



# Tormarton Newsletter

June 2019

## TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

### **Diary**

Sat	8 June	from 2 pm	Tormarton's Big Tea, at the Village Hall
Sat 8/Sun 9 June		2 – 5.30 pm	West Littleton Gardens Open
Sun	9 June	6 pm	Benefice Evensong in West Littleton (after the Gardens Open Weekend)
Tues	18 June	7 pm	Parish Council Committee Meeting in the Hall Committee Room
Sat	22 June	2 pm	Marshfield Church Fête at the Old Vicarage
Mon	24 June	8.30 pm	100 Club draw at The Compass Inn

### **Advance Notice**

Sat	13 July	7.30 pm	An Evening in the Company of Flanders and Swann, in Tormarton Church
Tues	23 July	7 pm	Concert in West Littleton Church (see below)

### **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: 3 & 17 June, 1 July

### **B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays**

Bins: 14 & 28 June

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

Bins: 10/11 & 24/25 June

### **TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES during this month are:**

<b>Sun 2 June</b>	10.30 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler
<b>Sun 16 June</b>	10.30 am.	Family Service, followed by refreshments	Mr. Mike Strathdee

### **WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES during this month are:**

<b>Sun 9 June</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Benefice Choral Evensong (BCP)</b>	Rev. Sally Wheeler
<b>Sun 23 June</b>	9.am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev. Sally Wheeler

### **Tormarton Faith Matters:**

An informal Discussion Group open to all. For more information on the June meeting please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler (892180) or Bruce Finnermore (01454 218236)

### **Tormarton's Big Tea Party on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Village Hall from 2 pm.**

The Village Hall and Pond Committees are pleased to announce that the Jakemen Duo will be providing the live entertainment at the tea party. The Duo, Ken and James, are a cover band concentrating on country rock. They play songs ranging from the Beatles, The Eagles, Neil Young, Crowded House, Teddy Thompson and The Mavericks using vocal harmonies accompanied by guitar, mandolin and harmonica.

Lots of other activities including a penalty shoot-out, quiz, nature trail, raffle and children's craft table plus a family rounders match. There will also be a miniature garden competition, all entries should be brought along on the day and presented on a large plate, biscuit tin lid or something similar that is approximately 12 inches across.

**FREE ENTRY** – collection in aid of the village hall and pond. Cash bar and refreshments

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**West Littleton Gardens Open**

The gardens in West Littleton will be open on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2 pm to 5.30 pm. Entry will be £5 (children free). Teas and homemade cakes will be available, as well as a plant sale. Proceeds to the church. On Sunday at 6 pm all are welcome at the Benefice Choral Evensong in St. James' Church.

**Tormarton Church re-ordering**

Thanks to everyone who came to the drop-in meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May when we met with George Chedburn, our architect, who described the current proposals for the reordering of the church. As well as options for our church, George showed examples of similar schemes in other churches - and we were able to see and try out various different seating arrangements.

In addition to providing a well-designed fully functional kitchen and toilet facilities, we discussed the potential benefits of improving the heating, providing more comfortable seating, enabling easier access both into and throughout the building, and creating a more flexible and usable space in the main body of the church. In order to achieve this, one option now being considered is removing all the pews, raising the floor level and installing under floor heating. We had a really useful series of discussions about these proposals which the PCC will consider.

We will continue to keep everyone informed and engaged. In the meantime if you would like to get more involved or talk about the proposals please contact Bruce Fynamore, Churchwarden on (07831) 441415 or [Bruce@thefinnamores.com](mailto:Bruce@thefinnamores.com)

**PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the Chairman**

1. Firstly, as many of you may already be aware, sadly John Wells has decided to retire from the Parish Council of which he has been a long time member. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the many hundreds of hours of time that he has dedicated over the years to looking after both the best interests of the parish and local community. Thankfully, we understand that John will continue with his much appreciated work on both the Playing Field and Pond Committees.
2. With the local elections now past, and with John's resignation leaving the role of Chairperson vacant, the revised membership and offices of the parish council are as follows; Simon Stevens (Chairperson), Katy Pool (Vice-Chairperson), Jane Smart and Janet Wells. We would like to thank Janet Wells for kindly agreeing to being co-opted on to the Parish Council, and look forward to making good use of her extensive experience over the time ahead. We would also like to thank Gill Penberth for continuing as Parish Clerk, who's time and effort spent keeping the Parish Council operating is invaluable. We do still have one Parish Council vacancy to fill, so if you would like to become more involved in your local community please contact the Gill on 07976 82 08 05 or by emailing her at [clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk).
3. Full minutes for all Parish Council meetings are available on our website at [www.tormarton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.tormarton-pc.gov.uk), and going forward we will continue the 'Parish Council – Notes from the Chair' section included in this newsletter.
4. The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm, with the agenda available to view at least three days prior on either the Parish Council website or the village notice boards.

**PARISH HALL NEWS from the Committee:**

The works to the ladies wc and the small kitchen have been completed by Bath Style on time and with a positive response from the nursery. Whilst this work inevitably caused some disturbance it was good to hear that this was kept to a minimum and the contractor has deservedly earned the title of a 'considerate builder'.

**100 Club:** The first draw of the 2019/20 season will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at The Compass Inn.

**An Evening in the Company of Flanders and Swann - 7.30 pm Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at Tormarton Church**

Enjoy an evening in the company of two great observers of our national quirks, Flanders and Swann, complemented by the words and wit of Sir John Betjeman. Featuring a selection of songs, familiar and less familiar, from 'The Hippopotamus' to 'A Transport of Delight', from 'The Gnu' to 'Have Some Madeira, M'Dear', the songs of Flanders and Swann are, as pianist, actor and singer Michael Lunts shows, rooted in that vision of the recent past often called 'Betjeman's Britain'.

So come along to Wallow (with the Hippopotamus!) in a little nostalgia for a by-gone world and the gentle humour of Flanders and Swann.

Tickets £12.50 each, to include a glass of wine in the interval, are available from Janet Wells Tel: 218549, Heather Gent Tel: 218223 or email [drakehouse365@btinternet.com](mailto:drakehouse365@btinternet.com)

**West Littleton Concert – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

There will be a concert at West Littleton Church, Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7 pm. The internationally renowned flautist Ashley Solomon, director of Florilegium will be accompanied by David Miller on theorbo and baroque guitar. They will present a programme of European baroque music by Bach, Handel, Kapsperger, Hotteterre and Locatelli. Ashley and David regularly play at major London venues and have released many successful recordings. Tickets will be free on request from James Golob ([JSGolob@gmail.com](mailto:JSGolob@gmail.com) or 07770 432035) with a retiring collection for charity.

**Pilates Classes** 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](mailto: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).

**Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church**

Church Flowers: 2 June – Mrs.R. Calleja; 9 & 16 June – Mrs. P. Monyard; 23 June – Mrs C. Harrison

Church Cleaning: Mrs. D. Slade & Mrs. S. Smith

Mowing rota: 2 June – John Wells; 9 June – Simon Barraclough; 16 June tbc; 23/30 June – Dan Campbell

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Items for the next issue, to cover **July and August**, to be given to Diana Elliott, St. Mary's House, tel: 01454 218364, or sent by email to [diana.elliott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:diana.elliott@hotmail.co.uk), not later than **26<sup>th</sup> June** please.