

Enmore and Goathurst Magazine



October 2025

Editorial

Hello and welcome to the October issue of our magazine, my first as editor, eek! Thanks as always must go to all the contributors this month, and every month, without you the magazine wouldn't exist.

As we move into autumn and the days grow shorter, we often find ourselves looking for things to do around the house. In my spare time, I often look for a puzzle to keep me occupied. As a retired Maths teacher, I do love a number puzzle, Kakuro being my favourite, but I also find the challenge of completing a cryptic crossword very rewarding. A pretty rare event in my case!

My favourite crossword clue is: (1, 4, 3, 3, 1, 4) Answer on page 28.

And, my favourite crossword joke is:

Person 1: "The clue is, Exploding post van"

Person 2: "How many letters?"

Person 1: "Hundreds of them, all over the place!"

Happy reading. Neil McCreery

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Magazine News

The AGM for the Enmore & Goathurst Magazine was held in May. It was a time for “goodbyes” and “hellos”.

With impending house moves we said farewell to Alan Cromack from the Printing Team as well as Mark Christie, Isabel Shute, Russ & Mickey Foster as editors. We were sad to lose them from the team. New editors we welcomed were Tony Eggar and Neil McCreery. To the Printing Team we welcomed Martin Coles. The Technical Team has been established over the last year, supporting the work Tony Eggar has done to improve the layout and production of the magazine. Steve Gormley has worked alongside Tony to improve the presentation of the adverts and filling the spaces to ensure the magazine revenue is healthy. Petra Ingram and Mike Head complete the Technical Team, always ready to help editors. This has led to online publication via the Parish Council websites, enabled by Anne Stoye and Nick Ingleby. So nice to see design and photographs in colour!

With Election of Officers, we had some big changes. Sally Tottle resigned after 9 years as Chairman. Her 35 years of involvement with the magazine continues as Distribution Manager & Editor as well as offering behind the scenes support. I've taken on the Chairmanship from Sally, with much trepidation, and resigned as Secretary. Debbie McIlroy has become the new Secretary, resigning as treasurer, a post she excelled at, working well with Steve, to manage revenue. Neil McCreery has become the new Treasurer. Another long serving member of the magazine, Pauline Hickox, our Printing Manager has retired, her contribution with overseeing the purchase and maintenance of printing resources and supporting the teams of printers has been immense. Taking on the role of Printing Manager is Chris Wells.

Below are some testimonials, firstly for **Pauline** from Sally: But the shining star of my time has been Pauline Hickox, a dear friend and colleague for nearly twenty-five years, exactly how many neither of us are sure! A printer from the early days with Brian Gunnell, taking over his role a head printer and then as Printing Manager, organising the transition from the original old inky Roneo machine and others to the latest model, moving the machine and

all the paraphernalia four times, organising the supply of printing materials, troubleshooting technical problems, organising repairs and liaising with our service engineers, and always responsive to the needs and training of her two printing teams. I could say much more in tribute, but we all know how important Pauline has been in contributing to the success of our magazine and how much we are going to miss her! We wish her a well-deserved and happy 'retirement' after an illustrious career with us in printing. Extracted from the AGM Minutes.

And some personal recollections of **Sally**:

Sally has been an excellent chairperson for the magazine over many years, in fact probably longer than either she expected or wanted. Her kindness and generosity of spirit have been combined with a good sense of how to manage a large group of volunteers of varying eccentricities. These qualities have also made her a great persuader, recruiting many a slightly unwilling volunteers into a role in the committee that they did not expect to be qualified or capable enough to fulfil. Thank you, Sally, for your service to this committee and we hope you will be available to advise us in the future. Mike Head

What can I say about Sally?

When first in Goathurst some twenty or more years ago and invited to edit for the E&G Mag, I must have been a real pain for her. Having used, as computers developed, email, word processing, file transfer, program languages, programs (Apps!!)... in academia since 1959, I knew it all. E&G magazine production needed to be rescued from the dark ages. Sally put up with me but argued - and has done ever since - not to expect too much from our 40 or so volunteers.

With the years I have begun to recognise that she is very much on the side of these volunteers and to keep them on board. Originally this seemed totally Luddite, but with age, I now see how wise she was not to adopt suggestions immediately. Enthusiastic volunteers must not to be discouraged because of lack of technical knowledge. With time, they have acquired many new skills when it comes to editing. Now the magazine production and presentation have improved due to the diligent effort of the new technical committee.

There has been much process change. Throughout all this, Sally has worked tirelessly to keep the ship afloat and put up with those, like me now, finding themselves lacking skills in more modern updated Apps. The Luddites feared losing their jobs – the magazine fears losing its volunteers

The magazine will doubtless miss Sally's firm hand on the tiller, but her hands will still be close to the helmsperson's shoulders, and she will doubtless still beaver away quietly behind the scenes. So, a big thank you from me. for all the work she has done in keeping volunteers 'in post' over many years by gentle persuasion. Colin

SALLY

Before Sally took us in hand, we were ready, willing and able as a group, but lacking the realisation of how necessary the magazine was to many people. Sally changed all that. She had the drive and commitment to not only organise us to the nth degree but also to guide us through endless discussions to the great magazine we now offer each month.

She has tact, diplomacy and endless patience but always the most important thing she brings is kindness and concern to do her best by everyone.

Personally, she supported me throughout. She was familiar with all the odd places where the printer was located, because she made the effort to check how we were managing.

She is a good friend to have beside you and I wish her all the very best for the future - which will no doubt be in helping somewhere else. Pauline

In the beginning...

The magazine was the brainchild of Sally and Goathurst's Bill Ingles, and from the very beginning, she has, with the help of community volunteers, been there editing yearly, arranging distribution, serving on the Committee and **organising** us!!.

Sally has guided the Magazine with a firm hand through many changes and problems, such as finding homes for the Printer, acquiring the present replacement, and skilfully encouraging residents of both Villages to volunteer to assist with production! And now, thanks to the help of Tony Eggar, the Magazine has been digitalised, is available both on paper and online and looks even more professional.

Every village needs a Sally! She has served Enmore well – on the Parish Council for ever, on the Gardening Club Committee, helping out the Church and Village Hall through the Christmas Card, and supervising the planting of daffodils and crimson hawthorns on Enmore Road.

THANK YOU, SALLY! for your long and conscientious management of the Magazine and for looking after all us volunteers. And for bringing the Magazine into the 21st century and listening.

Amanda Hubbard



*Cheese & Wine Party to celebrate 35 years of
Enmore & Goathurst Magazine.*

*All Magazine Members invited to Enmore Memorial Hall on
Tuesday 21st October 2025 6.30pm – 8pm*

*Enmore & Goathurst Magazine Meeting
Wednesday 29th October 2025
The Tynte Arms, Enmore at 7.30pm*

Stop Press: The concert in aid of Goathurst Bell Fund on 4th October has been cancelled.

Enmore Parochial Church Council



Harvest Service

Sunday 5 October – 11:00am St Michael's Church, Enmore

Come and join us for Enmore's Harvest Service, with music from the 'Village Voices' during the service.

All are warmly welcome as we gather to celebrate and give thanks for our land, farmers, and the harvest.

If you would like to make any donations to St Michael's Church, please see details:
Account: St Michael's Church Enmore. Account No: 00269228 Sort code: 30-91-20
Ref: Donation

Gifts allow UK tax payers, an ability to claim a further 25% of the gift. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the church.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024 for the County of Somerset well-exceed £1 million, which we are, of course, delighted with this result. This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on 9 November and the official appeal commences 2 weeks prior to that date. We are hoping that we will match or exceed this figure in 2025, and we will be following our local policy of setting up sales stalls at Halswell gates, Goathurst and the Tynte Arms car park, Enmore. I will be contacting those who have helped in the past, but new faces are needed and welcome – it's a rather satisfying and social couple of hours. The schedule of the stall opening times will be posted online and on the notice boards.

About 5 years ago, Bill Canning submitted an editorial to the magazine, more in hope than expectation, looking for a volunteer to take over his duties as the local organiser of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. I don't think he's yet got over the shock that I volunteered and, I must say, it's been very rewarding, especially when we are able to report that Somerset donations exceeded Bristol and Gloucestershire combined! I am not looking for a replacement organiser yet, but I would like somebody to run alongside me in the appeal with better IT knowledge than my old self! Things are changing fast with little cash around and banks disappearing, so you can understand why I need a "helper".

I am envisaging this year that publicity material in our rural parishes will emphasise the QR code symbol due to the limited number of outlets. This will include posters displaying the QR code that you can scan at any time, even whilst walking the dog or pushing the pram!

I do hope somebody will come forward for this worthwhile cause.

Rodney Coate

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Woodlands

Goathurst

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Local and Regional Weather Report

Weather lore has a lot to say about October including “Rain in October, Wind in December” and “Full Moon in October without frost, then no frost till full Moon in November.” “When berries are many in October, Beware a hard winter” and *“If in the fall of the leaf in October many leaves wither on the boughs and hang there, it betokens a frosty winter and much snow”*. “When birds and badgers are fat in October, expect a cold winter”. Notable dates are St Denis (October 9th), and St Luke (18th October). “A hard winter follows a fine St.Denis.”, but there is often fair weather around St Luke’s, known as St.Luke’s Little Summer”. Also, “If the oak bears many acorns at St Luke’s, this foretells a hard winter”. Finally the famous rhyme “If ducks do slide at Hallowtide (31st October), At Christmas they will swim; If ducks do swim at Hallowtide, At Christmas they will slide”.

The clocks go back one hour on Sunday the 26th October 2025.

August was mostly very hot and very dry, but it was unsettled and wet in the final days of the month. The UK maximum temperature of 33.9 deg was recorded at Westonzoyland. About 8 days out of 10 saw sunny or partly sunny weather and 7 days out of 10 saw cloudy or partly cloudy weather. Only 2 days at the end of the month had any significant rainfall.

Rainfall: Local 23 mm, Regional 61.2 mm = 68% of normal

Minimum Temperatures: Local 9 deg, Regional 12.2 deg = +1.2 deg

Maximum Temperatures: Local 27 deg, Regional 21.7 deg = +2.6 deg

What is the long range weather forecast for October? Dull and unsettled with above average rainfall, but maybe some warm and sunny periods. Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? It rained on September 9th (St Gorgonius) so expect a lot of bad weather in October. No Jetstream forecast for the beginning of October was available at the time of writing.
Mike Head.

Book Borrowing Saturday 4th October, 11 – 12pm, Enmore Church.
All welcome, wide selection of books available. Fiction and non-fiction plus tea and coffee. Best wishes, Denise

Enmore and District Gardening Club

Next Meeting We Welcome Nicky Heal Christmas Willow Decorations

Tuesday 28th October 2025, 7.30pm

Enmore Memorial Hall

A local florist with a thriving business based in Taunton. Nicky's Flower Studio can be followed on Facebook & Instagram @nickysflowerstudio. Not only does he make amazing award-winning arrangements & floral displays, he is also a very talented weaver, making animals & decorations from natural materials. We are lucky to have him demonstrate and help us make our own Christmas Willow Decorations.

Time to sign up for the Gardening Club Christmas Party.

Free for members with a food contribution and £10 for guests.

Why not join the club this October? £20 for the year & party for free.

Tuesday 25th November -we like to get the party season started!

7.00pm in Enmore Hall, please wear something festive/fancy dress. A welcoming drink followed by supper.

Festive Quiz, Entertainment and Christmas Raffle.

Contact Jan Johnston 0776217965 or jeniferclarke60@gmail.com

Goathurst Church Quiz

Saturday 15th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Teams of 4 at £10.00 per team.

Please come along even if you don't have a full team, as we can adjust numbers to make teams on the evening.

Table snacks, teas and coffees available.

Please 'bring a bottle' of your choice.

We will hold a Raffle.

Please let Gill M know by sending to gmodley@yahoo.co.uk or text to 07802222535 if you would like to enter a team.

Payment on the evening.

Many thanks

Bibleway Believers – A Community of Faith and Fellowship

By Pastor Mirek Zalisz

Bibleway Believers (affectionately known as The Tin Chapel or The Blue Chapel)

Greetings to all our friends and neighbours in the community,

As the pastor of Bibleway Believers, The Tin Chapel, I am both humbled and joyful to share a glimpse of our church family with you through this article. Writing for *Enmore Magazine* has been a heartfelt intention of mine for some time, and I am delighted to finally have this opportunity.

Nestled in the heart of our beloved community, Bibleway Believers has been a cherished part of this village for over six years—standing as a beacon of faith, hope, and spiritual growth. We are Christians committed to living out the truths of the Bible and embracing its guidance in every aspect of our lives.

At Bibleway Believers, we hold the Bible as the inspired and unchanging Word of God. It is the foundation upon which we build our faith, shape our lives, and nurture our hearts. Our services are centred around heartfelt worship, earnest prayer, and thoughtful teaching of Scripture. We believe the Bible speaks to every generation, offering wisdom, comfort, and direction in a world often filled with uncertainty.

Our church family is diverse, warm, and welcoming. We are a multicultural fellowship of believers, reflecting the beautiful tapestry of God's creation. Whether you are new to the area, curious about Christianity, or seeking a deeper relationship with God, you will find a place at The Tin Chapel. We are not just a congregation; we are a fellowship walking together in faith, supporting one another through life's joys and challenges.

We are proud to be part of the Enmore community and thank everyone for their support and smiles. We look forward to continuing to support the local community, The Enmore Church, and the vibrant village life that makes Enmore so special.

We invite you to join us for our regular services, Bible studies, and community gatherings. Each event is an opportunity to connect, grow, and experience the transformative power of God's Word. More information about our service times, events, and beliefs can be found on our website at <https://bibleway.co.uk>.

Our doors are open, and our hearts are eager to welcome you. Come as you are and discover the hope, love, and peace that come from a life rooted in Christ.

Blessings in the Name of Jesus Christ,
Pastor Mirek Zalisz
Bibleway Believers (The Tin Chapel)

St Edward's News, Updates and Thank Yous!

Heritage Days – a huge **THANK YOU** to all those who made and donated cakes for the event, and especially to those who baked again on the Saturday night as we only had 3 portions remaining after the first day! Thank you, also, to all who laboured setting up, clearing up and helping during the two day event. We were overrun on the Saturday and surprised by how many people braved the weather on the Sunday! We welcomed hundreds of visitors who were both interesting and interested in our heritage receiving many compliments about our community spirit. Donations for refreshments at the church amassed £720 for our Heritage Fund for which we are truly grateful.

The former Singers' Gallery Paintings are now fully restored by Ruth McNeilage and Elizabeth Holford, AKA 'our two Lucias' (The Repair Shop!). Their transformation is both amazing and wonderful! They have also been slightly repositioned to allow for air circulation. We are hugely indebted to the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme for funding this project. Do pop into the church to view them...

Thank you to Colin Chalmers and Dave Bunney for the hours of meticulous effort in revising the church's Guide Book. There are now, once again, A5 sized booklets available in the church containing a wealth of information, including the most recent details concerning the paintings. They are free, but we hope that people will give a donation to cover the cost of printing.

Autumn Workday Saturday 11th October in the church and grounds between 10am and 4 pm. There is a great deal of lopping and chopping to be tackled to keep the churchyard tidy as well as other jobs. Please see the list of jobs on the noticeboards and sign up if you can help with any jobs at another, more convenient time.

This month's **Coffee Morning will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 28th October** from 11am-12noon. Free of charge and all are welcome.

Goathurst Fellowship Group is exploring the book of Proverbs this term-wisdom for all ages and stages! Mondays 2-3.15 pm in the church, all welcome.

The restoration of the Willis Monument has received a William Stansell Award from the Somerset Buildings Preservation Trust, presented on 18th September at The Rural Life Museum, Glastonbury.

Goathurst PCC

**ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL**
INVITES YOU TO

AN ITALIAN 'A GET OUTTA DA HOUSE' EVENING
Friday 31st OCTOBER 2025 7PM FOR 7.30PM

Nibbles on arrival with a glass of prosecco.

Two course home cooked meal:-

Beef or Vegetable Lasagne with garlic bread and salads followed by a choice of dessert Tiramisu /Lemon tart

Tea/coffee and chocolates

Table quiz

Our last 'Banish the Blues' evening was enjoyed by all - even the 'staff', so do come and join us for an evening of warmth, food, fun and laughter.

Tickets £20 per person and you are welcome to bring your own wine - no corkage

Please email enmorevillagehall@gmail.com for tickets, menu choices with food allergies and intolerances.

BOOKING DEADLINE Friday October 17th
Book early to avoid disappointment numbers limited.



A GENTLE REMINDER THAT IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

Please help support St. Michael's Church, St. Edward's Church, the Enmore Memorial Hall or the Goathurst Village Hall this Christmas by sending your 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year' wishes through the Enmore and Goathurst December Magazine! Last Christmas the magnificent sum of £3,805.00, (£4,626.25 with *GiftAid*), was raised for our Churches and Halls through your generosity. And again this year you can *GiftAid* your donation if you are a taxpayer! *Look out for your donation envelope which will be included in the November Magazine.*

For the suggested donation of £10 or more your name will be listed within the Enmore and Goathurst Christmas Card and delivered in the December 2025 Magazine with festive and seasonal wishes to all friends, neighbours and family in Enmore and Goathurst. Local businesses, friends and past neighbours are also invited to participate.

We all spend time buying Christmas cards, writing them and either posting them or hand delivering them. How about this year sending your message of goodwill the easier way and also giving our churches or halls a seasonal present of appreciation and helping their fabric funds financially?

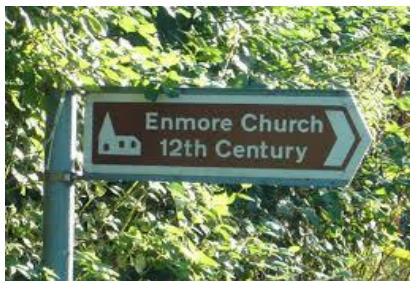
If you would like your name to be included in the 2025 Enmore and Goathurst Christmas Card please contact **Sally Tottle (for Enmore)** at Red Cottage, Enmore, tel: 01278 671654 or **John & Ruth Capell, (for Goathurst)** at The Rectory Retreat, Goathurst, tel: 01278 662382 with your name, address and postcode, your donation, and your choice of beneficiary (you can split your donation between beneficiaries if you wish), by the important Magazine deadline of: **THURSDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2025**

Local Church Services		
October 2025	St Michael and All Angels, Enmore	St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst
1st Sunday 5th October	11.00am Harvest Morning Worship	9.30am Family Worship
16th Sunday after Trinity		
2nd Sunday 12th October	-	9.30am Holy Communion
17th Sunday after Trinity		
3rd Sunday 19th October		
18th Sunday after Trinity	4:00pm Taizé Service	
4th Sunday 26th October		
19th Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday	11:00am Holy Communion	6:30pm Holy Communion

For other Benefice services and mid-week Celtic Morning Prayer see the Benefice News, Church Noticeboards and Website below:

<https://quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk>

Other Local Services in the wider Benefice *			
Aisholt	Nether Stowey	Over Stowey	Spaxton with Charllynch
11.00am Matins (BCP)	11.00am (CC) Morning Worship	6:30pm Harvest Evensong	5:00pm Evensong
3.30pm Harvest Song of Praise	11.00am (Church) Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship
11:00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am (CC) Morning Worship	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	-
-	11.00am (Church) Holy Communion	-	11:00am Holy Communion



Dear All,

We have welcomed in the new academic year after a long and warm summer of holidays, rest and enjoying the outdoors. Children have now started or returned to school, and our young people have stepped out into the wider world. Some have left home to go to college or university. We wish them all well.

Autumn is often the season when we notice change. The daylight hours lessen and it gets colder. We celebrate the countryside in all its beauty and its changing colours. We notice the fields around us have been harvested and enjoy the glorious sunrises and sunsets that frame our days at this time of year. In the churches, there will be harvest services in which we give thanks to our farmers for their work all year round and to God for his gifts to us.

We move then into a time of remembrance. On Sunday 2nd November, we will be gathering for our All Souls' services, where we remember loved ones who have passed away and are no longer with us. All are welcome to the short service at which we light candles in memory of our loved ones, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat. This year the services will be in Goathurst Church, Nether Stowey Church and Holford Church – all at 3:30pm. If you would like to have a name of a loved one read out, please let Alison in the Benefice Office know, ideally by email: gv.benefice@gmail.com. It would be helpful if you could put 'All Souls' in the subject line.

With every blessing this autumn tide. Eleanor

Enmore Parish Council News (www.enmoreparishcouncil.org.uk)

Your Parish Council met on 2nd September and the draft minutes of this meeting should be available on the website (on the Meetings page) by the time that the October magazine is circulated.

The Council will be buying and installing mirrors to assist safe access from side roads onto the main Bridgwater to Taunton road, and expects that these

will be in place within a matter of weeks. We are most grateful to the landowners who have given their permission. Before going ahead, we wanted to check that liability in the event of any claim would be covered by the Council's insurance policy.

We are delighted to report that the remainder of the Public Works Loan (for the purchase of land for the Jubilee Meadow and future civil cemetery) has now been paid off in full, seven years earlier than under the original schedule. We consider that this should give a long-term benefit (we earn rather less on our funds than the rate of interest charged on the loan) and also put the Council in a stronger financial position to weather inflation on our essential expenses, which are also likely to increase given Somerset Council's financial position and wish to transfer more responsibilities to parish and town councils. The Council still has prudent reserves and a margin to cover emergencies or opportunities (for example if grants are available for projects of benefit to the village and some seed corn or matching funding is needed for the project or to secure the grant). Over the last couple of years, we have been very fortunate that both Councillors and Officers (the latter are normally paid) have given their time and expertise free of charge, and this has been a major positive factor for the Parish Council finances making early repayment possible.

The Wilder Enmore and Goathurst Initiative has resulted in Enmore being awarded the first Wilder Community Award in Somerset by Somerset Wildlife Trust. Many Residents within Enmore were successful in their own Wilder Garden Awards and the numbers awarded granted Enmore the Wilder Community Award. This is in addition to the Wilder Churchyard Awards given to Enmore Church in July.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on 4th November, starting at 6.30 pm (the winter timetable applies after the clocks go back and we are on GMT).

If any additional meetings are needed, for example to discuss planning applications, information will be posted on the website, notice boards and the Village WhatsApp. As ever, all are welcome to attend meetings. Your Parish Council is here to serve the village and its residents. Your input is welcome.

The Torriano

Ensemble is a group of professional musicians whose members have held positions and performed freelance with many of London and the UK's leading orchestras. They have been giving concerts around the UK since 1986. They specialise in performing lesser-known chamber works for strings, wind and piano alongside the great classics of the genre, and their lively and varied performances have been much enjoyed by audiences over the years.



Julie Monument, one of the violinists in the group relocated to Somerset in 1991 and lives locally in Charllynch.

The group are joined for this concert by Alex Roche, an award-winning classical guitarist.

The concert in Spaxton Church on Saturday 18th October will include works by baroque and classical masters as well as lesser known, exciting works by Astor Piazzolla, known for his adaptations of Argentinian tango.

A musical celebration of village life

The Pocket Choral Society 'A CAPPELLA'



'Bill Bailey meets
The Archers'

"Utterly quirky and hugely engaging...
very silly and very clever."

"Just...
Brilliant!"

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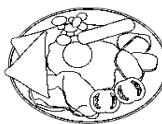
www.pocketchoralsociety.co.uk

GOATHURST VILLAGE HALL Bridgwater TA5 2DF

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 7pm

Adults £12, Children Under 12 FREE, Children 12 to 17 Half Price

From ruthcapell@gmail.com or 07827 029279 or mike_head@hotmail.co.uk or 07827 437642



Men's Breakfast at The Tynte Arms Enmore | Saturday October 18th

Meet at 9:00 Finish by 10.30am

Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

Planning to come - Please let Colin know

email: colinchalmers399@gmail.com

text: 07436 286347

by Thursday 16th before noon

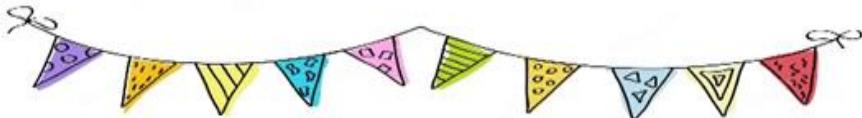


We are moving house, and down-sizing. If anyone would like a **super king size bed** (6feet wide), which comes with a mattress, a topper, quilts and bedding, it is **£50**. It is in excellent condition.

We also have a **blue sofa** which was in the Ideal Home exhibition many years ago. It has been re-upholstered, and is **free**. It was given to us a few years ago.

We are happy for people to come and see them and we should be able to deliver local in our trailer. **Call 01278 424599**
Alan and Jan Cromack

ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL – NEWS AND EVENTS



Here we are, September already! We held our first Pop up Café of the new season and it was nice to get back in the swing again. It was a gentle affair, rather quiet – so we suspect a lot of you were making the most of an autumn break away after the school holidays. We hope it'll get busier again as the days shorten.

We have continued to see a great reduction in our electricity bills over the summer – though we realise things will change as the sun fades and the heating is put on!

We are very pleased to report that we have been awarded a grant from the National Lottery to replace the roof over the back extension. We hope the funds will stretch to enable us to partially reopen the gents' toilet. We need to crack on with this work before the weather turns (even) wetter. Just to note that the hall may need to be closed for a short period while the work takes place

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:

- **Pop-Up Café - Saturday 11th October, 10-12noon**
- **'Italian' night of food and entertainment – Friday 31st October**
Please book in advance – see advert
- **Pop-Up Café - Saturday 8th November, 10-12noon**

Oh! To be a hedgehog

It would be really good to be a hedgehog trying to put weight on for the winter, whereas I am trying to lose it! Why does it seem so much easier to put weight on than to lose those pounds. I'm sure the constant dry weather must have had an effect on hedgehogs for finding food in the long dry period. A normal hedgehog would eat up to 200 gms a day which is why they cover such a large area as territories. Now with the rain, they should be able to hunt for their worms, fallen fruit and insects to try to reach the 600 gms that they need to survive hibernation.

We get quite a few young hedgehogs in now as the female sometimes produces a second litter that can be up to 7 babies. If she thinks there is not enough time for them to gain the right weight, she will desert them to ensure her own weight gain. This is for survival and the hope to breed again next year.



This popular mammal is covered with 3,000 to 5,000 spines that grow and fall out like hair without a moult. The spines often make rescues difficult. In the 15 million years that they have been on the earth, they haven't adapted so they must have got the design right. However, with us humans



introducing drains, netting, fences and even artificial grass, we really are making life difficult for them. If they have fallen in a drain, as soon as you touch them, they make themselves into a spiky ball that can sometimes fill the space. The answer is BBQ tongs! One must try to be inventive sometimes.

As we go into winter, cat food is a good feed to put out for hedgehogs. Cat biscuits as well are good for their teeth. Fresh water is welcome all year round. There are 17 species of hedgehog found in Europe, Asia and Africa. The African Pygmy Hedgehog is one that has been made available through the pet trade. Life in captivity cannot compare with being able to live naturally in the right habitat. Being nocturnal, they don't enjoy being disturbed during the day and even our own native hedgehogs can bite if they aren't happy about being handled

Our usual hedgehog is brown with spines all over the back and a soft furry stomach. They have short legs but are still able to move surprisingly quickly. There is a rare albino which is white with red eyes, or blondes which are a cream colour with blue eyes which are not seen very often. Two blonde hedgehogs were included in the group of hogs being introduced to Alderney in the Channel Islands in the 1960's. The population has grown from this nucleus of introduced hedgehogs so almost 60% of the hedgehogs found on the island are blondes.

Try and keep a corner of your garden untidy with lots of leaves and brash this autumn, giving hogs a suitable place to hibernate. When I used to go to Garden Centres to talk to people about Secret World, I found that everyone who had hedgehogs in their garden, had a shed elevated on bricks rather than a concrete base. When you think about it, it would be four exits in times of danger, they would be out of reach in the centre and it's a really dry area.

Don't forget, bonfire night is on its way, and they can look very attractive to a hedgehog trying to find somewhere to sleep. If you can, build your bonfire near to the date as possible, and light it from one side so there is a chance that they can escape if under there.

Pauline Kidner September 2025



**Another Enmore Litter Pick Challenge
KEEPING ENMORE GREEN**

Meet at Enmore Memorial Hall on **Sunday, 16th November, 2025**

**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 and quick work!

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

Something Missing in Your Life?

Then we need you! Why not volunteer to become the new secretary
for the Goathurst Village Hall Committee and enjoy action packed, fun
evenings with our dynamic team!

A highly sought after position which is bound to enhance any CV.

So don't be shy, contact the Chairperson, Ann Manders on
077244 52839, or e-mail Lockyers@outlook.com to see if you've
got what it takes!



GOATHURST VILLAGE HALL

Drinks by the Fire



On

Friday 10 October 2025

6:30 – 8.30pm

Bring the Family, friends, neighbours along

For a great social evening. 😊

**Worried you have no cash in the house,
Don't worry, we now have a Card Machine**

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NEXT LADIES LUNCH

On

MONDAY, 13th OCTOBER 2025, 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

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SPAXTON COMMUNITY STORES

Opening Hours

Shop: Mon – Wed: 8 – 5pm
Thurs & Fri: 8 – 7pm
Sat: 8:30 – 12:30pm
PO: Mon - Fri 9 - 12, 1-5pm
Sat: 9 – 12pm

Village Calendar

There will once again be a village calendar- a great gift for family and friends. On sale from November.

Fresh Fish Van

O & P mobile fish merchant will be outside the shop every Tuesday between **4pm and 5 pm**. Very positive feedback: “Fish is delicious!”

Poppy Appeal

We shall be supporting the poppy appeal with various items for sale. There will be a collection pot as well as a QR code if you prefer to scan to donate.

Autumn Evenings

We sell logs and kindling, firelighters and matches and some very tasty wines and beers. *A new addition to our alcohol range is Keeved Cider, a naturally sweet cider made by slowing down the fermentation.*

To complete your cosy evening by the fire you can even pick up a book from the Book Swap.

Christmas is coming.....

The Post Office is ready and waiting for your parcels and gifts for those who want to get ahead of the game. To save money on the increasing cost of postage we stock a wide range of gift cards: M&S, John Lewis, Roblox, Amazon, and One for all. All can be purchased from the Post Office. You choose the amount you want to gift.

Dates for the Diary

Day	Date	Time	Event and Venue	page
Friday	3 rd Oct	7pm	Harvest Supper EMH	6
Saturday	4 th Oct	11am	Book Borrowing Enmore Church	8
Sunday	5 th Oct	10am	Wellbeing Day W Monkton VH	20
Sunday	5 th Oct	11am	Harvest Service Enmore Church	6
Friday	10 th Oct	6:30pm	Drinks by the Fire Goathurst VH	25
Saturday	11 th Oct	10am	Pop Up Café EMH	21
Saturday	11 th Oct	10am	Autumn Workday Goathurst Church	11
Monday	13 th Oct	12:30pm	Ladies Lunch Cottage Inn, Keenthorne	25
Saturday	18 th Oct	9am	Men's Breakfast Tynte Arms	19
Saturday	18 th Oct	7pm	Toriano Ensemble Spaxton Church	18
Saturday	18 th Oct	7pm	Pocket Choral Society Goathurst VH	19
Tuesday	21 st Oct	6:30pm	Cheese and Wine EMH	5
Tuesday	28 th Oct	11am	Coffee Morning Goathurst VH	11
Tuesday	28 th Oct	7:30pm	Gardening Club EMH	9
Wednesday	29 th Oct	7:30pm	Magazine Meeting Tynte Arms	5
Friday	31 st Oct	7pm	Italian Evening EMH	12
Tuesday	4 th Nov	6:30pm	Parish Council Meeting EMH	17
Saturday	15 th Nov	7:30pm	Goathurst Quiz Goathurst VH	9
Sunday	16 th Nov	9am	Litter Pick EMH	24

Village Information 18th September 2025

amendments to secretary@enmore-goathurst.org.uk

Crossword clue answer: I have not got a clue