



Tormarton Newsletter

April
2018

TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

Diary

Mon	9 April	6.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Hall Committee Room
Sun	15 April	11.30 am	Tormarton Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Church (after service)
Mon	16 April	8.30 pm	100 Club Draw at The Major's Retreat
Wed	18 April	7.30 pm	Training on Basic Life Support, CPR and defibrillator use - to be held in the Parish Hall (see below)
Mon	30 April	7.30 pm	Faith Matters Group, at Tormarton Court

Advance Notice

Sat	19 May	7 pm	Spring Concert in Tormarton Church (see below)
Sat/Sun	9/10 June	2 – 5.30 pm	West Littleton Gardens Open (see below)
Sat	30 June	evening	'Pimms, Paté & Pudding' Party at Tormarton Court

Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

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

Black and green bins are 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: 9 & 23 April

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 6 & 20 April

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

Bins: 2/3 April, 16/17 April & 30 April/1 May

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 1 Apr:	10.30 am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Rev. Ian Tomkins
Sun 8 Apr:	6 pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 15 Apr:	10.30 am	Family Service, followed by refreshments	Rev. Sally Wheeler

Tormarton Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 15th April

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held immediately after the morning service on Sunday 15th April at approximately 11.30 am. This is an important meeting when we elect the officers to serve the church for the coming year and hear reports about progress and plans. Everyone is very welcome. If you are interested in being involved in the PCC or any other aspect of the church please contact Bruce Finnamore, Churchwarden, on: 07831 441415, or email bruce@thefinnamores.com

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 1 Apr:	10.30 am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion (1662)	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 8 Apr:	10.30 am	Matins (1662)	Charles Keen
Sun 22 Apr:	9 am	Holy Communion (1662)	Rev. Sally Wheeler

MARSHFIELD BENEFICE SERVICE – 5th Sunday

Sun 29 Apr:	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Rev. Sally Wheeler
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Faith Matters- Monday 30th April at 7:30 pm

The next meeting of this interesting and entertaining discussion group will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 30th April. You are very welcome to join us to discuss the 10 Commandments and their relevance to us today.

The Tormarton village Panto-tainment was a huge success. Reputations were made and lost - but most importantly a big (over 110 people) enthusiastic audience were provided with great entertainment. Particular thanks to Joanna Bowman the Director, George Gent, the author Robin Scott-Martin and the cast. As a side benefit valuable funds were raised for the Church and the Parish Hall.

Madrigals in West Littleton Church: The annual concert given by the Bristol University Madrigal Ensemble was held on the 9th March in St James's Church. It was a most enjoyable evening and raised nearly £1000 for church funds.

PARISH HALL: No news from the Committee this month.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the Chairman

1. **South Gloucestershire Local Plan** - the South Glos Local Plan Consultation Document (February 2018) is out for consultation until 30th April 2018. This document lays down policies affecting planning decisions in S. Gloucestershire going forward to 2036. The section which relates to gypsy and traveller accommodation on pages 96-99 is of particular concern to the parish council since it proposes to intensify existing sites, make permanent the current sites and drop the Green Belt designation if the site is in the Green Belt – it is thought that the AONB equates to the Green Belt in this context. To quote:

“All existing and authorised Gypsy/Traveller sites within South Gloucestershire are proposed to be allocated in the new Local Plan as a permanent site for Gypsy/Traveller use. In doing this, the council recognises that many existing sites currently lie in the Green Belt. National policy states that the mechanism for enabling the delivery of these sites is to remove the Green Belt designation (“insetting”) and allocate for this use.”

The parish council is concerned because this policy, if adopted, would appear to enable the recent planning permit of a gypsy/traveller site on Norley Lane, Tormarton (PK17/2008/F) to become a permanent site. This would overturn the current condition No.3 of the planning decision which stipulates that this gypsy/traveller site is for use only by the applicant, his wife and his dependants and as long as the applicant is defined as a gypsy/traveller.

Sight of The Local Plan Consultation Document and comments on this plan may be made at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/NewLocalPlanFeb2018/consultationHome>

2. **Tormarton Park & Share Site** – Alice Jenkins, Transport and Environment Policy Manager for S. Glos Council will attend the next parish council meeting on 9th April to explain the future plan for a park & share facility at Tormarton. The parish council meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome.
3. **Training on Defibrillator Use and Life Support** – Louise Cooper from the South Western Ambulance Service will hold a training session on Basic Life Support, CPR and defibrillator use on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. This session will last for no more than two hours and will include an illustrated presentation, practical demonstrations and an opportunity to practise with manikins and training defibrillators. This event was prompted by a recent medical emergency in Tormarton when it was realised that local residents need to be able to react appropriately in emergency situations before the arrival of trained paramedics.
4. **The Next Meeting of the Parish Council** will be held in the Hall Committee Room on Monday 9th April starting at 6.30 pm.

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Tormarton Spring Concert – Saturday 19th May. Hold the Date

On Saturday 19th May, Gilly Wells, Tormarton's very own professional singer, and pianist Helen Wilkins, will be bringing a mixture of songs and popular arias to delight us.

At her last concert for the village, one audience member was heard to say that it was 'The best thing ever to have happened in Tormarton!' Tickets are £12 each and include a glass of wine in the interval. This concert has been a complete 'sell out' every year since it was first organised in 2013, so set the date and book your tickets with Janet Wells Tel: 218549 or email drakehouse365@btinternet.com

West Littleton gardens open. The gardens in West Littleton will be open on 9th & 10th June, 2 pm to 5.30 pm. Entry is £5 (seniors £4, children free). Teas and homemade cakes will be available as well as a plant sale.

Pimms, Pâté and Pudding Party - Saturday evening 30th June at Tormarton Court

Please continue to hold 30th June for what promises to be an excellent evening. Full details will be provided in next month's newsletter - but an early notice : the Pimms are special!

100 Club:

The final draw of the 2017/18 season will be held at The Major's Retreat on Monday 16th April 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).

Are You Interested In Playing Cricket?

If so Tormarton Cricket Club are looking for some players to add to their already established squad. Currently playing in the Stroud and District Premier Division, we're a typically friendly village team who play their games on Saturdays.

With the season just around the corner new recruits would be a welcome addition.

For more information on pre-season nets at Yate International, upcoming pre-season fixtures or any other information, Please contact Ben Cousins on 07845 922282 or search for us on Facebook or Twitter.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 1 & 8 April – Mrs. J. Marshall; 15 & 22 April – Mrs. J. Clark; 29 April – Mrs. J. Doubleday

NB: all festival flower arrangements for Easter on 1 April

Church Cleaning: Mrs. J. Doubleday and Mrs. Bant

Mowing Rota: 1 April – Ian Elcock; 9 April – TBC; 15&22 April – Robin Berry; 29 April – Tom Harrison

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Items for the next issue to be given to Diana Elliott, St. Mary's House, Tel: 01454 218364,

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