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The 13th of November,

(Deadline for our village's Christmas card donations)

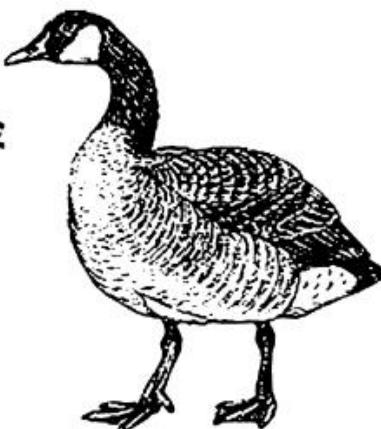
The Gunpowder treason and plot,
I know of no reason
why the Enmore & Goathurst
Christmas card charities,
Should ever be forgot!"

Gumbo faukes

Enmore & Goathurst Magazine November 2025

Christmas is a-coming,
The goose is getting fat,
Please put a penny(?) or £
In Sally Tottle's or
John Capell's hat,
see inside for details

If you hav'n't got a £.
A penny will do,
If you hav'n't got that,
Then God bless you.



Editorial

The month of November is a month of remembrance. It's the moment when we stop, stay silent and take a moment to remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country and in defence of the freedoms we enjoy today. We do this too, when we remember all of those who have shared and shaped our lives, but who are no longer with us.

Remembering the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 when Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators failed in their attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament led to the origins of our annual carnival in Bridgwater. Let's hope for dry weather for the carnival this year! Bridgwater Carnival will be held on 1st November at 6pm and North Petherton on 8th November at 7pm.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition – I hope you all enjoy reading it.

Sharon Piron

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Deadline: **Thursday 20th November @ noon**



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INVITATION TO SEND SEASONAL GREETINGS AND GOODWILL IN THE 2025 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING ENMORE & GOATHURST CHRISTMAS CARD!

Please help support St. Michael's Church, St. Edward's Church, the Enmore Memorial Hall or the Goathurst Village Hall (your choice) 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 fabric funds through your generosity. Again this year you can *giftaid* your donation if you are a taxpayer! *Look out for your donation envelope which is included in this November Magazine.*

For the suggested donation of £10 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 and past neighbours are also invited to participate.

This year should you wish to donate to either of our churches by cheque please note that cheques must be made payable to either St. Michael's Church Enmore (not Enmore Church) or to Goathurst PCC, St. Edward's Church, (not Goathurst Church) as their banks now require these payee details for acceptance.

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 and 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

EMMORE & GOATHURST MAGAZINE
NOVEMBER 2025



YOUR ENMORE & GOATHURST CHRISTMAS CARD
DONATION ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED!

*Sally Tottle (Enmore) and John & Ruth Capell (Goathurst) are
eagerly waiting to hear from you and receive your envelopes.
Please don't forget, lose your envelope, or leave it too late!*

**FINAL DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2025
EMMORE & GOATHURST CHRISTMAS CARD IS
NOON, THURSDAY, 13th NOVEMBER**

*Let us all wish each other a Very Happy
Christmas and help our churches and halls -
they need your support to keep going for us!*

PLEASE NOTE:

All UK banks are taking a much less flexible approach to accepting cheques if the payee written on the cheque does not fully match the account name. Also, they are unlikely to accept any cheques where an alteration has been made to the payee, even when signed and initialled, so a whole new cheque is needed instead of an initialled correction. If you are making your donation by ~~cheque~~, please take care to use the correct payee names as below:

St. Michael's Church Enmore
Goathurst PCC St. Edwards Church
Enmore Memorial Hall
Goathurst Village Hall

Also please write your full name, address and postcode on the donation envelope when donating with *GIFT AID* to help Church and Hall Treasurers.

Polecats – *Mustela putorius*

We have always had members of the Mustelidae family - otter, badger, stoat and weasel, coming in to us as adults and juveniles. Now we are starting to see Polecats as casualties, but it's not always easy to identify them from an escaped ferret (although their behaviour is a good indicator).

Juvenile polecat



The Polecat is starting to increase naturally from Wales after practically being exterminated by 1915 because of their fur which was valued for warm clothes and persecution by gamekeepers. *Mustela* tells you they are one of the families that rely heavily on the sense of smell as a recognition and repellent aid. *Putorius* means 'stink' and they certainly do, especially when frightened by emitting the smell from the two scent glands next to their tail!

Looking very similar to a ferret or mink, its brown fur covers most of the body, but the face has a facial mask which joins the nose. They were found all over England until persecution left just a few remaining animals in Wales. However, the success story means that they have now increased from approximately 5,000 to 46,000 in the current time. Polecats live happily in farmland, hedgerows and small woods. In the summer they will frequent rabbit burrows giving them accommodation and a supply of food. Their long slim body means they can hunt easily through the tunnels.

In the Middle Ages, polecats would be captured and trained to hunt out rabbits and birds for falconers. Even prior to this age, it is detailed that the Romans also used polecats for hunting. Polecats were very welcome by farmers as rats and mice are part of their diet and they

would control these naturally. We had a tame polecat for several years when someone raised a small kit thinking it was a mink, so had planned to keep it in captivity. It therefore became very tame. Maurice the polecat doesn't have the same ring as Maurice the mink! He was with us for several years and was cared for by Stuart, one of our volunteers.



It's mainly orphan polecats that we get in and these, like stoats and weasels, take meat when they are only three weeks old. They are two to three months before they are independent and will have turned wild, very capable of spitting and biting by then. This is why it was so unusual to have a tame polecat like Maurice. It's a success story to see these mammals increasing and living in the surroundings where they belong. Being mainly nocturnal, secretive and solitary, they are rarely seen.

Pine Martins have been seen historically in Scotland but with introduction programmes in Devon, Cumbria and now the Forest of Dean, means we will probably start to see them as they spread. The reason that they are being introduced is because they do belong in our countryside, having been made extinct in certain areas due to human persecution. However, they are also an animal that predares the grey squirrel which is another reason why they have been brought back to new areas. With a diet of nestlings and eggs, there is also a balance that needs to be seen to ensure that these introductions do not have an unwanted risk to other wildlife that frequents their territories.

Polecat kits



Two enchanting mustelids that we shall see more often.

Pauline Kidner

We did it!



First Wilder Community Award given in Somerset by Somerset Wildlife Trust. Goathurst is nearly there too! Beth and Fiona, representing the joint Enmore and Goathurst Parish's Councils' Wilder Initiative have been asked to do a presentation at SWT's Wilder Together Event in Glastonbury on Saturday 18th October. Will be encouraging others to apply for their Community Award - there are lots of communities managing improved habitat for Nature - called "Wilder" but accurately interpreted as always under management for improved symbiotic co-existence. Would be great to see a map of Somerset plotted with Awards showing where communities are acting for Nature and where the opportunity gaps are. If you haven't applied for your Wilder Garden Award here is the link:

<https://www.somersetwildlife.org/get-involved/at-home/wildlife-gardening>

The two Enmore Award signs will appear in the Village soon.

The drive for Wilder Communities is a ground swell approach, with individuals and communities taking responsibility for the "green health" of their local area.

As Sir David Attenborough says "What happens next is up to us".

Fiona Jackson

Harvest in Goathurst

Our Church of St Edward's was beautifully decorated for Harvest, on 20th September, with a variety of Autumn produce - fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Thank you so much to Hannah Roles, Denise Moyse, Shirley Hughes and to all who contributed to the decoration. Also, a big thank you to all the children for their wonderful displays on our two front church windows.

We enjoyed an interesting talk at our service by the Diocesan Rural Advisor, Rob Waldron, who runs a farm in Staple Fitzpaine, that included an informative and entertaining interview with Chris Webb, our local farmer.

The church service collection raised £190.00 for Farm Africa and the containers filled with non-perishable foods weighed 27.9kg, when taken in to the Bridgwater Food Bank.

Although we were rather disappointed with the savoury buffet foods delivered for our lunch, the selection of lovely home-made puddings were really appreciated and we enjoyed a very sociable time with family and friends from Goathurst and beyond.

Our Church produce, filling 15 or more boxes, including bunches of flowers, was raffled, raising a good amount for church funds. We also loved the veg & fruit creations made by children on display beside the boxed goods.

Many thanks to Jan and John Hardwick for allowing us to hold our Harvest Festival Lunch in their barn at Cobbs Cross, with the use of their large well-equipped kitchen and furniture. It was a welcoming and prettily decorated venue in a beautiful location.

Goathurst PCC

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Goathurst Village Coffee Morning

As usual, it will be held on the last Tuesday of the month: **25th November, from 11am-12noon in the Village Hall**. It is free of charge and open to all. Whether you have lived here for a while or have just moved in, we would love to see you.

Goathurst PCC



Next Men's Breakfast at the Tynte Arms.
Saturday November 15th.

Come and network with friends over a
good breakfast.
Start at 9am, finish by 10:30.

Peter needs to know numbers by November 13th so please
let Colin know if you'd like to come, or to be added to the
circulation list.

Email: colinchalmers399@gmail.com, Text:07436285347

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



QUIZ NIGHT

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 you can join in with others, or form another team.

**Table snacks, teas & coffees available.
Please 'bring a bottle' of your choice.**

We will hold a Raffle.

**If you'd like to enter a team, please let Gill M know by sending to:
gmodley@yahoo.co.uk
Or text: 07802222535**

Payment on the evening.



Life Lessons

It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's house. Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet" said Eeyore in a sounding glum voice.

"We just thought we'd check on you," said Piglet "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know you were ok."



Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now, I feel really rather sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time with someone who is sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around, would you now."

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house. Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling sad, or alone, or not much fun to be around at all. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all, somehow, imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better. Because Pooh and Piglet were there. No more; no less.

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Do you shop online?

Did you know that you can support our Spend A Penny Plus (kitchenette-SAPPP) fund every time that you shop online?

St Edward's Church has partnered with **easyfundraising**, allowing you to raise free donations to the cause with 8000+ retailers.

Use



easyfundraising

easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice.

It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Please would you consider signing up to this scheme? It takes only a few minutes to register and can make such a difference **at no extra cost to you** apart from one extra click when you're ordering! We have targeted this aspect of our fundraising specifically for SAPPP. The link is:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-edward-king-and-martyr-goathurst/>

The project has been moving forward slowly, but we anticipate making huge progress in the next twelve months once we can go out to tender.

Meanwhile, prior to a big appeal being launched, we are gradually accruing funds-the Old Iron collections have now topped the £800 mark! Thank you to all who have given scrap metal-the collections continue...

There are also many other ways in which you can support St Edward's Church in general and **Ways to Give Cards** are available in the church porch providing full details, please do take one.

With thanks, Goathurst PCC

The beginning of the magazine

I felt we needed to add a little to the history of the beginning of the magazine. It was indeed the brain child of Bill Ingles with Alison Bristow, both of Goathurst. They sought and found a second-hand printer in Kingston St Mary, but neither had the mechanical knowledge to either check this printer over, nor to ensure the smooth running subsequently. Then the stars started to align.

Marian and Brian Gunnell moved to the village in 1990 and Brian was a qualified engineer with an extensive mechanical knowledge. Over a dinner invitation he was persuaded to join this venture, firstly going to Kingston St Mary to check the printer, then overseeing its move to Goathurst and the start of maintaining it over several years. But, not only that, he was the sole printer, producing all the copies for distribution.

When I took over the printing he gave me guidance, and instant assistance if things went wrong. In fact, the magazine might never have got started if not for his dedication, skill and knowledge.

Marian told me that they were awarded an accolade from Somerset County Council and Sally has confirmed this and has the trophy in her keeping.

Pauline Hickox

Goathurst welcomes some new families to the village

Roger and Narrinder Wilson

Ian and Jane Davis

Maria Roberston and family

We hope you'll be very happy here!



Magazine Editor opportunity

Have you ever fancied using your creative writing talents to contribute to creating the village magazine? We're looking for a new volunteer to become the Editor for the annual November issue.



It's not too onerous! You need to be able to put the magazine together using Word and then saving it as a pdf file. If this is gobbledegook, then don't worry – enthusiasm, willingness and commitment are more important! We have people who are more than willing to help out with the technical stuff!

If you're interested and would like to know more, please contact Jan Johnston 01278 671560

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NEXT LADIES LUNCH

On
MONDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 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 for 'The Monday Club' asap**

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Local Church Services		
November 2025	St Michael and All Angels, Enmore	St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst
1st Sunday 5th November	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Worship
16th Sunday after Trinity		3:30pm All Souls' Service
2nd Sunday 12th November	10.50am Act of Remembrance	10:50am Remembrance Service
17th Sunday after Trinity		
3rd Sunday 19th November	4:00pm Taizé Service	-
18th Sunday after Trinity		
4th Sunday 26th November	11:00am Morning Worship	6:30pm Holy Communion
19th Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday		
5th Sunday	Benefice Holy Communion Service Over Stowey Church at 11:00am	

*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 Charllynch
11.00am Matins (BCP)	11.00am (CC) Morning Worship 3:30pm All Souls' Service	4:00pm Evensong	5:00pm Evensong
10:50am Remembrance Service	10:50am Remembrance service at the Cross	No Service <i>Service for Armistice Day- Tues 11th Nov at 10:50am</i>	10:50am Remembrance service
11:00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am (CC) Morning Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	-
-	11.00am (Church) Holy Communion	-	11:00am Holy Communion
Benefice Holy Communion Service Over Stowey Church at 11:00am			

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

Enmore Parochial Church Council

Enmore Harvest Supper



The Enmore Harvest Supper, held on Thursday, 26 September, was a heartwarming event, well-attended by many residents. A beautifully dressed long table, adorned with autumn-coloured garlands and mini lights, took centre stage in the hall, creating a cozy and festive atmosphere. Guests were greeted warmly upon arrival, and the evening began with Michael offering thanks, prayers, and grace.

Everyone enjoyed a traditional Ploughman's supper, followed by a delightful array of homemade desserts, generously supplied by many ladies. With so many delicious options, it was only fitting to sample each, all of which were deemed worthy of the Great British Bake Off's Show Stopper Challenge!

The night was further enriched by the performance of the Enmore Angels Choir, with many guests joining in for a sing-along. The success of the evening was made possible by the collective effort of those who helped set up the hall, brought desserts, cleaned up, and made sure everything ran smoothly.

In the end, the event raised £140 in support of St Michael's and All Angels Church. A huge 'Thank you' from us all.

Future Events

We look forward to sharing with you over the next coming issues, our exciting calendar of events, which we look forward to welcoming you.

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.

ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL – NEWS AND EVENTS

The hall committee continues to work hard to improve the facilities and fabric of the village hall. We have spent the final funds from the HPC grant on some 4-seater tables, new tablecloths, bright new mugs and wooden toilet seats. HPC have been very kind in allowing this small variation to use up the small remainder. We were hoping to give these new acquisitions their first outing at our planned Italian Evening but this event was cancelled due to poor ticket sales. We're a bit disappointed, needless to say...

On the bright side, we will hold our usual Pop-Up Café in November and December. We also plan to hold a **free, festive ‘open house’ evening** on the 19th December, for anyone who would like to join us from the village. Please bring along a plate of food to share and any particular drinks you like. We will provide mulled wine and mince pies, festive music and a bit of fun! It'll just be an informal way to meet up with friends and neighbours before the Christmas mayhem sets in.

We hope that repairs/renovations will begin very soon on the roof and we'll have new doors installed – thanks to the Lottery grant.

Finally, a plea to support Doug's amazing quiz on December 5th - a lot of work goes into making this a great, fun night so grab your friends and neighbours and make a team (see separate advert for more details). To book, call Doug on 01278 671188.

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

Future dates for your diary – all at EMH:

- **Pop-Up Café - Saturday 8th November, 10-12noon**
- **Fish ‘n’ chips Quiz – Friday 5th December, 7pm**
- **Pop-Up Café - Saturday 13th December, 10-12noon**
- **Festive gathering – Friday 19th December, 6:30pm onwards**

A plea from Doug!

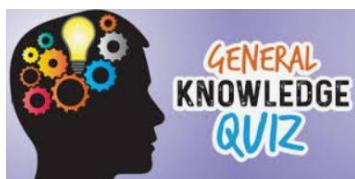
I started the Fish & Chip supper/ quiz in 2010 to raise funds for Enmore Memorial Hall and Enmore Church.

The format hasn't really changed over the last 15 years- why try to fix it if it still works?? Teams consist of 6-8 people (max) ideally. The quiz happens every 3 months. First Friday evening of March, June, September and December. The evening starts at 7pm with a few lines on bingo - the callers seem to be getting better is all I can say.



Most teams bring nibbles and drink, either beer or wine (there is no corkage fee) or whatever while this happens.

We then break for supper brought out from Admiral Blake Fish & Chip shop in Bridgwater. It says fish and chips but you can order from me what you like- pie, sausage, chicken etc and chips. It always good and enjoyed by all. To save washing up I encourage people to bring their own cutlery glasses etc and favourite sauces. The Hall has a good supply of all if you forget. We try to serve tea/ coffee to those who would like a hot drink after the meal.



Then it's the main event -12 rounds of general knowledge could be anything history, geography science, film, winds of the world (that was a bad one I'm told!). The winning team do win a prize but I suspect that's not why they take part. It is a fun evening, not too competitive but there's always one team...

So, the reason for my plea- several long-standing attendees are residents of Enmore who are moving- their teams are no more- in order for this event to continue we need more teams.

At the end of the day, it's a way of supporting the village and having a bit of a laugh. The evening finishes around 10 pm so not too late and it's only every 3 months - an excuse to get out for a while. The Hall now has comfortable chairs and new heaters so you will be comfortable and won't freeze

Our next quiz is December 5th so have a think, it's a good way to start the Festive season, meet new people, have a laugh and exercise those brain cells.

Please phone me on 01278 671188 for more details or to enter your team (and yes, we do need a team name- let your imagination run wild – the wittier the better!)

Look forward to hearing from you

Doug Coles

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Film Review

The Goathurst 'Cinema Sistas' went to see the film 'I Swear' about a young boy who developed Tourette Syndrome. It was an incredibly moving, insightful and powerful film, as we watched John struggle with the tics, both physical and verbal, and the effect they had on his life. The film is based on John Davidson's true story.



It will make you laugh, cry and experience a whole range of emotions. It's utterly compelling whilst educating the audience in a very non-preach way. It has received 5-star reviews, which we thought were very well deserved.

Thoroughly recommended.

Sharon Piron

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



OK, here we go again with another year respecting our armed forces past, present and future with the Royal British Legion appeal. I am honoured to be the local organiser and the mainstay of our street presence is a series of sales stalls at Halswell Gates in Goathurst and opposite the Tynte Arms in Enmore. The times of opening are shown in the tables below.

This year after the experiment last year we are extending the use of QR codes for contributions. OK. Until last year I didn't know what they were or how they work and still don't know what the initials mean but worry not. Each collection box has precise instructions on how to donate. Also, I am promoting attendance at the 11 o'clock service at the respective churches on 9th November. It's a short service, max 10 minutes and so kids welcome and most of the Sunday intact for family times. Even after a century this is a moving ceremony and a great unifier of our nation.

Enmore By Tynte Arms In case of info request there will be collection boxes and tins at Tynte Arms, Golf Club Clubhouse and Professional Shop.	Friday, 24 October	10.30 am - 12.30 noon
	Saturday, 25 October	10.30 am - 12.30 noon
	Friday, 31 October	10.30 am - 12.30 noon
	Saturday, 1 November	10.30 am - 12.30 noon
	Friday, 7 November	10.30 am - 12.30 noon
	Saturday, 8 November	10.30 am - 12.30 noon
 Goathurst By Halswell Gates In case of info request there will be collection boxes and tins at Halswell, village Hall, Church and at Woodlands.	Saturday, 18 October	
	Sunday 19 October	Erect signs
	Friday, 24 October	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Saturday, 25 October	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Friday, 31 October	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Saturday, 1 November	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Friday, 7 November	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Saturday, 8 November	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Sunday, 9 November	10.50 at Lychgate

*Rodney Coate, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
(Local Appeal Organiser – Enmore, Goathurst, Spaxton, Broomfield)
Woodlands, Goathurst, TA5 2DE*

Tel: 01278 662643 Mob: 07889 181345 (Preferred contact)

Email: home@rodneycoate.co.uk



GOATHURST VILLAGE HALL

Invite you to

Drinks by the Fire



Serving

Delicious

Hot Dogs

On

Friday 14 November 2025

Earlier time from

5:30 – 8.30pm

Bring the Family, friends, neighbours along

For a great social evening. 😊

35th Anniversary of the Village Magazine

We had a wonderful evening at Enmore memorial Hall on the 21st October to celebrate 35 years since the first production of the Enmore and Goathurst Village magazine. Loads of delicious cheese and wine was avidly consumed, along with celebration cake. It was amazing to see how many people are involved in the production of the monthly magazine: printers, collators, distribution folk, editors, committee members, some of whom have been loyal members since the beginning.



To mark Sally Tottle's loyal service to the magazine, she was presented with an ornamental cherry tree.



Original members from 35 years ago



A good time was had by all!

The Pocket Choral Society!

The audience in Goathurst Village Hall were royally entertained by these extremely talented performers. They introduced us to their village of Pocket, and we became acquainted with the village vicar, the landlord of the Crippled Pigeon, the local farmer, and the village shop keeper, through skilful hilarious A Capella songs.

We have had lots of positive feedback and the best thing was that EVERYONE left with a smile on their faces.

Ruth Capell

Local and Regional Weather Report

November's special days are All Hallows (1st Nov), All Souls (2nd Nov) and St Martins (11th Nov). We may get St Martins little summer if the weather is warm on the 11th November. If St Martins is fair, dry and cold, the winter will not last long. The saying is "If the wind is in the south-east at Martinmas it remains there till after Christmas" but "Wind in the north-west at Martinmas, severe winter to come". Also, if on November 1st (All Hallows) "the beech nut is dry", we shall have a hard winter, but "if the nut be wet and not light", we may expect a wet winter. The weather on November 10th (Martinmas Eve) is supposed to indicate that for rest of the winter. Finally, "flowers in bloom late in autumn indicate a bad winter" and "if there's ice in November that will bear a duck, there'll be nothing after but sludge and muck"

September weather was wet with some thunder and strong winds. Temperatures started warm but were cool by the end of the month. Nearly 9 days out of 10 saw cloudy weather or rain, but only 5 days out of 10 were sunny or had sunny intervals.

Rainfall: Local 148 mm, Regional 152.2 mm = 52% above normal

Minimum temperatures: Local 10 deg, Regional 9.6 deg = +0.2 deg

Maximum Temperatures: Local 24 deg, Regional 17.4 deg = +0.4 deg



What is the long-range forecast for November? Unsettled with showers, some heavy with strong winds, but some sunny periods in between. Possibly warmer than average. Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? If flowers continue blooming as they are at present, could mean a hard winter. The Jet Stream forecast at the start of November shows it across UK with low pressure and winds from the south west, changing to winds from the north west and high pressure. This indicates unsettled weather, with wetter, warmer weather changing to colder brighter weather.

Mike Head

Bag a Bacon Butty with a squirt of faith!

Join us for a Bacon Butty or croissant on
our 'Opportunity Sunday'



in Goathurst Village Hall



on Sunday 16th November at 10 - 11am.

Tea, coffee and squash available.

Suitable for all ages

The squirt of faith will be a short presentation by Tim Hunt (Exec Director) about the work of one of the charities we support: Kids Alive International.

Kids Alive International cares for traumatised and vulnerable children in 7 countries around the world.



There's no cost – donations if desired to church funds.

Please book if you'd like to come along, so we know how many to cater for. Vegetarian option is available.

Contact Brenda on 07790 825207 before
14th November 2025

Letter from Reverend Eleanor

Dear everyone

November seems to be the month for remembering. The leaves are shedding, the trees are nearly bare, and the joys of summer are distant but treasured memories of when the days were lighter, warmer and longer.

Remembering begins at the start of the month with the All Souls services on 2nd November at 3:30pm in Goathurst, Holford and Nether Stowey churches, during which there is a chance to remember with thankfulness those whom we love but see no more.

Later in the month, the focus shifts to Remembrance, including the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on the evening before Remembrance Sunday, 9th November. This is something I have tried to watch since I was a child watching it with my Mum and Dad. I couldn't help but reflect how it must have felt to have a poppy leaf land on your head as a soldier. Remembrance is all the more poignant at this time as the reality of war and its human cost is once again apparent. We should never forget the cost in lives of war.

Memories, and remembering, are such central parts of our personalities and character, and in many ways make up part of who we are. We remember those who have gone before us, who have shared our life journey. They are not forgotten, and each person is remembered in a different way, and God remembers all of us – each of us a child of his.

For Christians, the most significant act of remembering is when we come together to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus through sharing bread and wine. Jesus' willing sacrifice of himself on the cross for the sake of others is, for Christians, the ultimate expression of the self-giving love at the heart of God. "Do this in remembrance of me," Jesus said, as he shared bread and wine with his disciples at the Last Supper.

Gathering to remember – whether in joy, in sadness, or in reflection – continues to be important. It builds and strengthens our community, and ensures that what, or who, we are remembering isn't ever forgotten.

May God bless you in your remembering this November.

Eleanor

Enmore & District Gardening Club

No meeting in November as we like to start the party season!

Christmas Party

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Enmore Memorial Hall

Commencing 7pm

Welcome drink, fork supper, quiz, raffle and entertainment
Christmas themed fancy dress optional!

Free for club members and £10 for guests. But join the club for £20 annual membership and enjoy 9 monthly meetings with a talk or activity of gardening interest.

We also arrange outings to gardens throughout the year.

No meeting in December but we will be **Wreath making on Tuesday 9th December.**

All materials provided, make a traditional wreath or decorate a woven hazel hoop.

Book places on 07762 179659 or
jan.johnston2@btinternet.com

For more information about the club contact
jeniferclarke60@gmail.com



Book Borrowing

11 till 12, Enmore Church, November 1st.



Come and choose some books to keep you entertained during these Autumnal evenings. Wide variety to choose from plus coffee and tea. Look forward to seeing you, best wishes, Denise.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Day	Time	Event and Venue	page
24 Oct – 9 Nov	Various	Various	RBL Poppy Appeal Enmore & Goathurst	20
1 Nov	Saturday	11am	Enmore Church	26
8 Nov	Saturday	10am	Enmore Pop-Up Café, EMH	17
10 Nov	Monday	12.30pm	Ladies Lunch, Cottage Inn	13
13 Nov	Thursday	12.00	Deadline for inclusion in village Christmas card	2-3
14 Nov	Friday	5.30pm	Drinks by the Fire, Goathurst VH	21
15 Nov	Saturday	9am	Men's breakfast, Tynte Arms	8
15 Nov	Saturday	7.30pm	Quiz, Goathurst VH	9
16 Nov	Sunday	9am	Enmore Litter Pick	8
16 Nov	Sunday	10am	Bacon Butty with a Squirt of Faith, Goathurst VH	24
25 Nov	Tuesday	7pm	Enmore gardening Club Christmas Party, EMH	26
25 Nov	Tuesday	11am	Coffee morning, GVH	7
5 Dec	Friday	7pm	Enmore Quiz, Fish 'n Chips	17 & 19
9 Dec	Tuesday		Wreath Making, Enmore Gardening Club	26
13 Dec	Saturday	10am	Enmore Pop-Up Café, EMH	17
19 Dec	Friday	6.30pm	Enmore Festive Gathering	17

Village Information 18th September 2025

amendments to secretary@enmore-goathurst.org.uk

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	Goathurst	Brenda Smith	662 491
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	Web site	Enmoreparishcouncil.org.uk	
	Email	enmorepc@gmail.com	
	Jubilee	Padlock	1966
	Goathurst	Richard Kilbey	662 523
	Web site	www.goathurstparish.org.uk	
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	Goathurst	goathurstvhbookings@gmail.com	07816251950
Pub		Tynne Arms	671 351
Magazine	Chair	Jan Johnston	671 560
	Secretary	Debbie McIlroy	456 964
	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		01782959530
	Spaxton Community Shop & P.O.		671 487
	Bridgwater Store, Queenswood Rd., Durleigh		258 056
Milk delivery	Milk and More: www.milkandmore.co.uk		03456063606
Mobile library	Wednesday 11:55-12:30, every 4 weeks (Goathurst)		
Police	Call 101 to speak to Sedgemoor South Neighbourhood		
Refuse Collection and Recycling	Please refer to Somerset Waste Partnership for dates. Recycling weekly on Wednesday, black bin every three weeks. Garden waste every two weeks – different day in each village.		