£50), C.Elliott (£25), J.Fannon (£25), S.Langley, TCC, S.Waters, C.Orchard, J.Knowland, D.Baker, A.Gent and T.Allen (£10) each. The next draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday 19th February at 8.30 pm.

Pilates takes place in the Village Hall on Monday evenings, 7-8 pm. This group has been taking place for some time now so we are not able to take beginners, but anyone interested, who has already done some pilates, can contact Sophie, email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834.

The cost of each class is now fixed at £6.50, but before each session of 4 classes you will be asked how many you would like to book and pay for. (£25 if booking for all 4).

Request from a Tormarton Resident: Please could all dog owners be a bit more considerate to other villagers when walking their dogs along the pavements and clear up all dog poo. I'm sure everybody would like to keep the village clean and tidy and it's not nice getting out of your car or gate to a pile of mess, especially in the dark. Thank you from a disgruntled neighbour!

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 4/11 Feb: Mrs E. Scott-Martin Lent: No flowers

Church Cleaning: Mrs D. Elliott & Mrs J. Smart

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