

Firstly, thanks you so much for all your articles this month- it was a squeeze getting them all in but lovely to hear what is going on in the villages and around the area. Please keep them coming in and a reminder that the submission date for January's magazine is very early.

Well another year has flown –where has the time gone? It's been a 'funny' year as my mother would say there have been highs and lows for my family since January 1st and I'm sure the same can be said for yours. I think looking back it's a time to count our blessings and focus on the highs not dwell so much on the lows.

Reading back at my editorial note from last December's magazine I mentioned how the many events held by clubs and societies don't run themselves and that volunteers are needed. Unfortunately, reading through the articles submitted this month there are pleas for help still needed. Please do think about what time you can give to any that are mentioned. A fresh face gives a new perspective that is always valuable.

As always take care and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! Ed.

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Enmore & District Pass Wide and Slow campaign

The British Horse Society (BHS) describes an increasing trend in the number of reported incidents involving horses and vehicles. In 2023, tragically 66 horses and 3 people died, and 94 horse riders were injured on our roads. About 85% of these incidents occurred because a vehicle passed by too closely or quickly.

Sadly, this is all too familiar in Enmore and Goathurst, an issue that is compounded by all too frequent major road closures such as the M5, which see our villages being used as a rat run. Talking to fellow Enmore horse riders, we recognised that although there are some very respectful drivers, too many pass by at speed, overtake on bends or just get too close to us, revving their engines. This is frightening, and we are concerned that a serious incident involving vulnerable road users (including cyclists, and walkers) and a vehicle will occur on our roads.

To help prevent this happening, the Enmore and District Pass Wide and Slow (PWAS) group has formed to share advice, guidance and to educate others to prevent an incident from occurring in our villages. The group welcomes all vulnerable road users, including walkers and cyclists to join us too. Enmore & District PWAS took a conversation to the November Parish Council meeting where we discussed our recent experiences and aspirations. We asked the Council to support improved signage to warn drivers to slow down. The committee suggested we raise awareness of our campaign, to bring about change.

It's important to recognise that there are three brains at work when you pass a horse, the riders, drivers and the horse. Horses are flight animals and can move incredibly quickly if startled. So, as a driver what can you do to help? As of January 2022, the BHS 'Dead Slow' messaging is now incorporated within the Highway Code, including passing semi-feral horses – such as Quantock Ponies. The Highway Code recommends that drivers:

1. Slow down to a maximum of 10 MPH
2. Be patient – don't sound your horn or rev your engine
3. When safe to do so, pass wide and slow – a cars width and if possible, giving a 2-metre distance
4. Drive slowly away.

If you would like to join the Enmore & District PWAS campaign group, contact Tina on 07895 164763 or email steadyedi24@gmail.com. Please share your ideas for any future topics you would like us to cover. With your help we will save drivers, riders, horses, cyclists and walkers lives. We thank you for your support.

Lisa Wright, on behalf of Enmore & District PWAS.

The Strachan family from Halswell House send Christmas greetings to all and wish everyone a Happy New Year.



**CHRISTMAS LADIES LUNCH
MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2024, 12.30pm
At the Cottage Inn, Keenthorne
Nr. Nether Stowey**

**£15.00 for two courses
Please phone or email Jan Hodson on
07985194265 or hodsons73@btinternet.com to
book and for menu choices asap**

**Drinks by the Fire with free
Hotdogs and Pulled Pork Rolls**



Friday 6th December

Goathurst Village Hall

5:30pm – 8:30pm

DBTF has been supported by

**Somerset
Community
Foundation**

A plea from Goathurst Village Hall ...

We require a Volunteer Bookings Officer

Main Responsibilities



- Following a request to book the village hall:
- Check the availability of the hall.
- Issue a booking form and hiring agreement to the hirer. Ensure the signed agreement is received within 7 days.
- Record the booking on the Village Hall on-line booking calendar.
- Record the booking and customer details on the spreadsheet.
- On the day of the booking, arrange access for the hirer and show them the facilities.
- At the end of each month, send the booking details and costs to the Treasurer for invoicing.
- Anyone interested please email GVHC2025@gmail.com

ENMORE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

www.enmoreparishcouncil.org



This November your Parish Council held a normal business meeting on 5th November and there will also be an extraordinary meeting on Friday 22nd November to discuss the planning appeal made by Enmore Park Golf Club (still in the future at the time of submitting copy for the magazine). In due course the minutes of both these meetings will be available on our website.

As you will be aware, your Councillors take great interest in the issue of speed management within the village, and road safety in general, despite not having powers of enforcement. A potentially dangerous incident affecting a horse rider near the school was reported at the meeting and also to the police. We were delighted that Avon & Somerset Police mounted section (our own Lizzie and a colleague) visited Enmore on Thursday 14 November to make more people aware of road safety issues, and how body-worn cameras can be used to provide evidence. With our narrow roads and lack of footway, vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders should be given a wide (and slow) berth and care should be taken not to spook horses.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 3 November litter pick or who provided the morale-boosting refreshments afterwards. The appearance of the village is vastly improved without litter - we all benefit from your efforts. In addition, Simon Bowditch should be mentioned in dispatches for carrying out some ditch improvement work, which we hope will channel surface water more efficiently and reduce flooding. Thank you, Simon.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th January, and we plan an earlier start to our Parish Council meetings in the dark winter evenings. Agenda and papers will be available on the Meetings page of the website a few days in advance.

In the meantime, all good wishes for a Happy Christmas from your Councillors and their officers: Michael, Fiona, David, Andrew, Graham, Amanda, Debbie and Anne.

An appeal from Pauline....

This is an appeal to all the younger people who are now a much needed part of our village communities.

We at the Enmore & Goathurst magazine need a volunteer to join the magazine print team. The magazine is produced through volunteers who are a lovely group of people.

Printing takes only 2-3 hours, 4 times a year and timings for it are fairly flexible. Of course full training will be given but it really is straightforward.

Without you helping to maintain the production of the magazine, it may not be possible to continue indefinitely.

Please do have a think about it, I can be reached on: 01278 662527

Many thanks Pauline Hickox (Print Manager)



Coffee, Cake and Chat (also tea and soft drinks!)

Goathurst Village Hall

11th December 11am – 4pm

Why not escape the day and join us for some complimentary coffee, tea, cake and chat by the warmth of the open fire!

We'd love to see you there.

Wilder Enmore update!

Spring wildflower bulbs have been planted in the Enmore Churchyard using up the remainder of the Magic Grant.

Enmore School is again taking year groups for a Winter visit to the Churchyard on 6th December, with the support of QLPS, following a successful visit in the Summer.

Bulbs too have been planted around trees bordering the car park at Jubilee Meadow. After a full hedge survey by QLPS, the EPC supported Mill farm to seek a 130m new hedgerow grant which, we are glad to report, was successful.

Something to consider...Defibrillators in Enmore



Following the example set by Goathurst & Broomfield concerning the installation of defibrillators within the parishes I have made enquiries about having more defibrillators in Enmore.

There is already one at the Golf Club available to the public. Now there are grants available to fund half the cost of the defibrillator, installation and connection to an electricity supply are extra.

There are fully funded grants but with a lengthier application process through the BHF. Requires outside wall with access to an electricity supply. Some fundraising may be needed.....

ED. Please pass you thoughts onto Jan- jan.johnston2@btinternet.com

A little note from Rodney...

A very sincere thanks to all stallholders, other helpers and, most of all, to the very many of our local residents who contributed to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



At the present time, I cannot indicate the total takings as there was an encouraging uptake on the use of QR codes and the results of those will be fed from headquarters in the coming weeks and will be reported once received.

To answer an often-asked question, the small code on the bottom of the QR block identifies it is the Broomfield, Enmore, Goathurst, Spaxton region.

Thanks again.

Rodney Coate

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



A plea from Gill

Please bring non perishable foods for the Bridgwater Food Bank, to Goathurst Church, over the weekend of Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th December.

Household, domestics goods and childrens toys **IN GOOD CONDITION**, can also be brought to our Church for donation. Contributions will be taken to the Food Bank on Monday 15th December, in time to support people in need of supplies over Christmas and into the New Year.

Please help by contributing items mentioned above and place them on or near the choir pews at Goathurst Church on 14th or 15th, from 9.30am.

Many thanks Gill M Goathurst PC

A gift of time

There always seems to be so much organising and worrying about gifts in December. It has so much hype on television, we are made to feel that Christmas has to be all about eating all sorts of food and having parties in lovely warm houses whereas sometimes the most important gift is your time. It's so easy at this festive season, not to remember to be kind to people who would welcome that visit or telephone call. With nights being so long, people living on their own can sometimes go days without speaking to anyone and I'm sure that there will be less cards being sent now that our post is so expensive.



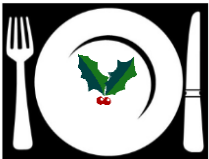
It's the same with our wildlife as we shall be going into the three months when the weather can be the coldest and food hard to find. A dish of fresh water in your garden daily will save lives. I tend to keep an empty ice cream container by my sink over Christmas and all the cake crumbs, food remnants, crusts and over ripe fruit can be saved and put out for the birds. We don't all have money to buy wild

bird seed and fat balls, and these bits and pieces will be welcome by many. 50% of wildlife usually die within their first year, hunger and cold are the most contributing factors to them not surviving.

We don't always know what happens to our animals when we release them. But we are very lucky sometimes to have bird ringers who will come and put rings on the legs of young birds as they are growing. It means that if these birds are seen by bird watchers, we do get results of where they have been seen including the date. Sadly, we were notified that a Tawny Owl had been found dead in a water trough which wasn't good news, but the records show that the bird was rung on July 26th 2012 when she was 4 month old. She was found in September this year, so she had lived for 12 years which was wonderful news. It just shows that getting animals back in the wild is really worthwhile. I thought you would like to see a selection of casualties that have had that second chance.

Our wonderful staff and volunteers will be giving their time over the Christmas period to make sure that all our casualties will be snug and warm. We shall be open as usual throughout Christmas. So, I'd like to give a huge thank you to each of them for their dedication as well as a great big thank you to all of our supporters that make our work possible.

From all of us at Secret World Wildlife Rescue, a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Men's Breakfast at The Tynte Arms Enmore - Saturday December 21st

Meet at 9:00 Finish by 10.30am

Prepare your stomach for Christmas fare for £7.30.

Let me know plans please by tel: 661 217 text:07436285347

email:c.chalmers@tiscali.co.uk by **Thursday 19th December before noon**

Goathurst Village Hall Committee News



Facebook: Goathurst Village Hall Somerset

I'm delighted to start this article with the wonderful news that Goathurst Village Hall has been awarded a small 'festive' grant from the Somerset Community Foundation (SCF). This means that most elements of our Christmas events can be complimentary and ensures that the Hall is a warm and welcoming space for everyone to enjoy.

Please review the adverts for our special DBTF, Coffee, Cake and Chat, and Christmas Eve events and as always, thank you for your support.

During December, we'd also like to offer the hall to any Goathurst resident who'd like to organise their own Christmas 'coffee and chat' with friends, family or social group free of charge. To book, please get in touch via whittle_lisa@hotmail.com or WhatsApp me (preferred) on 07918 483554.

We are extremely grateful to the SCF for considering us. Tis indeed the season to be jolly!

In other news, I'm very sad to tell you that Sharon Piron has decided to step down from the committee. Sharon has given considerable time and commitment to organising and helping at Village Hall events, as well being a fantastic Bookings Officer. Sharon – thank you for everything, you'll be missed.

It's also with a heavy heart that this is to be my last article, as I too have decided that the time has come to stand down as Chair and leave the committee. Thank you to everyone who's supported me during my time as Chair, for your counsel, support and kind words. I am truly grateful.

I'm sure you'll all join me in thanking everyone on the Village Hall Committee for their commitment to ensuring that our Hall and community continues to thrive. Best wishes Lisa



**KAREN BURNELL
JEFFREY GLOVER
WILLIAM (BILL) McDONALD**

**PAT GANGE
JOAN JEAL
SHIRLEY TABRETT**

Still Remembering our Ladies from Enmore

Sadly, this year we have lost two of our ladies from Enmore, Pat Gange and Joan Jeal. Pat passed away in July at the age of 98 and Joan at the age of 96 in May.

Pat was born at Frog Lane and her family home was Laburnum Villa. Joan was born at 5 School Cottages; this was her home until the last few weeks of her life. Both knew each other, played together, went to school together and grew up together. They took different paths in the early war years when Pat graduated from Oxford with a degree in Mathematics and she spent the remaining war years working at the Royal Ordnance Factory in Puriton, experimenting with explosives for the war effort. Whereas Joan was at home with her parents and brother, Dennis, supporting her family, working locally and involved in the country life she knew and loved in Enmore. But they remained friends and neighbours for most of their lives.

Long lives well lived, lovely ladies who both leave their own mark on our Enmore history and will be fondly remembered.

However, Beryl Hawkins from Corricks is still with us and going strong at the magnificent age of 102! Beryl continues to live happily at the Avalon Care Home in Bridgwater, enjoying all the entertainment - last week it was handling Birds of Prey! Let's wish her well and a Very Happy Christmas and maybe send her a personal Christmas message if we can. (Address on the back page of the Christmas Card.)



Relationships **and Interconnectedness**

During the last few weeks I have been on “sick leave” – a period of recovery after a procedure (or what we used to call an operation!). During this time, I have experienced kindness, compassion and support including cards, chocolates and biscuits!! I have realised that in many cases I have got to know some folk in an hour or so more than in the 5 years I have lived and worked in Spaxton and the wider benefice. We can become so busy or focused on the things that need to be done, that we so easily neglect the importance, indeed the necessity of relationships.

This simple and yet so important a message is of course the key to peace – peace within ourselves, our communities and our world. We live in a time of binary behaviour – everything is right or wrong, according to our principles and values, and that includes religion. Relationship enables us to listen to the “other” – people, values, opinions which, if we are really listening, might bring about a change in us. This of course is also true of our world. We are intrinsically linked to everything – to all humanity, to nature and creation and above all, whether we acknowledge it or not, to God, the creator of all things.

There are times when the reality of this breaks through just a little. Remembrance Day when we acknowledge our connectedness to the past and to those who have gone before us. Even the two years when we experienced Corona Virus, our connectedness was apparent in the many acts of kindness. In the devastation of war and natural disasters, we see an outpouring of love and compassion for others.

Christmas is another time when, if we sweep away the overpowering clamour of consumerism, we can see and experience relationship at its best. Never greater than the

relationship of God with humanity as he sent his Son into our broken world as a tiny baby destined to give his life in order that our relationship with God can be restored.

Hopefully you will all either have experienced at least a few moments of peace during the Christmas period, or will do so!!

Rev Kate.

Message from Sally



As you pass through the Lych Gate at Goathurst Church, you may notice a new tree on the left of the path. We planted this tree last month, in memory of my father, Peter Mayhew, who lived in Goathurst for 35 years. The tree is a Cherry, a Prunus Kanzan. It has double purplish-pink blossoms which will appear during late spring alongside coppery red leaves. The leaves will gradually turn to deep green, then to gold and red in the autumn. A plaque is being made which will be placed by the tree.

When my Mother, Betsey, died in 1991 we planted a horse chestnut tree in her memory. This tree, at the old entrance to the POW camp, is on the right as you go out of the village towards North Petherton. Many of you over the years have mentioned to me that whenever you pass her tree you think of Betsey. I hope the cherry tree for Peter in the churchyard will evoke for you similar feelings and memories. They both so loved living in the village and the two trees stand testament to this. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Brenda Smith for all her patient kind support with Peter's tree.

Tom, David and I send our best wishes to those who knew The Mayhews of Old Cobb Goathurst.

Local Church Services		
December 2024	St Michael and All Angels, Enmore	St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst
1 st Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion	4.00pm Christingle
2 nd Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	11.00am Morning Worship	9.30am Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	4.00pm Taizé Service for Advent	9.30am Family Worship
4 th Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent	11.00am Holy Communion for Christmas	6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Christmas Eve/ Christmas Day	Mon 23 rd Dec 6.30pm - Carol Service Tues 24 th Dec 3.00pm - Crib Service	Mon 23 rd Dec 4.00pm - Outdoor Crib Tues 24 th Dec 7.00pm - Carol Service Wed 25 th Dec 9.30am - Holy Communion for Christmas Day
5 th Sunday 29th December Christmas 1	11.00am Benefice Service of Holy Communion in Nether Stowey 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	11.00am Advent Service (Church Centre)	4.00pm Evensong (BCP)	9:30am Holy Communion
3.30pm Christingle	11.00am Holy Communion In Church	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11:00am Family Worship
11.00am Holy Communion Tues 17 th Dec 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight	11.00am Carol Service (Church Centre)	9.30am Family/Morning Worship	11.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Matins	11.00am Holy Communion 3.00pm Quiet Christmas (Both in Church)	6.30pm Carols by Candlelight	9:30am Morning worship
11.00am Matins for Christmas Day	Tues 24 th Dec 5.30pm Carols on the Cross Wed 25 th Dec 11.00am Holy Communion for Christmas Day (Church)	Tues 24 th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion Wed 25 th Dec 9.30am Morning Worship for Christmas Day	Tues 24 th Dec 5.00pm Carol and Crib Service Wed 25 th Dec 11:00am Holy Communion for Christmas Day

11.00am Benefice Service of Holy Communion in Nether Stowey Church
the Benefice News, Church Noticeboards and Website below
<https://quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk>

Christmas with St Edward's Church, Goathurst 2024



Everyone is invited to decorate the tree at the lychgate with their own, or one from the porch.

Sunday 1st December at 4pm: Christingle Service in the church (followed by refreshments).

Families and ALL ages are welcome.

Monday 23rd at 4pm: Crib Service. Meet at the church at 3.45pm and follow the star with us to the stable (a short walk). You might like to wear 'suitable headgear' -will you come as a shepherd, king or angel?

Tuesday 24th at 7pm: Carol Service in the church.

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Wednesday 25th at 9.30am: Christmas Day

Holy Communion

Please watch the noticeboard for any updates in case changes to this schedule are necessary.

Once again, there will be a village Christmas Tree at the lychgate, which you are all invited to decorate with either an item of your own or by choosing one from the box in the porch. With thanks to Secret Valley, Clare and Rodney.

Many thanks and well done to the 'Kids @ Goathurst' for designing the PCC's Christmas cards again this year: Libby, Percie, Max, Dylan, Matilda, Remi and Max L-T.

The Remembrance Day church collection raised £157.50 for the Royal British Legion (including Gift aid). Handbell Group will continue to meet at least monthly, in the New Year, see the noticeboard for dates.

Goathurst PCC No coffee morning in December.

Loose change: It's not too early to start saving those copper coins and any loose change in the New Year, as there will be another 'Koinonia' event

and BBQ in aid of the Spend a Penny Project (SAPP) fund next May, to which all will be welcome.

'Any old iron'? Brenda is still collecting scrap metal items/ any old electrical cabling for recycling in aid of the SAPP fund, just let her know...



The magnificent sum of **£3,805.00** has been raised in November 2024 through the Enmore & Goathurst Magazine's Christmas Card, benefiting as follows:

St. Michael's Church, Enmore	£1,200.00
St. Edward's Church, Goathurst	£ 870.00
Enmore Memorial Hall	£ 940.00
Goathurst Village Hall	£ 795.00

This is a marvellous achievement and with a further **£821.25** promised through *Giftaid* this makes this year's donations worth **£4,626.25!** Praise must be given for your ongoing wonderful support and generosity to our churches and halls, especially considering increased inflation and the current cost of living. Thank-you everyone!

A big thank-you also to all involved in producing our Christmas Card. To the Magazine Team for sponsorship, printing and distribution; to Graham George, our brilliant designer and compiler; to Pauline Hickox, our master printer; and to John and Ruth Capell, our superb Goathurst collectors. Thank-you everyone!

With my best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Sally Tottle

ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL – NEWS AND EVENTS



We are delighted to say that we were successful in obtaining some grant funds from the **HPC Community Fund and Somerset Community Foundation**. This will allow us to make some upgrades to the hall and, we hope, buy some comfier chairs. However, there's always much more to do than we have funds for - the leaks in the roof are causing us particular concern during the heavy rain.

Eagle-eyed villagers will have noticed that the electric car charger has disappeared from the hall. It is safely stowed away but was removed due to the issues with the solar panel system and no viable means of charging for its use. The good news is that we are making steady progress in sorting out the solar system at last - it has been a tortuous process!

Christmas Carols around the tree and an afternoon **Pop-Up café** will be on 14th December from 4pm. We will have the usual mulled wine and mince pies, as well as the delights of the café with hot food, savoury snacks and sweet treats. There will be a choir and Michael Hopkins will be playing the piano to accompany the carols. It should be a really festive event – come hungry and prepared for enthusiastic singing or just listen to the choir!

Quiz with Fish and Chips

Friday 6th December, 7pm at Enmore Memorial Hall

To book table of up to 8 people, contact Doug on 01278 671188

Enmore Village Carols with Pop Up Café

Saturday 14th December at Enmore Memorial Hall.

Café from 4pm, Carols from 5pm.

Dryad Inn Christmas Party

Gin/cocktails/beer/cider/silent disco and PIZZA

21st December from 7pm at Enmore Memorial Hall

NO TICKETS – just turn up and have fun!

Thanks as always for supporting our Pop Up Café and all our events!

St Michael's Church, Enmore

celebrates

Christmas



Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd December at 11.00am:

Join us as we journey from Advent to Christmas

Village Carol Service:

Monday 23rd December at 6.30pm

Christmas carols and readings to celebrate Christmastide to be followed by mulled wine & mince pies . We invite the whole village to this seasonal celebration. The Enmore Angels Choir will lead the singing of popular carols. Please support this community gathering at the church.

Crib service:

Saturday 24th December at 3pm

all are welcome as we look towards Christmas Day with dressing the crib and carols. Families especially invited.



SPAXTON COMMUNITY STORES

Christmas is coming...and Spaxton Community Stores is the place to help you get it sorted!

We have all your favourite goodies on sale but with a few new ones to try, from chocolates to chutneys and cakes to crackers. We have two new wines that are a little more expensive but perfect for a special occasion, tasted and approved by our volunteers. Deep filled mince pies from Glenmore, a firm favourite, are on sale along with Christmas slices and gluten free mince pies. Ready-made hampers are on sale to suit all tastes including gluten-free. Look out for our bespoke Christmas card, designed by Chris Staple as well as the Spaxton Calendar.

Post Office

Christmas stamps are already on sale and the last posting dates for Christmas are:

Weds 18 Dec	2 nd class
Fri 20 Dec	1 st class Royal Mail tracked
Sat 21 Dec	Royal Mail tracked 24
Mon 23 Dec	Special Delivery guaranteed

Ask our volunteers if you need to know about a particular country.

Christmas Opening hours

Christmas Day	closed
Boxing Day	closed
Friday 27 Dec	open 8-5pm (no Friday late opening)
Sat 28 Dec	open as normal
Weds 1 Jan	open 9-12 but PO closed

February 2025 will be the 10th anniversary of the opening of Spaxton Community Stores. Look out for special offers and events!

PRESTIGIOUS ROYAL AWARD FOR LOCAL MUSIC VOLUNTEERS



Last month the King's representative in Somerset, the High Sheriff Robert Beckley, awarded one of the highest accolades for voluntary organisations to the volunteers at Music on the Quantocks in recognition of their contribution to "enhancing the life of the community". The award was received by Penny Hooper of Broomfield and Lindsay Osborne of Enmore at a champagne reception

in front of an audience packed with dignitaries including MPs, senior clergy, and all of Somerset's mayors and council leaders. What makes the award so special is that it is given by the High Sheriff without any public nominations. "You can imagine how honoured we were to receive such a prestigious award in front of so many distinguished people", said Penny, who founded Music on the Quantocks in 2009 with a group of friends from Quantock villages.

Since then Music on the Quantocks has grown like topsy and having recently clocked-up its 300th consecutive sold-out concert, the volunteers are now ranked as one of Somerset's most successful organisers of world-class music concerts. "Over the years," said Penny, "we've lured some very 'big' names to the Quantocks to perform in front of packed audiences in local churches, barns and village halls. The list includes the legendary flautist James Galway; guitarist John Williams; punk poet John CooperClarke; and choral groups The Tallis Scholars and The Sixteen." Small wonder, then, why music fans from every corner of Somerset, Devon and Dorset come flocking to the Quantocks! If you enjoy world-class music on your doorstep, you can find out more, about the concerts by joining Music on the Quantocks' mailing list. **Join the mailing list by emailing: quantocks@live.co**

THE
DRYAD
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Christmas Party

Enmore Village Hall

Sat 21st December

Silent Disco 7pm till 10.30pm

Local Dryad Gin and cocktails

Food by Fiamma Pizza

Local Beer with Cottage Beer Project

Creative Shennigans with


Quantock Landscape
Partnership Scheme



BRIDLEWAY/FOOTPATH UPDATE



Good News for local Riders and Walkers! Straight from the horse's mouth – please pardon the Pun.

Glyn Edwards, Somerset Footpaths Warden, has arranged for contractors to clear Bridlepath BW:15/20 (between the bottom of Broomfield Hall Road aka “Cruel Hill” and Cobbs Cross Farm) and tells me: “Positive news to report!

I have tackled a real raft of issues along BW 15/20. I have instructed contractors to undertake 3 phases of works –

Phase 1 – the encroaching vegetation has had a good hard winter cut back – sides and height wise.

Phase 2 – A sleeper crossing and hand rail has been installed over the stream that is forming, now you can walk over without having to hop skip and jump.

Phase 3 – STILL UNDER WAY. The side ditches and blocked trenches have been cleared, we are giving the water and wet ground that was immersed a chance to dry out, then the most heavily poached ground is going to be scrapped off and a membrane laid, crushed stone will then be laid to enhance the surface at the worst section. This final phase is scheduled for the next week or 2, depends on rain fall and how well the ground dries out.

Lastly – a new bund will be built on the western entrance to stop the water running off the road and cascading down the lane at pace and causing damage. The previous bund seems to have disintegrated with age and weathering! I am going to clear the issues on ROAM shortly but I think you'll notice a real difference along the route. I hope you are soon able to enjoy this properly again, it's already much improved apart from a small section of heavily poached ground.”



Amanda Hubbard Enmore PPLO-

Enmore & District Gardening Club

Wishing all a Merry Christmas



No actual meeting in December as we recover from our Christmas party!

Some members are looking forward to sustainable & compostable “jolly” wreath making in December. Delighted to add foliage from the Arboretum we visited in October. Remember those fantastic specimens collected over a 50-year period.

We will recommence our monthly meetings on Tuesday 28th January 2025.

Jan adds:- Sending Emails – Over this year I have sent and received many group emails from my account to support the magazine & garden club. This is a reminder to anyone else doing similar to *send bcc* (blind carbon copy) this sends a copy of your email but hides the other recipients' email addresses.



Local and Regional Weather Report.

Weather lore for December mostly concerns the weather at Christmas and what this foretells about the New Year. “If Christmas comes during the waxing moon so we should have a very good new year, but *“the nearer the New Moon to Christmas Day, the harder the Winter”*. “If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas Day, there will be an abundant crop in the following year”, but *“so far as the sun shines on Christmas Day, so far will the snow blow in May”*. Also on December 21st (Shortest day and St Thomas's day) “look at *the weather cock at twelve o'clock, and see which way the wind is, for there it will stick for the next (lunar) quarter”*. Finally, *“If there's thunder during Christmas week, The Winter will be not be meek”*.



October was generally a gloomy month with a mix of some clear weather and a lot of very wet and windy weather. Later in the month Storm Ashley brought wind and rain. Nearly 8 days out of 10 days saw partly cloudy weather or rain and only 5 days out of 10 saw sunny or partly sunny weather.

Rainfall: Local 161 mm, Regional 137.4 mm = +13% of normal

Minimum temperatures: Local 9 deg, Regional 8.2 deg = +1.0 deg
Maximum Temperatures: Local 17 deg, Regional 14.9 deg = +1.2 deg

What are the weather forecasts for December? Met Office says starting settled with overnight frost and daytime fog, probably wetter and windier later with a chance of snow. Netweather forecast is similar.

Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? The weather was fine at Martinmas (10th/11th November), so ducks were swimming and therefore *“at Christmas they will slide”*. Jet Stream forecast is across the UK at the start of December, with low pressure and winds from the west. Probably indicates mild but unsettled weather.

Mike Head

Enmore School PTA update

We have now formally set our two-year fundraising campaign target of £30,000. Raising this money will help ensure that, in this period of escalating costs, current children at the school will benefit from all of the classroom and extra-curricular activities available to pupils in the past.



Christmas will be a busy time for us, and we hope that our village communities will continue to support our efforts.

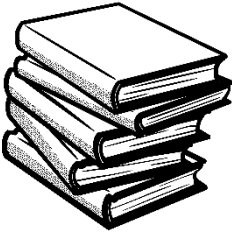
On **Saturday 7 December** the school choir will be singing carols at Secret Valley from 10.30 to midday. A big thank you to the

Hardwick family for hosting us and allowing us to rattle our tins. Come and see us (and join us) while collecting your Christmas tree!

Our **Christmas Fair** will be held on **Friday 13 December**.

Unfortunately, limited inside space means that we can only accommodate school families at the Fair, but you can support in other ways! We would be most grateful for donations to the bottle stall (bottles/tins/cans) and, once again, we have great prizes in our raffle. I'll post information about raffle tickets on the village WhatsApp group. Thank you to members of EDWG for their donations of ingredients for our Christmas cake.

On 16 December we will run our usual '**Christmas shopping**' event where the children visit our shop of donated items to buy family presents. If you have any old rolls of Christmas wrapping paper, we'd love to have them. Thank you! Lucie Brailsford (07912 113208 or lucie@seaxburh.com)



Book Borrowing 7th December Enmore Church 11am-12

It's that time of year again, long winter evenings with a good book. Selection of fiction and non-fiction books to choose from plus coffee/ tea and home-made mince pies! Come for a book or a natter, look forward to seeing you, Merry Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year and many thanks for your support. Denise

FOR SALE Hypnosis trio pocket sprung bed...set up one single or two single or zip and link to make super king bed. Excellent condition hardly used. £450. Located in Enmore Many Thanks, Jean Isaacs 01278 67183

Dog/Animal Cage for sale with donation to SAPP fund. Metal, as new. 60cms x 43cms x 48cms high. Contact Brenda on 07790 825207.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Day	Time	Event and Venue	Page
Dec 1	Sunday	4pm	Christingle Service Goathurst	16
Dec 5	Thursday	12 midday	Deadline for magazine contributions	1
Dec 6	Friday	5.30pm- 8.30pm	DBTF Goathurst Village Hall	4
Dec 6	Friday	7pm	Fish & Chip Quiz Enmore Memorial Hall	18
Dec 7	Saturday	11am-12	Book Borrowing Enmore Church	26
Dec 7	Saturday	10.30 am -12	Enmore School singing Secret Valley	25
Dec 9	Monday	12.30 pm	Ladies Lunch The Cottage Inn Keenthorne	3
Dec 11	Wednesday	11am- 4pm	Coffee, cake & chat Goathurst Village Hall	6
Dec14/15	Saturday/ Sunday	All day	Food/ present donations Goathurst church	8
Dec 14	Saturday	4pm	Café & Carols Enmore Memorial Hall	18
Dec 21	Saturday	9am	Men's Breakfast The Tynte Arms Enmore	9
Dec 21	Saturday	7pm	Dryad Gin Silent Disco Enmore Memorial Hall	8
Dec 23	Monday	4pm	Crib Service Goathurst Church	16
Dec 23	Monday	6.30pm	Carol Service Enmore Church	19
Dec 24	Tuesday	3pm	Crib Service Enmore Church	19
Dec 24	Tuesday	7pm	Carol Service Goathurst Church (Drinks before)	16/22
Dec 25	Wednesday	Services	Christmas Day	14/15

Village Information as at October 2024

any suggested amendments to enmoregoathurst@hotmail.co.uk

Rector	Rev'd Eleanor King Email: eleanor.king@hotmail.com		734 777
Associate Priest	Rev'd Kate Sax Email: kate.kinkiizi@gmail.com		671 168
Church Contact	Alison Hoare Email: qv.benefice@gmail.com		732 855
Church Wardens	Enmore	Rosalie Burge,	671 337
	Goathurst	Brenda Smith	662 491
Parish Councils	Enmore	Michael Hopkins	671 296
	Web site	www.enmoreparishcouncil.org	
	Email	enmorepc@gmail.com	
	Jubilee	Padlock	1966
	Goathurst	Richard Kilbey	662 523
	Web site	www.goathurstparish.org	
Village Hall	Enmore	Booking Number	07424 197200
	Goathurst	Sharon Piron	662 711
Pubs		Enmore Inn	450 500
		Tynte Arms	671 351
Magazine	Chair	Sally Tottle	671 654
	Secretary	Jan Johnston	671 560
	Advertising	Steve Gormley	662 846
Councillors Somerset Council		Mr Mike Caswell	07768744730
		Mr Brian Bolt	07970855990
Pathway Officer	Enmore	Amanda Hubbard	671 742
Neighbourhood Watch	Enmore	Graham Fergusson	671 680
	Goathurst	tba	
Enmore School	Head	Mr Duncan MacRae	671 370
Newspapers	News Team Ltd		01782 959530
	Spaxton Community Shop & P.O.		671 487
Milk delivery	Milk and More: www.milkandmore.co.uk		0345 606 3606
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.		