

Enmore and Goathurst Magazine



August 2026

From the Editor

With just a month of meteorological summer to go, it looks like we are heading for another record year in climate extremes. Whether you believe it or think it's a natural 'phenomenon' that will eventually even itself out, climate change in some form seems here to stay. The warm/hot settled weather certainly seems to be good for a lot of wildlife especially insects. Bees seem more abundant than ever and I saw my first Small Tortoiseshell and Painted Lady butterfly here a few weeks ago. Years ago (50+)! I remember clouds of the above along with Peacocks and Red Admirals in hedgerows and suburban gardens. Similarly, blues, browns, skippers and day flying moths were abundant. Let's hope that with people 'wilding' parts of their gardens and landowners giving nature a chance, we may see those days again. Which leads me to remind everyone that the Big Butterfly Count runs until 9th August! See the Butterfly Conservation website for details.

Anyway, enjoy your gardens and the fabulous landscape that surrounds us. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of the magazine – August is usually a quiet month for contributions.

Richard and Sharon Piron.

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Forthcoming events

Date	Day	Time	Event and Venue	page
2 Aug	Sun	4-6pm	Wiveliscombe Brass Band, Halswell Park	25
10 Aug	Mon	12.30pm	Ladies Lunch, Cottage Inn Keenthorne	22
15 Aug	Sat	9am	Men's Breakfast, Tynte Arms, Enmore	6
16 Aug	Sun	3-5pm	Village cream tea, Goathurst churchyard	11
16 Aug	Sun	5.30pm	Tea and cakes/Songs of Praise, Enmore church	10
22 Aug	Sat	5-7pm	Barnacle Buoys, Halswell Park	4
4 Sept	Fri	7pm	Quiz 'n chips, Enmore Memorial Hall	24
4 Sept		6-8pm	Pizza night, Broomfield VH	7
19-20 Sept	Sat/Sun	12-5pm	Heritage Open Days, Goathurst	8
29 Sept	Tues		Enmore Gardening Club talk: 'The Nature of the Quantocks'	16
2 Oct	Fri	7pm	Harvest Supper, Enmore Memorial Hall	10
4 Oct	Sun		Harvest service, Enmore church	10

Local and Regional Weather Report

After very little rain in July, here are some less known weatherlore sayings that could predict a welcome shower or two:

“Doors and draws stick before rain”

“If clouds move against the wind rain will follow”,

“When your joints start to ache then rain is at stake”,

“When birds are flying low, expect rain and a blow”,

“A reddish sun has water in his eye, very soon you won’t be dry”

“A round topped cloud with flattened base, carries rainfall in its face”,

“Cats wash their faces before rain”,

“Expect rain and severe weather when dogs eat grass”,

“A ring around the sun or moon, means that rain is coming soon”,

“Clouds Large like Rocks. Great Showers”

“Mists if they rise to the Hill-tops. Rain in a Day or two”

June started unsettled and wet with some strong winds, but ended dry with some very high temperatures. About 7 days out of 10 days saw sunny or partly sunny weather and about 6 days out of 10 saw cloudy weather or rain.

Rainfall: Local 66 mm, Regional 93.5 mm = +30% of normal

Minimum Temperatures: Local 5 deg, Regional 12.6 deg = +3.5 deg

Maximum Temperatures: Local 34 deg, Regional 20.5 deg = +2.9 deg

What is the weather forecast for August? Long range forecasts say settled and dry weather with high temperatures. There will be a chance of thunder storms. Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? No rain on July 15th (St Swithin's Day), so we could have 40 days of dry weather. The Jetstream forecast at the start of August shows it across the north of the UK with high pressure and winds from the south west. This would indicate settled and warm weather for the south of England.

Mike Head



BARNACLE BUOYS

ACAPELLA SEASHANTY CREW

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2026
HALSWELL PARK, GOATHURST
5PM – 7PM

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www.tickettailor/events/thebarnaclebuoys

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A DONATION FROM PROCEEDS WILL BE MADE TO THE GOATHURST VILLAGE CHURCH FUNDS



What can I say?

All I'd done was wave my arm in a vain attempt to get him to slow down, but the chap in the white MG was going to give me an earful regardless. In his opinion, and he determined to share it with me, he was going well within the speed limit, even though it was clear he didn't know what the speed limit through Goathurst actually is.

But he's not alone, and every time I venture out with the dogs I wonder if today will be the day. You get to know some of the cars and times. I know to get out of the way of the snarling maw of the silver Jaguar coming through in the morning, whose driver seems reluctant to slow down or to give us space and risk brushing the hedge on the other side of the lane; I've had a few 'this is it' moments! It was bad enough when you could hear cars approaching but the advent of 'stealth' makes encounters with electric vehicles all the more alarming, especially some of the SUV behemoths that seem to be *de rigueur* on the school run these days.

But credit where credit's due, and the young lad who drives the white Seat through the village just before 8 am most mornings always slows down and passes at a very considerate speed, often with a cheery wave. As does his mate following on behind in the black something-or-other. To them I say thank you.

I'd like to say it was mostly through traffic or 'outsiders', but there a few from our own community who seem to regard the speed *limit* as little more than a challenging target and the narrow constraints of parked cars merely an added *amuse-bouche*. Hey ho!

Last autumn I took a leaf out of West Bagborough's book and posted 'Please slow down' signs at various points through the village. For a few weeks, I could persuade myself that they were having an impact; I saw a few cars actively brake when encountering a sign. But sadly, any impact was short-lived. Our local MP expressed concern when he visited the village shortly after being elected and committed to 'look into it'. Perhaps the Parish Council can give us an update, although I suspect I know the answer.

So, in case you were wondering, the speed limit through Goathurst remains, would you believe it, 60 mph! Not that the speed limit is relevant. It's more about what speed it's reasonable to drive through at, given the narrow confines, front doors opening directly on to the road, children playing etc. So yes, Mr white MG man was no doubt well below the speed limit. He still gave me a fright though, and his show of virility as he spun his wheels when pulling away following our *tête-à-tête* probably tells us everything we need to know!

A Goathurst Resident

Picnic in the Park

We owe a huge gratitude of thanks to the gardening team at Halswell House, for providing a beautiful setting for 'Picnic in the Park' in June. Sat by the pondside, everyone gathered under the shade of trees, to enjoy a drink, picnic and ice creams, listening to melodic tones from 'The Friendly Spirit'.



It was lovely to see so much support from Enmore villagers, Goathurst villagers and friends from further afield, all very complimentary on the gardens, and the relaxed atmosphere of the 'Picnic' event.



Many thanks to Nick for transporting drinks for the V.H. Bar, to Mike & Martin who helped load & unload and to Martin who assisted with the construction of a gazebo for the Band, necessary on a very hot, sunny day.

Thankyou to Wendy for the Table of Fairy Cakes, to Hannah and Nick for selling ice creams and to the 'Friendly Spirit' for playing a selection of jazz music throughout the afternoon.

Thankyou so much, also, to Edward Strachan, for giving me permission to hold the event in the grounds of Halswell.

The event made £434.00 for Goathurst Church Funds.

Gill Modley

Men's Breakfast in August,

I'll have a good shot
to find you a date, when it won't be so hot.
So **Saturday the 15th** is an auspicious date.
The hour is **nine** – do try not to be late.
To be sure you're up early, just set your alarms.
The usual venue, our pub, the Tynte Arms.

Colinchalmers399@gmail.com

is the email to use, if you're wanting to come

Wild Kids' Night in the Churchyard!



On Friday 6th June, the PCC and the Parish Council's 'Wilder Goathurst' initiative combined forces to move the monthly 'Kids' Night' into the Churchyard. Great fun was had by the children creating what they labelled a '5 star' roof top garden for the bug hotel, a biodegradable woven fence for the wildlife corridor at the back of the Churchyard and preparing a new barrel pond, ready to be planted out by the smaller children at Stay and Play the following Friday. The evening ended with a picnic, a show by some of the children and a lot of running around! A wonderful evening had by all!

Please do visit our beautiful Churchyard, and feel free to use the watering can by the tap to top up the barrel pond or water the roof top garden in this very dry weather!

Pizza Night – Broomfield Village Hall

Finally booked! Wesley Pizzeria, Taunton, will be cooking authentic wood-fired pizzas.

Friday 4th September 6-8pm food. This will be buffet style.

£12.60 per person to include pudding. Garlic bread extra.

We are applying for an alcohol licence to sell alcoholic and soft drinks.

Please could you let us know numbers. Tickets required to be purchased in advance. bookings@broomfieldvillagehall.co.uk Bank details to be posted at a later date.

Hope you can come! Broomfield Village Hall Committee.

19th - 20th September

Heritage Open Days

Goathurst, near Bridgwater

This year's theme: Everyday Histories

Halswell House is a magnificent example of English country house architecture with a rich history dating back to the 16th century. Originally built for the Halswell family, the estate has evolved through the centuries, showcasing Georgian and Victorian influences. The parkland surrounding the house features beautifully landscaped gardens and a collection of whimsical follies, including the charming Temple of Pan.



The historic church, St Edward, King & Martyr, adds a spiritual dimension to the original estate. The church's wealth of tombs, monuments and hatchments are inextricably linked to the Halswell estate and together tell the story of the heritage of the village. Together, these elements create a captivating tapestry that reflects the historical and cultural evolution of the estate, making the Goathurst Village Heritage Trail a fascinating destination for history enthusiasts and architecture admirers alike.

Opening times:

Halswell Park and the Church: 12 noon to 5pm

Temple of Pan 2 – 5pm

No booking required. Entry is Free.

Refreshments available at the Church and at the Temple of Pan.

For further details visit:

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting>



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A Brief History of Drones (2000 BC to 1945)

The word drone can mean different things to different people. For me at www.quantockdrones.com it's a fun hobby which enables me to capture the world from a different perspective, and hopefully delight people with striking aerial photography.

Of course, one of the main things which springs to mind now is the way drones are shaping the nature of the many unfortunate conflicts around the world, in a manner that has never been seen before. In military circles, the 21st century is increasingly referred to as the 'unmanned century' for this very reason. But the history of drones stretches back much longer than you may think. The dream of sending a machine to do a soldier's most dangerous work is as old as warfare itself. Kites carrying incendiary material were used in ancient China. However, since those times it is more a story of how the technology nearly worked - and then was forgotten again between major conflicts. The 'Kettering Bug' developed by Charles Kettering in 1917, it was a kind of primitive biplane but with no pilot, and a navigation system which consisted of a gyroscope for heading control, and a barometer for altitude. Early tests were successful, and several thousand were ordered, but the armistice in 1918 ended the war before the weapon could be deployed. Skipping forward to the 2nd World War, radio technology had advanced enormously, enabling previously manned aircraft to be stuffed full of explosive and flown largely by radio control into a German target. This project was named 'Operation Aphrodite' and involved a brave crew initially getting a B-17 Flying Fortress airborne, before parachuting out. The results were often disastrous, with many crews being killed before they had chance to bail out, one such pilot was Joseph P. Kennedy, the older (and more favoured) brother of the future president JFK... During this era, one of the main uses for drones was in fact for target practice of manned aircraft. The American company 'Radioplane' developed thousands for this reason. One incident deserves a mention - in 1945, military cameraman David Conover was photographing women workers at their factory in California for a morale campaign, when he noticed a striking 19-year-old assembly worker, named Norma Jean Mortenson. He suggested she consider modelling. She did. She also changed her name to Marilyn Monroe. History, as always, is full of unexpected connections!

Nick Pollicott – www.quantockdrones.com

“Saving Enmore Church Roof” URGENT Roof Appeal Fund

We are pleased to share the latest update on our **Urgent Roof Appeal**, launched to fund the essential repairs needed to protect and preserve Enmore Church. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we have almost reached 50% of our £15,000 target. When we achieve this milestone, we will be able to apply for matched funding which would help bridge the remaining gap. Your contribution is so valuable, every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to the target for our much-loved church.

Dates for your Diaries - Events for all the family!

🎵 Songs of Praise at Enmore Church 🎵

Sunday 16th August

Tea & cakes from 5.30pm with Songs of Praise at 6.30pm

Join us for a joyful community gathering at Enmore Church this August as we come together for an uplifting Songs of Praise. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy favourite hymns and songs and raise support for our ongoing URGENT Roof Appeal Fund. Before the service, everyone is welcome to come along for tea and homemade cakes from 5.30pm, with the Songs of Praise beginning at 6.30pm.

We warmly invite villagers to suggest hymns/songs you would like included. We will include as many choices as time allows. If you would like to put forward a hymn or song, please email Michael Hopkins at howleigh@live.co.uk

This promises to be a lovely community occasion, an opportunity to have a good sing and support the **URGENT Roof Appeal Fund** for our much-loved church.

🚗 Harvest Supper 🚗

Friday 2 October, at 7pm, Enmore Memorial Hall

Further details to shared next month. Tickets £15 - please contact Rosalie 01278 671337 or Marie 01278 671883 to book!

Harvest Service - Sunday 4 October

On behalf of the PCC, thank you for your continued kindness, encouragement, and commitment to Enmore Church. Your generosity is making a real and lasting difference with preservation of Enmore Church.

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.

Village Cream Tea



JOIN US
FOR A LAZY
AFTERNOON

filled with delicious
cakes and teas, with
wonderful friends.

Opportunity
Sunday

16th August 2026

3-5pm

IN GOATHURST CHURCHYARD

Come to celebrate, relax,
and enjoy the perfect
atmosphere with us.

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Water Mills - Yesteryear's Engines

Within about a four- or five-mile radius of Goathurst and Enmore there are old map or other references to at least twenty-eight mills. These were normally referred to as grist mills, i.e. for grinding corn, but were occasionally used for grinding stone, presumably for roads. All of these were powered by water, of which there has always been an abundant local supply. Of these twenty-eight, thirteen have survived for nearly one thousand years having been recorded in William the Conqueror's so-called Domesday survey of 1086 AD.

In alphabetical order these are:

Ashford mill – south-west of Cannington (1886 map)

Bridgwater – the mill was fed by Durleigh Brook.

Its remains can be viewed next to the Admiral Blake museum. In 1086 it paid 5 shillings(25p) tax.

Blackmoor – south-west of Cannington
This was listed in 1086 paying a tax of five shillings. (25p)

Cannington – paid 5s (25p) tax in 1086.
Also in Cannington was Cook's Flour mill. (1886 map)

Charlynch – in 1086 it paid 6d tax. (2.5p)

Currypool – One, possibly two mills appear on an 1863 OS map

Durleigh – the mill building is now a private residence opposite the church. It was a corn mill. It appears on a 1675 map as Durlay Mill.

Enmore – now Mill Farm but formerly known as Prowse's Corn Mill. A second mill in Enmore was Cox's corn mill, south of Tirelands farm.

Fiddington – whose two mills in 1086 cost two old shillings in tax – now 10p. They appear on an OS 1886 map as a flour mill and as Bonstone flour mill.

Goathurst – The grist mill was in an orchard adjoining "The Knoll" and was first recorded in 1556.

Gothelney – in 1086 it is listed as half a mill paying 10d (2.5p). Who owned the other half?



The Mill, c 1920. The building to the left later became the Blake Museum.

Halswell – Mill Wood in Goathurst obviously named after an ancient mill.

Holcombe – in Domesday a mill which pays 6d (2.5p). This appears to be shared with West Bower.

Lexworthy – the Domesday survey lists two mills, which paid “two blooms of iron” as tax. (A bloom is a bar or ingot.)

Melcombe - meaning “mill valley” paid 12d (5p) in tax in 1086 – noted as a corn mill in 1887 but it may have shared its mill with West Bower.

Nether Stowey – a mill which paid 4d tax in 1086.

North Petherton – a mill was in Watery Lane and paid tax of 15d (6p) in 1086. This may have been what was later known as Tucker’s mill, behind the old George inn, and in later maps is identified as the North Petherton Corn Mill. Other mills, Baymead (corn mill in 1887) and Harden’s were also recorded on an 1887 map.

Rook’s Castle Mill – disused by 1897

Spaxton – Spaxton Mill appears on Ordnance Survey 1:75000 maps (1886) as does Legg’s Mill close to Spaxton church

West Bower Corn Mill – also appears on the above map, situated near the west end of Durleigh reservoir.

Can anyone add to this list?

David Bunney

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I’ve often been asked “what do you old folks do now that you’re retired?” Well..... I’m fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and vodka into urine. I do it every day and I really enjoy it.

Local Church Services		
August 2026	St Michael and All Angels, Enmore	St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst
<i>1st Sunday</i> 2nd August 9th Sunday after Trinity	11.00am Holy Communion	9:30am Family Worship
2 nd Sunday 9th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	-	9.30am Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday 16th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	6:30pm Songs of Praise	-
4 th Sunday 23rd August 12th Sunday after Trinity	11:00am Morning Worship	6:30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
5 th Sunday 30th August 13th Sunday after Trinity	11:00am Benefice Holy Communion Service at Spaxton Church	

*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)	6:30pm Evensong	5:00pm Evensong
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00am Holy Communion (Church)	9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Holy Communion
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11:00am Benefice Holy Communion Service at Spaxton Church			

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



Ode to Spaxton Community Stores written by one of our volunteers

I work here because of the people
Both customers and the shop teams
I've learned a new skill
And mastered the till
It's more fun than initially seems!

It's good working with like-minded people
Who are helpful, friendly and fun
I can have a good chat
Sell some food for the cat
And go home when my shift is done

Our customers like us to be here
They don't get upset if they queue
They know that we care
Enough to be there
You'd enjoy it if you were here too!

*New in stock: Blackdown
Lump Wood Charcoal*

And yes, we need more of you! If you think you could volunteer in any capacity,
call in to the shop and ask to speak to Karen Dennett, our manager.

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ENMORE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We will take a break in August but return on **29th September** with a talk by
NIGEL PHILLIPS, AUTHOR OF "THE NATURE OF THE QUANTOCKS"
REMEMBER £20 FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE 9 MEETINGS; LOTS
OF RAFFLES, NUMEROUS CUPS OF TEA & BISCUITS AND INTERESTING WIDE-
RANGING SUBJECTS. IF YOU LIKE GETTING OUT INTO THE GARDEN OR JUST
LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW, THIS IS THE CLUB FOR YOU!

WE ALSO ARRANGE PRIVATE VISITS TO GARDENS, OFTEN WITH A
PERSONAL GUIDE AND REFRESHMENTS.

For information contact jeniferclarke60@gmail.com

ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL – NEWS AND EVENTS

Summer heralds quieter times at our village hall. We always seem to have fewer bookings as folks can use outside spaces. It's a good time for 'spring cleaning' and more clear-outs.

We held our AGM in July and reappointed ourselves, with no resignations thank goodness. The minutes and reports will be published on our website in due course.

We have been made aware that there is an event in Broomfield on the same night as our quiz – see separate advert. Although Broomfield isn't affiliated with this magazine, it seems a shame when events clash. We are so close geographically and have lots of lovely friends from all the villages surrounding us who attend events 'over the borders'. We'd like to think that we might better be able to co-ordinate events further afield to maximise attendance for us all. If anyone has any ideas about how we can best achieve this, please do get in touch.

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 4th September at 7pm.**
To book a table, call Doug on 01278 671188

NB. NO Pop-up cafés in August and September



Enmore Church Book Borrowing

Dear all. No book borrowing in August. Enjoy your Summer reading!

Bridgwater Industrial Past

As I have introduced previous articles, like it or not, Bridgwater is our nearest town, which currently is at a somewhat low point, but has a rather magnificent industrial history as a manufacturer of bricks and tiles. It is too big a subject to cover in one short article, but I would just like to give an inkling of just how large an enterprise it was.

How about, as a starter, 17 million bricks produced per annum and 24 million Bath bricks produced per annum. There were approximately 16 brickyards in the Bridgwater and River Parrett basin. Many were in the town itself, the first was actually where the new cinema complex has been built, but they were at Chilton Trinity, Hamp, Bower, Dunball, Highbridge and so on. In the early days,

John Brown Brickyard,
Chilton Trinity



temporary brickworks were set up near a building site, and they produced bricks just for a particular job, but from around about 1800 onwards, entrepreneurs formed proper companies and so the industry began.

They were privately owned, family companies whose aim was to make as much money as possible and to pay the lowest wages possible. They all remunerated their workers on a piecework basis. It verged on brutal slave labour, from hand digging the clay to moulding the bricks and stacking them in the kilns, some of which carried 5,000 bricks.

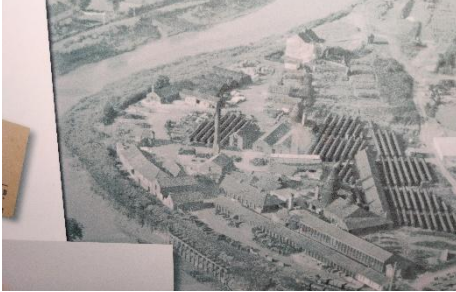
They then had to fire the kilns using up to 10 tonnes of coal over a 4-day period. There was pressure from the management to unload and reload these kilns during the cooling process and volunteers came forward for a little bit more money to handle these hot bricks leading to severe disfigurement and health issues.

There was, of course, inevitably industrial unrest leading to initially strikes but culminating in the military being called in to quell riots. The families closed ranks and eventually won by starvation. Not a great time in Bridgwater's industrial history.

I can remember two of the works, in particular, the Barham Brothers were located on the east side of the river, immediately downstream from the black

drawbridge. It covered a large area, currently where the carwash and Jewson's are located, right along to the end of the NDR. Beyond that again

Barham Bros works in its heyday



were the pits linked by a miniature railway system to the works. A little further along, what we now call the Wylds Road industrial complex, there began the pits and the works owned by one of the largest produced, Colthurst Symons, and then John Board which were, again, in this area. The other site, which I can remember, and so will many of the readers of this

article, was John Brown at Chilton Trinity, a magnificent, most modern of the brickyards, but like all of them, closed during the 1960s. The reason was the post-war building boom needed modern factories with big investment, such as London brick and the Marley concrete tile. Bridgwater just couldn't compete, especially as the local clay was not suitable for machine moulding.

There were allegedly 55 acres of clay pits just in the Bridgwater complex. One can just see the remnants of the Barham Brothers' quay just opposite the entrance to the docks. This was continually in use for the export of bricks all over the world and the delivery of masses of coal from South Wales. My own family were involved with running barges from mid-Somerset down to the Bridgwater docks, to the Bridgwater port complex, which was one of the biggest in England.

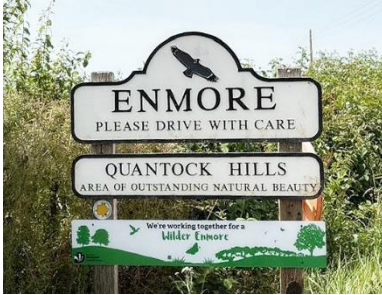
Bridgwater bricks have been located in the US, Canada, China, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt. I have actually seen them in southwest Australia. Also, in that same district, there are a lot of families with my surname, emanating from a certain Marmaduke Coate, petty sheep thief, deported for crimes carried out in the Broomfield area.

Rodney Coate

WILDER NEWS

Photos of events and sightings over the last month

(pictures best viewed in colour on on-line version!)



A new Wilder sign has been added to the Enmore Village sign



A hummingbird hawk moth in the knot garden at Halswell House



A thick legged flower beetle



A slow worm saved from a cat



Amazing spider web in a beech hedge



A wool carder bee on lambs ear leaf



A marmalade hover fly



Mr Fox makes a daytime visit to an Enmore garden



Barrel pond installed in the Goathurst churchyard



A grass snake is revealed in a compost heap



Goathurst children 'going wilder'

NEXT LADIES LUNCH

On

MONDAY, 10th AUGUST 2026, 12.30pm

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

£17.00 for two courses

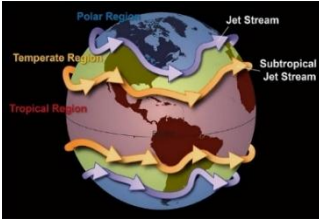
Please phone or email Jan Hodson
on 07985194265 or hodsons73@btinternet.com
to book for 'The Monday Club' asap

*Julian apologises for having to cancel the Ladies Lunch in July
due to a kitchen fire but looks forward to welcoming back the
Ladies from Enmore and Goathurst in August.*

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The Jet Stream and the Coriolis Effect



Jet streams are strong winds around 5 to 7 miles above the Earth's surface, blowing from west to east. Both the Northern and the Southern Hemisphere each host two main jet streams, the polar jet stream and the subtropical jet stream.

The northern polar jet flows over the middle to northern latitudes of North America, Europe, and Asia and their intervening oceans and is the stronger, while the southern hemisphere polar jet mostly circles Antarctica.

The jet stream causes changes in the wind and pressure at high level and this affects the atmosphere nearer the surface, such as creating and moving areas of high and low pressure and is therefore one of the main factors creating the weather we see.

The position of the Jetstream determines the type of weather that we experience. Polar Jetstream to the south of the UK creates low pressure and colder than average weather and to the north creates high pressure and warmer than normal weather.

The jet streams are created by the temperature differences between the poles and the equators, but instead of flowing north, they flow from west to east. This is because the earth rotates eastward, which is anticlockwise relative to its axis and different points on its surface move at different speeds. This rotation causes the Coriolis effect, which results in the jet streams in both hemispheres flowing from west to east, although due to the temperature differences, they can meander north east and south east. We have all been told at some time in our lives that the Coriolis effect causes bathwater to drain clockwise in the northern hemisphere and anticlockwise in the southern hemisphere. This is theoretically correct, but the effect of Coriolis is so small that the direction of rotation we actually see depends mostly on the construction and orientation of the bath, rather than the Coriolis effect itself.

Mike Head

Doug's Famous Fish 'n' Chips Quiz

**Friday 4th September, 7pm
At Enmore Memorial Hall**



**To book, call Doug on
01278 671188
£12pp, tables up to 8
people**

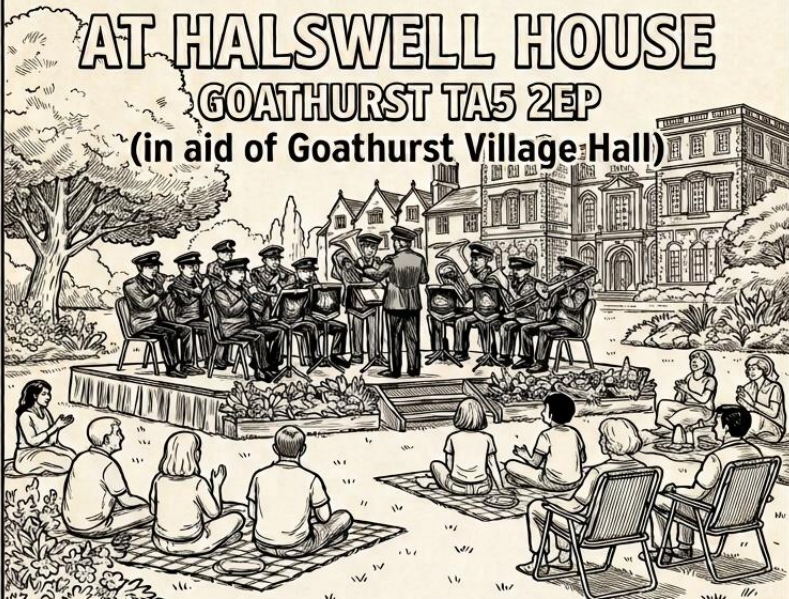
WIVELISCOMBE BRASS BAND

PLAYING IN THE GARDEN BETWEEN 4PM AND 6PM

AT HALSWELL HOUSE

GOATHURST TA5 2EP

(in aid of Goathurst Village Hall)



SUNDAY
2ND AUGUST

GATES OPEN 3PM

£10 PER PERSON

UNDER 14s FREE

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Goathurst Village Hall AGM - Chairman's Report 2026

At the recent Goathurst Village Hall AGM, I presented a Chairman's Report and would like to summarise this via this magazine. Firstly, I wanted to thank all of the committee members, volunteers and supporters who have helped maintain Goathurst Village Hall as a thriving community asset over the past year. Particular thanks went to Helen Roberts (Secretary) and Eleanor Coles (Treasurer), who both stepped down from their positions but remain as committee members. Thank you to Adam Crozier who takes over as Treasurer and Narrinder Wilson who takes over as Secretary.

Lizzie Myers stepped down from the committee following 20 years of service, we will miss her very much! We welcomed Lisa Whittle back to the committee.

The past year has seen a series of improvement works at the Hall supported by a grant from Thrive. This included a new door lintel, floor refurbishment, lighting upgrades and roof repairs. The Hall now has broadband and is able to accept card payments both on and off the premises.

The Hall was well used over the past year – private hires, dance group, Drinks by the Fire, Take Art, Quizes, Kids' Nights, Plant Sale, Christmas Events, Coffee Mornings, etc.

Going forward, the committee are seeking to refurbish the kitchen and will shortly be circulating draft proposals for community comment and suggestion, followed by grant applications and fundraising. Please look out for this.

Our events are advertised in this magazine, on the parish notice boards and via our Facebook page. Search within Facebook for Goathurst Village Hall and like our page.

We are always on the lookout for new committee members or helpers, if you'd like to join us, please contact an existing committee member. Thank you for your continued support.

Ann Manders

Clergy Letter

I am blessed with people who help me tend the Rectory Garden including someone who cuts the lawn, another who cuts the hedges and another who grows the vegetables – thank you to all of them.

The produce from the vegetable patch has been good this year and we, with others, have enjoyed mange tout and broad beans. The courgettes are coming on fast now and the tomatoes and runner beans aren't far behind. If you have a vegetable patch, I hope yours is bearing fruit and vegetables as well, or if your focus is on plants then I hope your garden is full of colour. This year we are having to water more than during some summers, but we can see growth and fruit. This is a reminder to think of our farmers as they tend the land and are busy moving from field to field gathering the crop earlier than usual. A watering can won't suffice for a farmer! Nor will a light crop feed their animals through the winter. Bless them for all the work they do in care for the land and the animals in the variety of weathers.

1st August is Lammas when we give thanks to God for the first of the harvest. September brings the end of the gathering in and the beginning of the season of Harvest Festival services and suppers, when we give thanks to God for the bounty that is harvested for us. It is a moment too to remember those whose harvests fail or suffer from the changing climate, something all too familiar this year. Please do look out for the dates of Harvest Services - there is one in each church in the Benefice - and there are Harvest Suppers to enjoy too.

Whether you harvest fruit and vegetables yourself from your garden or are sparing thoughts for our farmers and beyond, have a good harvest celebration.

Eleanor

Village Information

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	Goathurst	tba	
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.		