

Enmore & Goathurst Magazine



February 2025

As I write we are still only 3 weeks into the New Year. It will be “interesting” to look back this time next year at what 2025 has delivered. Indeed, looking back at 2024, whilst many would have thought the UK would see a change of Government, how many would have foreseen a second term of ‘Trumpism’ and “MAGAness.”

Starting from a low level of expectation, let’s just hope we are all here to see it! Beyond that we have the prospect of a sky full of “Musk stuff”, peace, at a price, in Ukraine and inevitably and sadly conflict in the Middle East.

Other than that, I’m sure it will be just fine.

(Cover-Clematis Winter Beauty)

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presents



“DRINKS BY THE FIRE”

Come along to the Village Hall, Goathurst on

Friday 14 February

From 5.30 pm

Hotdogs for sale and a cash bar



BOTTLE OF BUBBLES RAFFLE!



What better way to spend a romantic evening with your partner!!

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Enmore Broadband Update January 2025

My last review mentioned my requesting under the freedom of information act various documents relating to the tender process , decision and ultimate contract eventually won by Airband . I was sent approximately half of the requested documents amounting to over 650 pages !

The good news is that the contract with Airband has been cancelled and the majority of residences in Upper Enmore are now able to connect to Openreach's high speed fibre network .

The local committee , Connecting Devon and Cornwall , are no longer involved with solving the problem of Lower Enmore , this has been taken up by central government . My guess would be another 2 or 3 years .

Other than waiting there is one other option . Central government/OFCOM and BT have set up a company called “ Universal Service Obligation “ ,USO ,reached on 08007830223 .

The scheme works as follows :-

1. Call 08007830223 and register with USO .
2. Using your details USO will give the broadband possibilities . In my case it was Airband and EE mobile . Their system was at the time unaware of the Airband cancellation .
3. I called EE who informed me that the best they could achieve was a download speed of 4Mbits/sec i.e. below my current 8Mbits/sec .
4. EE sent an email to me confirming their offering and I forwarded it to USO .
5. At this point I need to state that there is a £3400 grant available to cover installation costs . USO took a few days to inform me that I could be connected at a cost of £100k+.

There are approximately 40 residences in Lower Enmore so if 30 commit to this scheme then the grants will cover the installation costs .

If you are interested please follow the above procedure .

David Comley

Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast at The Tynte Arms
Enmore - Saturday February 15th

Meet at 9:00 Finish by 10.30am
Come and recover from that Valentine's
day meal yesterday (or maybe buy a pair

of gloves)

Contact Colin Chalmers tel: 661 217 mob:07436285347
email:c.chalmers@tiscali.co.uk by Thursday 13th before noon

NEXT LADIES LUNCH

On

MONDAY, 10th FEBRUARY 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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Enmore & Goathurst Magazine Meeting

Thursday 27th February 2025

The Tynte Arms, Enmore

7.30pm

All Welcome

Please come along and support your village magazine, we have 40 volunteers
but always need more people to lighten the load.

Printers, editors, collators, distributors, a few hours a month to a few hours
once a year!

Another Enmore Litter Pick Challenge
KEEPING ENMORE GREEN

Meet at Enmore Memorial Hall on **Sunday, 9th February, 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

Book Borrowing



Saturday 1st February 11-12 at Enmore Church.

Looking forward to welcoming you at the start of another book borrowing year.

Wide choice of titles in both fiction and non fiction also biographies and auto-biographies, plus coffee/ tea and biscuits whilst browsing.

Enmore & District Gardening Club



Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Enmore Memorial Hall

7.30pm

“Gardeners Question Time”

With a panel of people who have made horticulture their profession in Somerset and beyond!

Following a successful Gardeners Question Time in 2024 we feel there are so many more ideas to share, topics to be discussed and questions to answer!

Our first trip of the season is a return to Forde Abbey to view the Crocus that have naturalised here over the last 100 years.

This is planned for Tuesday 4th March travelling on a car share basis. If you wish to join us, please contact

jan.johnston2@btinternet.com

We are pleased to report our membership is increasing.

Yearly membership is £20 for the year to include 10 monthly meetings with a variety of speakers and group visits to gardens of interest. Monthly raffle, summer & winter parties!

For more information about the club please contact our chairman

jeniferclarke60@gmail.com

Advance Notice: Lent Lunches in Goathurst 2025

Easter is later this year and Lent falls mainly in March.

Would you be interested in attending? Would you like to help?

For very many years it has been the custom to hold weekly lunches throughout Lent at various venues in the village, from the Village Hall to private homes. (Lent this year falls from 5th March -17th April.)

These have been hosted by volunteers, often working in partnership.

The lunches consist of soup, cheese and biscuits, followed by tea and coffee and usually commence from 12.30pm until about 2pm. They provide an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy each other's company whilst sharing a simple meal. The meals are free although donations may be given in aid of church funds.

If you would like to know more, without any obligation, please contact Brenda (07790 825207) by the end of February.

Goathurst PCC.

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Fish 'n' Ships



Join us for a fish 'n chip supper on FRIDAY 7th February at 6.30pm in Goathurst Village Hall.

Hear from MRS GERRY WRIGHT telling us about her life at sea, growing up as a crew member and beyond. Gerry has written a book about her experiences and is an entertaining and engaging speaker

Tickets: £12 per person. **MUST be pre-booked.**

Car parking can be arranged.

Contact Brenda: timpetillbrenda@hotmail.co.uk or Tel 07790 825207

All proceeds to Goathurst Church, charity code 601413, Diocese of Bath & Wells

The Willis Monument: The Story of Its Restoration

A nine and a half year 'headache' for Goathurst PCC was finally relieved at the end of 2024, when the 18th century, Grade II* listed monument in the churchyard was, at last, restored!



It all began in April 2015, when a visitor to St. Edward's church (who was also a member of the St Andrew's Conservation Trust) noted the 'exceptional' monument in the churchyard and that the Corinthian column was in a 'precarious state'.

SSH Conservation began work in October 2024. During the restoration of the chest and column, the decision was made to reveal its wide slab base to restore the visual impact of the monument as it was originally intended. This delayed the final completion date until December whilst suitable reclaimed slabs were sourced.

This 18th century monument has also contributed to 21st century facilities as scrap metal and lead from within have been taken to reclamation to benefit the SAPP fund!

The total cost of the restoration project, which has been filmed by The Local Film Company, is £19,408.80 (of which we can reclaim £3,078.80 from the Memorials Grant Scheme).

Goathurst PCC is extremely grateful to the following for their support in facilitating this restoration:

Sharon and Richard Piron for enabling use of their cabin 'welfare' facilities which has enabled considerable savings on the cost.

Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund)
St Andrew's Conservation Trust, especially Dr Tim Connor

Fairfield Trust

Sally Strachey Historic Conservation

Annie Evans (architect)

Edward Strachan, Oksana, Ann and Emil, at Halswell

Mark Lidster (Diocesan Church Buildings' Advisor)

Dave Bunney

The Goathurst Art Group

Juliette Butler (Historic England, Heritage at Risk)

Antony at The Local Film Company

A special event to celebrate the restoration of this architecturally significant monument will be held in the spring of 2025.

Footnote: At the outset, as a member of the PCC nine years ago, I was not at all interested in the restoration of this monument and saw it as diverting us from more important issues, such as installing much needed toilet facilities!

However, having become a churchwarden and hearing our then new incumbent, Rev Eleanor King, being encouraged to 'maximise our assets' my attitude began to change, especially with the insistence of St Andrew's Conservation Trust that this monument was significant architecturally and worth saving. I began to appreciate both the significance and wealth of centuries of history and heritage that resides in St Edward's Church and our responsibility to preserve it for future generations.

Once we embarked on participation in the Heritage Open Days Annual Festival in 2019 and saw the tremendous response of visitors from far and wide, it dawned on me that, rather than seeing these monuments as ‘millstones’ they were in fact valuable assets and integral to our mission and outreach to the wider community. So many groups ask to visit the church to view this heritage making the need for adequate welfare facilities even greater.

As I reflect now, it seems incredible that the project was finally achieved within ten months! I have become increasingly aware of God’s timing and ‘hand’ in the restoration of the Willis monument and how important it is for us to respond to opportunities positively when they arise, rather than be daunted! Nothing is too hard or impossible if it is in keeping with God’s will and for His glory. Suddenly, ‘doors’ open, people are willing to help, and everything falls into place-it does seem like a minor miracle and the PCC can now heave a sigh of relief that it is no longer a burden, but an important part of our mission and outreach!

Brenda Smith, Churchwarden, December 2024

News from St Edward’s Church, Goathurst

Handbell Group will meet on Saturdays 1st and 15th February 2-3pm in the church.

Goathurst Coffee Morning on Tuesday 25th, 11-12 noon.

Kids @ Goathurst would publicly like to acknowledge and thank the Goathurst Charity for the generous donation at Christmas and Goathurst Village Hall for gifting the December session of Kids’ Night. We are truly grateful. Kids @ Goathurst is the umbrella term for the PCC’s outreach to children and young families within the parish. It began in 2021 under the guidance of Rev Nicki Bradford (former Curate) and caters for babies and preschoolers (with parents/grandparents) at weekly **Stay and Play** sessions

in the church on Friday mornings, and primary school aged children at the monthly **Kids' Nights** in the village hall. Both groups enjoy craft activities, games and snacks (whilst the adults enjoy the opportunity to meet and chat in a mutually supportive way). As our children have aged, we would now like to offer something for our senior school young people during this year. Whilst I was deeply touched to read the kind words expressed in the last magazine, following Rev Nicki's departure, we are now very much a team with Mandy Young (S & P) and Helen Dowling, Hollie Lockton, Kathy and Rowan Parker (KN). It is truly a blessing and a privilege to be involved with these groups.

Third Sundays: now that there will no longer be an official church service on these Sundays, Revd Eleanor has encouraged the PCC, in exploring ways to bring the church (people not building!) out into the community, more informally, encouraging fellowship through a range of opportunities to meet together. We would be delighted to hear from YOU! What can we offer to meet your needs? Rather than 'fallow Sundays', we want them to be 'Opportunity Sundays'! In fact, in might also be on other days of the week!

Brenda, on behalf of Goathurst Parochial Church Council (PCC)

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Thank you

We would like to thank everybody for their many messages of sympathy, gifts, help and so much kindness received since Gordon. (Dad) passed away

It has been a great comfort to us all to know we live in such caring communities.

Lindy, Rob and Patsy Mansfield

February 2025



As we come into February, the days are lengthening, and we are seeing lighter evenings. The snow has come and gone - hopefully! - and the days are warmer too. Maybe spring is around the corner!

If you have visited one of the churches during January you may have seen a Nativity Crib still in place and wondered if someone had forgotten to put it away! While the festivities of Christmas are concentrated around the latter part of December and early January, we recall the message of the birth of Jesus for forty days through to the beginning of February, to Candlemas on 2nd February.

At Candlemas we hear the great story of Jesus being taken as a baby to the Temple in Jerusalem by his parents and meeting with two older folk, Simeon and Anna. God had promised Simeon that he would see the Messiah before he died – and God kept that promise. Simeon recognised Jesus as the Messiah as soon as Mary and Joseph brought the baby to him, and Anna too joined the celebration. Simeon was inspired to say what we now call the Nunc Dimittis – *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace*, and which talks of Jesus coming as a light into the world. It is sung or said at Evensong today and sometimes used as the closing words at a funeral.

On this day – 2nd February - we reflect how Jesus came to be the Light of the World - to illuminate dark and difficult places and bring restoration and reconciliation; to bring hope for better times. We might think about how lit candles illuminate a darkened room.

The service in Nether Stowey will be a Christingle Service during which we will decorate an orange with fruit, a red band and a lighted candle to remind us that God so loved the world that he sent Jesus to be our light. Please do come along to the Church Centre in Nether Stowey at 11:00am and enjoy

this symbol of the Light of Christ. The service is short, suitable for the whole family, and there are sweets to be eaten!

Candlemas is also a turning point in the church's year, as we bring to an end the celebration of the birth of Christ, and we turn towards the story of Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you for all that is happening in our communities bringing hope for better times.

Revd Eleanor

ELECTORAL ROLL



Goathurst Church Electoral Roll 2025

The Church Representation Rules requires that every 6 years a completely new electoral roll should be prepared for each parish.

Every person wishing to be included on the new electoral roll (Including those on the existing roll) should sign an application form. Being on the electoral roll entitles you to vote on all church matters at the Annual Church Meeting.

Application forms will be available from the church or from Esther Meade (662328) from the 13th February and need to be completed and returned by the 13th March.

Esther Meade
Electoral Roll Officer

Local Church Services		
February 2025	St Michael and All Angels, Enmore	St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst
1st Sunday 2nd February CANDLEMAS	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Worship
2nd Sunday 9th February 4th Sunday before Lent	<i>No service at Enmore</i>	9.30am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday 16th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	4:00pm Taizé Service	<i>No service at Goathurst</i>
4th Sunday 23rd February 2nd Sunday before Lent	11:00am Morning Worship	6:30pm Holy Communion

*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 Christingle Service for Candlemas (Church Centre)	4:00pm Evensong	4:00pm Evensong for Candlemas
3.30pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00am Holy Communion (Church Centre)	9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship
11:00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am Morning Worship (Church Centre)	9.30am Holy Communion	<i>No service at Spaxton</i>
<i>No service at Aisholt</i>	11.00am Holy Communion (Church Centre)	<i>No service at Over Stowey</i>	11:00am Holy Communion

the Benefice News, Church Noticeboards and Website below

<https://quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk>

Enmore Parish Council News

www.enmoreparishcouncil.org

At the time of writing this update we are still awaiting new line painting on the main road through Enmore and the installation of flashing lights at the school (to reduce the speed limit from 30 to 20 mph when needed for safety, principally when pupils are being delivered to or collected from school). Enmore Parish Council has also approved the purchase and installation of 5 horse warning/awareness signs and 2 further wildlife signs. We hope that, once completed, these measures will improve road safety for all road users and residents.

At our January meeting the Parish Council budget for the 2025/26 financial year was discussed and the decision was taken to ask for the same amount of precept (£5,253) to fund the work of the Parish Council. However, although this is a nil increase for the Council, the Parish element of Council Tax will increase by 2.79% (because the tax base over which the precept is spread has apparently decreased since last year). We are sorry that our residents will see an increase in this item next year despite our efforts to contain costs. We will now have now had the same amount of precept for three consecutive years, which we won't be able to continue indefinitely. However, we try to run the Council without extravagance and on the basis of giving residents value for money.

The January meeting also approved the repayment of half the outstanding loan (taken out when the land for the new cemetery/Jubilee Meadow was bought). Originally the loan was to be repaid over 25 years, of which 8 years remain. The gradual repayment of the capital and the payment of interest is one of the larger regular items of Council expenditure - in future this will be half the previous amount. This repayment has largely been possible as a result of savings in the Clerk's remuneration (relative to budget and historic figures) over the last couple of years - thank you Debbie! The decision also reflects the difference between the rather higher rate of interest charged on the loan and the rate the Council earns on the money.

Councillor Amanda Hubbard has been reporting to Council on the Somerset Bus Partnership's activities and proposals. If there is sufficient demand for an Enmore bus service, your Council will lobby for this. We invite your input on what type of service would meet your needs and whether you would really use it if we had a bus service again. It appears that there is some funding available to improve services to new housing developments (many of which are near existing bus routes) but that the needs of older settlements like ours are being ignored. Other options, such as community car-sharing, might also be worth considering and this could be a fruitful topic to discuss at the Annual Village meeting in May.

Flooding has been an ongoing concern, especially when rainfall has been high, and the risks are exacerbated by blocked road drains and ditches. A special thank you to the Webber family for clearing ditches adjacent to their land, and thank you to any other residents who have been contributing to regular maintenance to improve drainage and reduce the risk of flooding of susceptible properties. Finally, a reminder that your Parish Council is here to represent and serve our local community. We welcome your suggestions and feedback.
STOP PRESS: Our new MP, Ashley Fox, has suggested a meeting with the Parish Council, possibly next month with the date still to be finalised. We plan to raise ongoing issues like road repairs, poor broadband speeds in Lower Enmore and lack of public transport. If there are other subjects you would like us to raise, please contact Debbie McIlroy (Parish Clerk).

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Thank you

A huge thankyou to all who brought Food Bank donations of non perishable foods, household and domestic goods and children's books and toys, to Goathurst Church over the weekend of 14th/15th December. The volunteers at Bridgwater Food Bank were extremely grateful for all goods given to support people at Christmas and into the New Year.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Services at Goathurst Church, held a collection for Christian Aid Gaza Appeal and Goathurst Church Funds. The combined collection was shared equally between the above and (with gift aid), raised £215.94 for the Gaza Appeal.

Goathurst P.C.C.

Many thanks

Gill M

Free to whoever wants these

Toddler trainer toilet seat, potty and step

Contact Sally Sealey

Enmore Parochial Church Council

A heartfelt thank you to Jan and John Hardwick of Cobbs Cross Farm, for their generous donation of a beautiful Christmas tree for our church. It looked absolutely fabulous, and added to the church's festive beauty. We received many wonderful compliments!

Future events to look forward to and save the date in your diaries!

Celebrating All Mothers, Past and Present

Saturday 29 March at 3.00pm



We warmly invite you to join us for this special service as we celebrate our mothers – past and present. Enmore Angels Choir will be performing, and there will be tea and cake to enjoy! It's a wonderful way to start the weekend celebrations, and we encourage you to come along and be part of this memorable

occasion.

Easter Festival Celebrations

More details will be shared in the next magazine, featuring a variety of exciting events with something for everyone to enjoy! Highlights include an Easter-themed 'Cake Bake Off,' an Easter Chocolate Tasting Competition, and much more!



Sponsored Hymn Sing

June – date to be confirmed



A calendar of events and details to follow in next month's magazine:

- ✚ Afternoon Tea at The Hall
- ✚ Family displays of living history throughout the village
- ✚ Harvest Supper
- ✚ Reflection Evening

If you would like to make any donations to St Michael's Church and All Angels Church, please see details below:

Account: St Michaels Church Enmore

Account No: 00269228 Sort code: 30-91-20 Ref: Donation

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

*A Big Thank-you to Alan Cromack - our
Printing Star from Enmore.*

Alan will be standing down this year from the highly responsible role he has held for fourteen years as senior printer in the magazine's Contents Printing Team. Fourteen years is a remarkable record of consistent support and commitment – I wonder how many sheets of magazine paper and canisters of ink have passed through his capable hands – too many for me to calculate! Whatever the magnificent total we must all applaud and appreciate the many hours of reliable, dedicated and loyal service Alan has given so willingly and generously to ensure our magazine's publication.

Alan, your positivity, cheerfulness and big smile have made working with you a pleasure and your influence will be greatly missed in the machine room.

Thankfully we will not be losing Alan and Jan quite yet as they will continue as magazine distributors in Lower Enmore until their lovely cottage is sold, they pack their bags and sadly move to Bath. John Capell from Goathurst, a past magazine editor, has kindly volunteered to step into Alan's 'big boots' and join fellow content printers Steve Gormley and Rose and Chris Wells in the next few weeks to learn the trade and follow Alan's indelible and memorable fingerprints.

Sally Tottle, Chair

ENMORE & GOATHURST MAGAZINE
URGENT APPEAL 2025

Unexpectedly the Magazine has THREE VACANCIES for EDITORS this year that urgently need to be filled by new volunteers from our community for the months of APRIL, OCTOBER and NOVEMBER.

Can you help? Can you spare us a little of your valuable time out of your busy life? Can you become the voice of your neighbours and friends in print? Can you produce a magazine that we will all want to read? Can you please answer this urgent appeal and become one of our new editors?

The editing dates that urgently need to be filled:

20th - 24th March for **APRIL**

18th - 22nd September for **OCTOBER**

23rd – 27th October for **NOVEMBER**

Full guidelines and hands-on training in computer requirements will be given beforehand by our Technical Adviser Tony Eggar, and further support will be available throughout your period of editing by our new team of ‘tech buddies’ who will troubleshoot at a moment’s notice if needed.

The magazine urgently needs your help so please don’t hesitate, please contact us as soon as possible – you’d be so welcomed!

Sally Tottle

Jan Johnston

Tony Eggar

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Local and Regional Weather Report



Weather lore as usual has an appetite for gloomy forecasts, such as “If the sun shines on Candlemas day (February 2nd) hard frost is sure to set in” also “As much ground as is covered with sun on Candlemas day, will be covered with snow before Lady day (25th March)” and “If by the 10th the snowdrops are out, More snow through the month without a doubt.”. However, on a slightly more positive note “If Candlemas-day be fair and bright, Winter will have another flight”, but “if Candlemas-day brings clouds and rain, Winter is gone and won't come again.” and “If Valentine's day (February 14th) be bright and fine, half the winter is left behind”. However “If it freezes on St. Matthias'-day (February 24th) it will freeze for a month together”. Finally “When the cat lies in the sun in February, she will creep behind the stove in March” and “If it thunders in February, it will frost in April”. But again, more hopefully, “If February give much snow, A fine summer it doth foreshow”

December was unsettled with rain and mist and mild temperatures, but very little sunshine. Storm Darragh on the 6th brought heavy rain and damaging gales. Nearly 9 days out of 10 days saw cloudy weather or rain and only 3 days out of 10 saw sunny or partly sunny weather.

Rainfall: Local 49 mm, Regional 111.3 mm = 79% of normal
Minimum temperatures: Local 6 deg, Regional 4.9 deg = +2.5 deg
Maximum Temperatures: Local 14 deg, Regional 9.4 deg = +1.6 deg

What is the weather forecast for February? Met Office says unsettled with mild temperatures and rain and strong winds, but some brighter, colder intervals with frost and fog. Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? Shepherd of Banbury says if the end of October and beginning of November are warm and rainy, (they were) then February is likely to be frosty and cold. Jet Stream forecast at the start of February shows it across the UK and low pressure with winds from the west. Probably mild, wet and windy.

Croaking February!

It's the time of year for romantic croaking. Our common frog is found in damp areas near a pond, layers of dead leaves or under stone. They lead solitary lives and don't mature until 3 years old. The frog will hibernate in muddy burrows or the bottom of a pond during the cold months usually from late October to February. So, when February arrives, the frogs are on the move!

A mature male makes its way back to the pond it came from. Once there he will start croaking at night to attract a female. The male frog has hard swellings on his front legs called nuptial pads which helps him once the female arrives to cling and ride on her back until they finish mating. The female will then lay a clump of eggs from a few hundred to 5,000 in the shallow water. Within 2 – 3 weeks the eggs hatch into tadpoles and development continues until they are small frogs. We occasionally get amphibians as casualties. Although these are cold blooded animals, they need heat to heal.



They have quite a wide diet of insects, worms, snails, slugs, spiders and occasionally small amphibians. The adults have quite a lot of predators such as stoats, weasels, polecats, badgers and otters. Cats will kill them but rarely eat them. A large number of frogs are killed on our roads by motor vehicles.

Gardens are dangerous places with spades and strimmers at work. Try and check the area before you start if possible. We will still try to help a frog or toad as long as it is an injury that once healed, means they will have full movement and continue a natural life.



The start of the fishing season in March is the time to get your fishing licence. It is so important that all discarded fishing tackle is disposed of safely. 70 -80% of all water birds are brought in to us due to fishing tackle injuries. Enjoy the wildlife around you but by making sure you don't leave any line or hooks behind, you will save lives.

Pauline Kidner December 5th 2024



Any old iron??

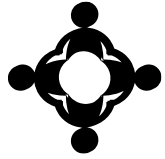
I'm gathering another collection of scrap metal waste, cabling etc for the church extension 'Spend a Penny' funds. Please let me know if you have any items, however small – it all adds up! I can collect!

Thank you!

Brenda Tel: 07790 825207



Enmore & District Women's Group – EDWG



These are the planned meetings for the year. Each monthly session has a different organiser, we are very democratic! If you would like to join in please contact me jan.johnston2@btinternet.com and I will forward.

Feb 11th - Owl Barn - Talk on meditation and manifestation

March 11th - 1.45pm - visit to HPC

April 8th - Birdwatching

May 13th - Garden visit

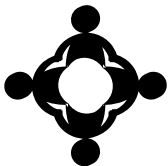
June 10th - Walk and pub

July 8th - Enmore Castle - summer party and gin tasting

Aug 12th - Owl Barn - author talk

Sept 9th - Owl Barn - singing with Nigel

Oct 14th - Owl Barn - charity talks Dementia Friends and Bridgwater Foodbank



Nov 11th - Owl Barn - Origami gift

Dec 9th - Owl Barn – Christmas party

BUSES FOR OUR VILLAGES

Before Christmas I attended an online meeting in which Somerset Bus partnership (SBP) presented their proposal for Somerset bus funding in 2025/26. Enmore and neighbouring Goathurst used to have 3 buses a week to Bridgwater, and despite opposition, there are now none, apart from an almost empty service to Bridgwater College. Enmore Road is a major commuter route between Bridgwater and Taunton via Kingston St Mary. And also it acts as an alternative route for motorists stranded on the M5, when it is closed.

I was so disappointed that the SBP Proposal appeared not to address the needs of our rural communities that I emailed Somerset Council to express my disappointment with the Proposal. SBP claim to want to create an equitable Service that meets the needs of all Somerset, but seem just to be trying to enhance existing services. I was hoping new routes would be suggested.

However, Paragraph 6 of the Proposal does mention a Bridgwater town service during Monday to Saturday daytimes from Bridgwater Railway Station running via the Town Centre to the newer development areas of Stockmoor Drive, and south to terminate at North Petherton and the new development areas there. So I suggested Enmore could be linked into such a service, as we had bus services before those new areas existed. They aren't far from the Station either.

I do feel that the whole free bus pass benefit isn't equitable, when the vulnerable and elderly in rural areas cannot use public transport. The lack of public transport can affect the mental health of rural residents and prevent their accessing medical assistance. I have even heard it suggested that Somerset Council should be looking at a 2 bus solution - rural and urban.

Now Enmore PC has directed me to ask Enmore and Goathurst residents whether they would REALLY use a bus service if one was available. And of course they can also comment on the draft proposals directly. LET ME KNOW. 01278 672742 or email amandahubbard@btinternet.com I have the details of the SBP proposal also.

ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL – NEWS AND EVENTS

It was great to hold our first Pop-up Café of the year in January - lovely to see everyone again and welcome some new faces. Holding these events has been a real boost to the village hall and we are now able to get on with the second phase of refurbishing the toilets. A new, smart double sink unit will be installed soon.

We have booked a date to get the wooden floor refurbished on March 13th/14th. Please note that the hall will be closed for a few days whilst the work is carried out. Comfier chairs are also on the horizon!

We are keeping our fingers firmly crossed that the solar panel system may now be working – too soon to know for sure, and some sunshine would help!

We would warmly welcome any casual offers of help with DIY/repairs, occasional cleaning, cake baking, ideas for events and fundraising – the list goes on!

Please do get in touch at enmorevillagehall@gmail.com.

Pop Up Café

Saturday 8th February at Enmore Memorial Hall.

10am-12noon

Quiz with Fish and Chips

Friday 7th March, 7pm at Enmore Memorial Hall

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

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10am-12noon

Traditional Yorkshire Mock Goose Pie



Both my Grannie and Mum used to make this. Of course they were from Yorkshire.

You have heard, of course, of 'Bangers 'n Mash'. This is a variation on this, you could always pretend it was a goose – Yorkshire humour dating back to war time.

Ingredients

- 450g/1lb pack of good quality pork sausages, skinned
- 450g/1lb mashed potatoes – Maris Piper or King Edward
- 1 large onion, sliced and fried in a little butter
- 110g/4oz mushrooms, sliced to fry with the onions
- Salt, freshly ground black pepper, mustard powder to season
- Knob of butter
- Dash of cold milk or double cream
- Good handful of grated Cheddar cheese

Method

1. Peel the potatoes, cut them into chunks, start the potatoes off in cold salted water and bring them to the boil, then cook for 15 minutes until fork-tender, and mash.
2. Season the potatoes with a good knob of butter, salt, black pepper, mustard powder and a dash of milk till you have the correct consistency you want, then set aside
3. Fry the sliced onions and mushrooms in a little butter till golden colour
4. Skin the sausages and squash them together before spreading over the bottom of a gratin dish or similar ovenware container
5. Place the fried onions and mushrooms on top of the sausage meat
6. Top with the seasoned potatoes, forking the top so it becomes crisp and brown
7. Sprinkle over a handful of grated Cheddar cheese on top of potatoes
8. Cook for around 60 minutes at 180c/gas mark 5 until the cheese is golden brown
9. Serve at once with some nice seasonal green vegetables and good gravy.

NB. I cook the sausage meat first in the oven, then pour off excess fat, I add sage to the onions and omit the mushrooms, then serve with baked beans and apple sauce rather than vegetables and gravy. A tasty midweek meal.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Day	Time	Event and Venue	page
1 Feb	Sat	11:00	Enmore Church	5
1 Feb	Sat	14:00	Handbell Group – St Edward’s Church	10
7 Feb	Fri	18:30	Fish’n’Ships - GVH	7
8 Feb	Sat	10:00	Pop up café - EMH	26
9 Feb	Sun	09:00	Keeping Enmore Green - EMH	5
10 Feb	Mon	12:30	Ladies Lunch – Cottage Inn	4
11 Feb	Tue	Thru year	Enmore Women’s Group – Owl Barn	24
14 Feb	Fri	17:30	Drinks by the fire-GVH	2
15 Feb	Sat	09:00	Men’s Breakfast – Tynte Arms	4
15 Feb	Sat	14:00	Handbell Group – St Edward’s	10
25 Feb	Tue	11:00	Goathurst Coffee Morning-GVH	10
25 Feb	Tue	19:30	Enmore & District Garden Club	6
27 Feb	Thu	19:30	E & G Magazine Meeting- Tynte Arms	4
5 Mar	Wed	12:30	Lent Lunches – GVH thru to 17 April	7
7 Mar	Fri	19:00	Quiz with Fish’n’Chips - EMH	26
8 Mar	Sat	10:00	Pop up café - EMH	26
29 Mar	Sat	15:00	Celebrating all Mothers – St Michael’s Church	18

Village Information as at October 2024

any suggested amendments to enmoregoathurst@hotmail.co.uk

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	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
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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.		