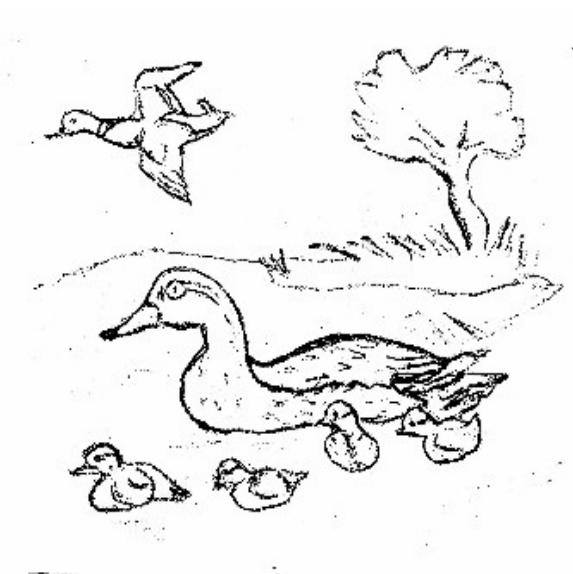


Enmore and Goathurst



Magazine

June 2026

From the Editor

Welcome to your June Magazine

It seems hardly possible that Jill and I have lived here for 22 years – time has flashed past.

Her illustration on the cover tells a story. Before we moved into Goathurst we drove into Bridgwater from North Petherton. As we came to the left turn, we were second in the queue of traffic. The lights changed but no car moved, and no-one sounded their horn. And what we saw was a Mallard leading her ducklings across the zebra crossing while everyone waited patiently. A lesson for our time.

Volunteering in our community is still alive as this magazine shows. Have you considered volunteering for the magazine? Lots of different jobs with about forty volunteers. Or submitting an article? Come to the AGM in Goathurst Village Hall on June 3rd to find out how you could help. Goathurst editors are in short supply compared with Enmore – where has the notorious competition between our villages gone!!



Best wishes, Colin and Jillian Chalmers

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Doug's Famous Fish 'n' Chips Quiz

Friday 5th June, 7pm

At Enmore Memorial Hall



To book, call Doug on 01278 671188

NEXT LADIES LUNCH

On

MONDAY, 8th JUNE 2026, 12.30pm

**At the Cottage Inn, Keenthorne
Nr. Nether Stowey**

£17.00 for two courses

Please phone or email Jan Hodson
on 07985194265 or

hodsons73@btinternet.com
to book for 'The Monday Club' asap



Volunteers Needed for Open Gardens

This year, Goathurst will once again be participating in the **National Garden Scheme Open Gardens event on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July.**

We need volunteers to serve Tea, Coffee and Cake. If you can spare a couple of hours to help serve refreshments, we would be very grateful as this is an important fundraising event for our community.

We also rely on donations of cakes and baked goods (homemade or shop bought) so if you are able to provide something we are most appreciative!

If you are able to help out, please get in touch with Catherine or Lizzie. (If possible, send a message via WhatsApp)

To volunteer, contact Catherine: 07816 251 950

To donate a cake, contact Lizzie: 07725 278 280

DRINKS
IN THE
Garden

12 JUNE

6:30 - 8:30 PM

**GOATHURST
VILLAGE HALL**



ENMORE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

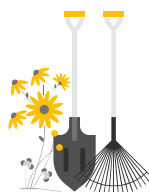
Tuesday 30th June 2026

Enmore Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS WITH JENNY SHORT

Jenny is a well-known garden designer, local to the area with many years' experience. Do come along and learn how your outside space can be enhanced with her advice on planting and structural changes sympathetic to the 'lie of your land' and needs.

Perennials, hopefully come back for many summers to give us colour and interest and easier to manage than annuals once they are established. So please join us for an interesting evening, Jenny is an experienced speaker and has entertained us many times.



VISIT TO LYDEARD HOUSE GARDENS, BISHOPS LYDEARD ON TUESDAY 9TH JUNE BY KIND PERMISSION OF MRS VAUN WILKINS

Mrs Wilkins is kindly allowing a special visit to her beautiful garden on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th June and will accompany us on the visit. The garden includes water features, a rose pergola and many other attractive features, some well-established and some more recent or still work in progress. Inspirational and thoroughly recommended! The visit will start at 2.00pm at Lydeard House, ideally with car sharing.

A donation of £10 per person (which is for Bishops Lydeard Village Hall) is requested, to include the garden visit plus tea and cake. Numbers are restricted to an absolute maximum of 30 so please book promptly by contacting Anne Stoye (annestoye@btinternet.com).

If you are a UK taxpayer, your £10 donation could be Gift Aided to give the village hall a further £2.50 at no extra cost to you. Anne will supply Gift Aid forms on request and further details.

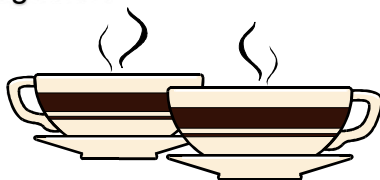
The garden is also open the previous weekend under the NGS if you cannot go on 9th June (Admission £6 for garden only - refreshments and guided tour not included).

Priority will be given to members of the Gardening Club if the visit is over-booked. In this case a reserve list will be kept in case of last minute cancellations

Reminder

This year it is the turn of Goathurst Village Hall to host our AGM which will take place on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 commencing 7.30pm.

Come and meet some of the volunteers and learn how the magazine comes together.



Food will be provided

We are a group of 40 volunteers who edit, print, collate and distribute 250 copies of the magazine each month.

It is funded by the generous people who advertise in our magazine, filling the yellow pages. This means we can produce free of charge. And thanks to the Parish Councils, it is also online.

Farewell from, and Welcome to, Goathurst this month.

Sadly, this month we must bid farewell to Russ and Micky Foster at number 9 Goathurst. Most will have seen them on their early morning walks around the village, but many will not know what a help they have been to a number of us – particularly their near neighbours -and to the village as a whole. That pond on the way from North Petherton used not to clear itself unassisted, litter of various sorts did not collect itself, fallen branches did not grow legs and walk, the churchyard, with help from others, has not cleared itself on Workdays nor the church been given flowers and cleaned on many occasions.



We wish you both well on your return to the Salisbury area. May you both find the area you want to return to after a happy time in Goathurst. You will be missed.

In their place we welcome Jess and Phil Farr-Cox from a 'foreign' territory – Washford. Phil is both a model railway enthusiast and a trumpeter, so we anticipate an interesting combination once a new terminus is set up in Goathurst! We are sure Goathurst will give them its usual warm welcome in number 9.



And from Russ and Micky

Please include in the magazine a goodbye and thank you to everyone from us - some lovely cards and gifts which was very touching.

Goathurst remains our version of Narnia.

Please put in your diary - Enmore Litter Pick

KEEPING ENMORE GREEN

Meet at Enmore Memorial Hall on **Sunday, 14th June, 2026**

At 9.00am

. Finish at 10.30am

(or whatever time you can give to your village)

Refreshments back at the Hall afterwards!

Please spread the word so we have a good turnout



Many hands make light, quick work and it's quite fun too!

Tel: Andrew 07853 227329 for any queries

Do bring gloves and any other useful equipment, suggest bright clothing!



Thank you in anticipation of your support on behalf of Enmore Parish Council

The results benefit our Wider Enmore Community

Puzzle Page

1. Find the words

Within the square below can be found all the words appearing on the right. They can be left to right, right to left or diagonal in either direction. They all refer to a monthly event.

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2. Crossword Clues

The following crossword clues are a reminder of the Enmore and Goathurst Magazine Meeting on June 3rd.

- i. Tears up at inclusion of more certain members of committees (10)
- ii. Embarked as member of committee (2,5)
- iii. Good repute of type of committee (8)
- iv. An element of the unknown elected head of committee (4)
- v. Causing alarm to head of committee in traditionally peaceful seat (7,5)
- vi. Head of committee initially added locks (5)

Crossword solutions on page 28

News from St Edward's Church, Goathurst

May was the month of taking church beyond the building to give thanks for our environment: walks, enjoying the outdoors, each others' company and refreshments when we enjoyed the Rogationtide Service in the grounds of Halswell, a Sunday Stroll from Chantry to Oakenford and the 'Koinonia' BBQ when Kids' Night meets community. All have been well attended, with a record attendance of 70 at what was our 4th annual BBQ with ages ranging from 1-80+!

June's Opportunity Sunday continues the theme with Picnic in the Park

The **Spend a Penny Plus Project (aka SAPP)** to build a toilet/kitchenette extension on the north side of the church, is now in the hands of the planning authorities so, hopefully, you will see the Public Notices appearing soon! Bat surveys are to be undertaken shortly and, all being well, we hope to hold another open meeting for the community in the not-too-distant future to outline the build and fundraising campaign.

If anyone, especially our newer residents, would like to know more, please do contact Brenda.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 30th June Monthly Coffee Morning in the village hall from 11-12 noon

Sunday 16th August, Village Cream Tea in the church grounds 3-5pm

September 19th/20th Heritage Open Days featuring the unique Goathurst Heritage Trail.

Goathurst PCC

Goathurst Handbell Group



The group is going well and significant progress is being made with regard to the number of pieces we can play and the competency of the participants. We would welcome anyone who would like to give it a go

and if you can't read music it does not matter as we play by numbers.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 4pm however several of the group are away during June so at present the only date in June is the 27th. Contact Clare on 01278 671542

or Clare.kippen@hotmail.co.uk if interested .

Enmore Parish Council invite you to the Annual Village Assembly



June 10th 2026 at 7.00 pm
in
Enmore Memorial Hall.

Organisations having a vested interest in the community of Enmore will give a brief report – or have one read-about 5 minutes in length informing all present of the events/ news from that organisation over the last year.

Do come and find out what is going on in Enmore.

All are welcome

Debbie Mcilroy
Clerk Enmore Parish Council

Over the last few weeks, I have been told about several people who are celebrating a significant birthday – one with a ‘zero’ as the second digit! If you are one of these folk, may I wish you a very happy birthday! Whether you will celebrate alone or enjoy time with others, I hope you may be able to cherish your years.



At the end of May, the church worldwide celebrated its birthday! The day we celebrate is called Pentecost; the moment the church recalls the arrival of the Holy Spirit giving the disciples the strength, the skills and the confidence to go and tell the story of Christ.

Often, after a church service on that day, a birthday cake appears. The candles remind us of the description of tongues of fire that didn't burn out which surrounded the heads of the disciples as they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

With thanks to those disciples who told that story to their generation and then that generation to the next generation and so on down the generations to us, we continue to celebrate not only the Feast of Pentecost, but also that the church lives today. It lives today to worship God and to tell and live out the story of Christ and his endless unconditional love for all.

So as we blow out candles on cakes this month - whether it is a significant ‘zero’ birthday or a less special one – let us remember that Christ is with us throughout our lives in the joys and the challenges we all experience.

Happy Birthday!
Eleanor

Local Church Services		
June 2026	St Michael and All Angels, Enmore	St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst
<i>1st Sunday</i> 7th June 1st Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Holy Communion	9:30am Family Worship
<i>2nd Sunday</i> 14th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	-	9.30am Holy Communion
<i>3rd Sunday</i> 21st June 3rd Sunday after Trinity	4:00pm Taizé Service	-
<i>4th Sunday</i> 28th June 4th Sunday after Trinity	11:00am Morning Worship	6:30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

*For other Benefice services and mid-week Celtic Morning Prayer see

Other Local Services in the wider Benefice			
Aisholt	Nether Stowey	Over Stowey	Spaxton with Charlynch
11:00am Matins (BCP)	11:00am Morning Worship (Church Centre)	-	-
		Deanery Choral Evensong at 6:30pm at Stogumber Church	
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00am Holy Communion (Church)	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
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-	11.00am Holy Communion (Church)	-	11:00am Morning Worship

the Benefice News, Church Noticeboards and Website below
<https://quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk>

“Saving Enmore Church” URGENT Roof Appeal Fund

We are pleased to provide an update on the progress of our URGENT Roof Appeal Fund, launched to support the essential repairs required to safeguard the fabric of Enmore Church. Thanks to the generosity and goodwill of our local residents, and friends of the parish, we have so far received £2,370 + Gift Aid, which is almost 20% of our £15,000 target. This support reflects the deep affection and sense of shared responsibility our community holds for this historic building, and we extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to date.

The funds raised so far have already enabled us to begin planning the next stages of the repair work, ensuring that the church remains structurally sound and weather-tight. These repairs are vital to preserving the building that continues to serve and has done for generations of families in Enmore.

Our appeal remains active, and we continue to welcome donations from anyone who is able and wishes to support this important project. Every contribution, regardless of size, brings us closer to securing the future of our church building and protecting it for the years ahead. We are still reaching out to our wider community as part of our commitment to repair the roof, and your support at this stage would be greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the PCC, thank you for your continued kindness, encouragement, and dedication to Enmore Church. Your generosity is making a meaningful difference to the preservation of this much-loved building at the heart of our village.

Sincere thanks from us all, *Enmore Church PCC members*

*Donations can be made by cheque made out to St Michael’s Church Enmore, delivered to the Treasurer Petra Ingram, at Parklands, Church Lane, or via BACS payment to Account: 00269228, Sort Code: 30-91-20, Ref: Urgent appeal. If you have any questions, please call Petra on 07745 454047 or speak to any member of the PCC.***News**

from Secret World - Tiny things matter

I was really pleased to see the photo of Liam, one of our wildlife carers, feeding a small rodent. When I first started looking after wildlife, I always felt that no matter how large or small, common or rare, every animal has the right to care and pain relief. People often question 'why bother?' The answer to that is that everything is linked and has a place in the order of life. We are only just



realising that insect life is important to the survival of our small birds, and it follows through the predator/prey chain of life to our very own existence. One of the things that the human race depends on is pollinating insects

and we should never underestimate the fragility of life.

It has always amazed me as to how tiny an animal can be, that given warmth and food, they can survive – you just have to find a small enough feeder! In the past I have reared a baby harvest mouse, baby bats the size of your thumb nail and the smallest badger cubs (see my thumb in the photo for their size). Badger cubs should be approximately 100 grammes at birth but these cubs pictured were only 72 gm, 76gm and 58 gm so they were premature but all three survived and went on to be released. With equipment that we have, we were able to visit their release site the following year to find that they were still there.

The fact that wild animals are capable of getting into the tiniest hole can sometimes make rescues quite difficult! A couple of years ago a trip to Somerset led to the discovery of a nest of blue tits in the wing mirror of a horse box. The horse box had travelled for over 3 hours

before the owner was alerted by hungry cheeping from the tiny birds inside. SWWR was contacted, and a Response Driver sent out, only to find that it was almost impossible to get them out. The owners of the horse box kindly took the wing mirror off and it was transported, complete with the baby blue tits. Dan, one of our Wildlife Supervisors, very carefully cajoled them out by manipulating one chick at a time. Eventually, with a lot of patience, all eight chicks were out and demanding to be fed. The wing mirror was returned to the owners, who were pleased to hear that all the chicks had been saved. The chicks dealt very well with the ordeal and were eventually released. That mission is still carried out at Secret World Wildlife Rescue. Many things have changed as I don't still care for orphans in my kitchen (!)much to my husband's relief). Secret World is now a veterinary wildlife hospital and with the support of many wonderful people, we have just had an x-ray room added to the treatment centre. This means that assessment can be quicker and we can give the best care – to each and every one.



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Pauline
Kidner
April 10th
2026

WILDER NEWS

A Tail of Eight Blue Tits



More Wilder Enmore News - Enmore School Visit to Enmore Church

On May 14th, each of the five classes at Enmore School visited Enmore Church for a seasonal visit. The subject this time was learning about trees and their importance as the lungs of the Earth, habitat for wildlife from their leaves to their roots and helping regulate and manage ground temperature and water. Each class spent about an hour, having time to listen to Aidan Meighan, a local author, read tales from his new book on the Folklore of Trees and then spending time in the Church doing hand outlines decorated with their favourite tree leaves. The trees we picked from the Churchyard were the Cherry, Oak, Gum, Holly and Yew. They also measured the girth of the Yew and were so excited to know it was likely planted at the time of Henry VIII! It is wonderful to see the delight on their faces spending time outdoors chatting about Nature and the importance of looking after it. They needed no convincing!

Fiona Jackson was asked to present to Bishops Lydeard Parish Council's annual meeting on May 20th. They are very interested in starting their own Wilder Initiative within their community and have also recently purchased some woodland. They described the Wilder Enmore and Goathurst Initiative as inspirational and it was a pleasure to talk afterwards to people with such enthusiasm.

People's Emergency Briefing

Prior to Fiona Jackson's Wilder presentation at Bishops Lydeard Parish Council's annual meeting, there was a talk about the **People's Emergency Briefing** and an encouragement to see the film that is being distributed on a mass scale across the UK.

In November 2025, the National Emergency Briefing brought together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature

crisis to politicians and other influential people in Westminster. That evidence is now on the public record.

The film features footage from the Briefing which brought together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature.

It presents a clear, measured overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain – and what the evidence says about risks and responses.

The initiative is explicitly non-partisan, and has support from a wide range of organisations including National Trust, Church of England, Exeter University, the Royal Meteorological Society, WWF, National Education Union, and many more. Its purpose is to support informed democratic discussion and ensure that Parliament and the public share a common understanding of the scale and urgency of the challenge.

The background link is here <https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film>

Whilst the film is stark, and incidentally is for 16+ only, and at times overwhelming, it emphasises the importance of local community action making positive changes for wildlife in their local area. The speed of change is sped up because most of the changes that can be made are within the community's decision making power. If every community did that, big positive steps could be taken to address this, now classified, emergency situation.

The film seeks to encourage communities to pull together for a common purpose.

The young generations don't need convincing - they hear and see the warnings. Those who no longer are part of that generation need to show that we are trying to improve the situation we now find ourselves in, to keep the flame of hope lit

ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL – NEWS AND EVENTS

We were so sorry that we had to cancel May's Pop-Up Café and that we didn't manage to get an article in for May's magazine. It proved to be quite a tricky month for our small committee with a pre-planned holiday coinciding with caring responsibilities following an operation, visitors descending and other major demands on our time which we won't bore you with! These things can't always be mitigated. We were very grateful for the offers of help which followed the cancellation.

We are looking forward to be able to run the June café – please see our separate advert opposite for details. We also have Doug's Quiz on 5th June to look forward to – please also see separate advert (which was accidentally omitted last month) and book your places ASAP.

We are moving forward with the renovations of both toilets and have booked a decorator to help us with this. We hoped to have time to do this ourselves, but we simply don't have the (wo)manpower at the moment. We hope the works won't cause too much inconvenience – it will be worth it in the end.

Thanks as always for all the support our village gives us.

If you have any queries or requests, or ideas for events and fundraisers, please do get in touch at enmorevillagehall@gmail.com or by phone on 07424 197200.

Future dates for your diary – all at EMH:

Doug's Fish 'n' Chips Quiz - Friday 5th June at 7pm

To book a table, call Doug on 01278 671188

Pop-Up Café - Saturday 13th

Enmore Memorial Hall

Pop Up Café

Saturday 13th June 2026



10:00am – 12:00pm

Bacon, Sausage or Veggie Baps.
Tea, Coffee and Homemade Cakes

Local and Regional Weather Report

June is the month of the longest day at the summer solstice (June 21st) and also mid-summer day on St John's day (June 24th). The weather lore for St. John's day says that if it rains on this day the hazel and walnut will be scarce, corn smitten, but apples, pears, and plums will not be hurt. Also, if you cut your thistles before St. John, then you'll have two instead of one. If it rains on the feast of St. Medard (June 8th), it will rain forty days later, but if it rains on St. Pruttis (June 19th), it will rain for the next forty days. If it rains on St. Peters day (June 29th) "Bakers will have to carry double flour and single water" and if dry "They will carry single flour and double water". A reference to medieval times, when milling was mostly by watermill and so quality of flour depended on the supply of water. Finally, June is the month of the cuckoo, but don't hear its song after midsummers day as it brings bad luck.

April in the West Country was a very warm and dry month and not much affected by Storm Dave, which brought heavy rain to the North. Only 4 days out of 10 days saw cloudy weather or rain, but 8 days out of 10 saw sunny or partly sunny weather.

Rainfall: Local 13 mm, Regional 40.5 mm = 56% of normal

Minimum Temperatures: Local 4 deg, Regional 5.3 deg = +1.7 deg Maximum

Temperatures: Local 22 deg, Regional 14.9 deg = +3.4 deg

What is the weather forecast for June? Long range forecasts say generally warm and dry with some spells of showery weather and a possibility of some high temperatures.



Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast?

There was no mist in May, so do not expect a hot June. The Jetstream forecast at the start of June shows it across the UK with low pressure and winds from the southwest. This would indicate changeable but probably mild weather, with the possibility of rain.

Mike Head.

The Bridgwater Parrett Bore

I have received some positive comments about my reflections on past Bridgwater, which like it or not, is our nearest town. I have featured Bridgwater North Station and the Northgate Brewery. The next subject I had planned for later in the summer was about the 16 brickyards dotted around our town, but I was so amazed that people I have been speaking to have never heard of the Bridgwater River Parrett Bore that I slipped in an additional comment. Perhaps they deduced I was talking about myself!! However, it is a unique geographical feature that occurs in the Severn estuary and the River Parrett. It occurs during spring tides, when, in lay terms, due to the configuration of the winding rivers, and one of the biggest tides in the world, that the new tide comes in before the old tide goes fully out. Where the incoming and outgoing tides meet, they create a wave of varying heights and you will see in the Severn, in particular, it is very often featured in the news with people surfing the wave. Bridgwater is a smaller affair, but quite dramatic as the river fills from virtually empty to full high tide in 1 hour and 40 minutes. In days past, there was a manual clockface by the main town bridge giving the time of the next bore and many townfolks lined the river bridge to watch this spectacle before heading off to one of the 104 pubs in the town. This, of course, was before the days of being glued to either a phone or other screens. Simple pleasures." **Rodney Coate**

For Sale,

Tel 01278 671512

Little tikes Mrs Tortoise sand/water it with lid £30

Childs wheelbarrow £2

2 car booster seats £2 each

2 car seats, Britax evolva and Joie Trillo £25 each

Outdoor 4 in a row game £5

Chad Valley play tunnel £5

SPAXTON COMMUNITY STORES

Is there anything you would like us to stock but can't find in our shop?

This was the sign outside the shop during April. Thank you to those who made suggestions for stock items. There were 32 suggestions in all. We have now sourced and are stocking many of them. Some we already stocked; some we have tried previously without success, and a couple may take a bit more planning. We aim to please!

Our pricing policy: We have a firm pricing policy and only put our prices up when our suppliers do. There is a slightly higher mark up on fresh produce as there is obviously more wastage on fresh items. We pass on price decreases to customers -which does happen quite often. On some items our prices are actually cheaper than other retailers. For non-perishable goods, we can only get a big delivery fortnightly -it used to be monthly- and it is difficult to hold the amount of stock we need in the limited space we currently have.

Future plans: There are plans afoot to extend our storage space and we are close to applying for planning permission for a stock room at the side of the shop which will enable us to store more stock and take advantage of more special offers which we shall pass on to you.

SHOP		POST OFFICE	
MON-WED	8.00am -5.00 pm	MON-FRI	8.00am-12.00 pm 1.00pm-4.00 pm
THU-FRI	8.00 am-7.00 pm		
SATURDAY	9.30 am-12.30pm		9.00am-2.00pm

“A sound like a cry of anger, then another on the back of it; then one, horrid, long-drawn scream.” From *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. The murder of Alan.

And that is what we ignorant townies heard from a nearby block of flats in London. A long wait for the sound of a police car was not rewarded.

Only later did we discover that it was the cry of a vixen in the exultant joy of the climax of copulation. We had expected in our country move to meet up with a multitude of foxes as in London, yet strangely we have only heard the odd rustle through the bushes in our garden.



Here is a poem.

Vixen
unsettled in alley, yard, or green belt
at dusk
raised head to the sky,
opened throat,
and cried.

Reynard
pricked ears heard and keen nose smelt
the musk -
sought scent and cry -
pounced and they are
satisfied.

Village Information 15th February 2026

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	Goathurst	goathurstvhbookings@gmail.com	07816251950
Pub		Tynte Arms	671 351
Magazine	Chair	Jan Johnston	671 560
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Pathway Officer	Enmore	Amanda Hubbard	671 742
Neighbourhood Watch	Enmore	Graham Fergusson	671 680
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Enmore School	Head	Mr Duncan MacRae	671 370
Newspapers	News Team Ltd		01782959530
	Spaxton Community Shop & P.O.		671 487
	Bridgwater Store, Queenswood Rd., Durleigh		258 056
Milk delivery	Milk and More: www.milkandmore.co.uk		03456063606
Mobile library	Wednesday 11:55-12:30, every 4 weeks (Goathurst)		
Police	Call 101 to speak to Sedgemoor South Neighbourhood		
Refuse Collection and Recycling	Please refer to Somerset Waste Partnership for dates. Recycling weekly on Wednesday, black bin every three weeks. Garden waste every two weeks – different day in each village.		
	Crossword Clues TREASURERS, ON BOARD, STANDING, ZINC, ROCKING CHAIR, CHAIR		