



"Remember, remember!

The 12th of November,

(Deadline for our village's Christmas card donations)

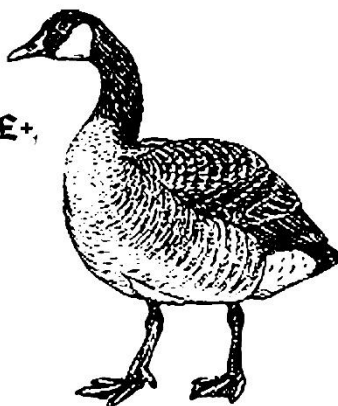
*The Gunpowder treason and plot,
I know of no reason
Why the Enmore & Goathurst
Christmas card charities,
Should ever be forgot!"*

Gmbo faukes

Enmore & Goathurst November Magazine 2026

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

**If you hav'nt got a £+
A penny will do,
If you hav'nt got that,
Then God bless you.**



From the Editor

Who remembers the long hot summer of 2026? By the time you read this, we'll already have had the first of our winter storms, the clocks have gone back and the nights are drawing in. It seems a long time ago that we were sitting in the garden, seeking shade. Let's hope the winter doesn't throw up another 'Beast from the East'!

Thank you for all the contributions to the magazine this month – a lovely variety! Apologies for having to edit some of them to fit them all in. Keep 'em coming!

We're still looking for an editor for next year's November magazine. Full training will be given! It's a chance to tap into your creative skills!

If you're interested, please contact secretary@enmore-goathurst.org.uk

Richard and Sharon Piron

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Forthcoming events

Date	Day	Time	Event and Venue	page
30th Oct – 7th Nov		10.00	RBL Poppy Appeal stalls, Enmore and Goathurst	12
3 rd Nov	Tuesday	6.30	Enmore Parish Council meeting, EMH	3
7 th Nov	Saturday	11 - 12	Book Borrowing, Enmore church	25
8 th Nov	Sunday	10.50	Enmore church Remembrance Service	26
8 th Nov	Sunday	10.50	Goathurst Church Lych Gate Remembrance ceremony	12
9 th Nov	Monday	12.30	Ladies lunch, Cottage Inn, Keenthorne	11
10 th Nov	Tuesday	7.30pm	EDWG Christmas Crafts	11
12 th Nov	Thursday	Noon	Deadline for CC donation envelope	6 & 7
13 th Nov	Friday	9.30-12.30	Crowcombe Village Hall Christmas fair	13
13 th Nov	Friday	5.30-8.30pm	Drinks by the Fire, GVH	11
14 th Nov	Saturday	10-12	Pop Up café, EMH	25
14 th Nov	Saturday	6.45pm	North Petherton Carnival	
15 th Nov	Sunday	10	Bacon Butty with a Squirt of Faith-Goathurst VH	9
21 st Nov	Saturday	7.30	Goathurst quiz	5
21 st Nov	Saturday	9 – 10.30	Men's breakfast, Tynte Arms	22
24 th Nov	Tuesday	11-12	Coffee morning, GVH	9
24 th Nov	Tuesday	7pm	Enmore Gardening Club Christmas Pary	24
29 th Nov	Sunday	9 -10.30	Enmore litter pick	13
29 th Nov	Sunday		Goathurst Posada sets off	5
4 th Dec	Friday	7pm	Doug's Quiz 'n chips, EMH	23
8 th Dec	Tuesday	6.30pm	Christmas Wreath Making	17
12 th Dec	Saturday	10-12	Christmas pop up café, EMH	19
22 nd Dec	Tuesday	6.30pm	Enmore Carol Service	26

A well served MacMillan Coffee Morning



September 29th held a **very special coffee morning**.

This raised nearly £230 (including Gift Aid) for MacMillan Cancer Support.

However, for those attending there was a special treat. Pupil Chaplains from Enmore School -Everleigh, Tom, Lottie, Toby, Annabel and Eliza (*the above is not a photo!!*) -were on hand

to help. They set up, met and greeted, served, socialised and cleared away afterwards. |

We, **very fortunate**, attendees were greatly impressed by the six of them. Their friendly politeness and care and attention to us – mostly oldies – was exemplary. The discussions we had showed such maturity. A credit to Enmore School and with much **thanks from us all** and to the organisers.

ENMORE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Enmore Parish Council will be on

Tuesday 3rd November, starting at 6.30pm.

Meetings are held in Enmore Memorial Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. The agenda and other papers will be available on the Parish Council website, www.enmoreparishcouncil.org.uk, a few days before the meeting.

In memoriam

In my head it's a bit like saying goodbye to an old pair of slippers. You've been telling yourself they're OK for the last couple of years while in reality, they've become a bit of a pain. The insoles have lost all their bounce and are now flat and gritty. They're a bit smelly and the dog has chewed them a few times. They no longer fit snugly around your feet. No, the fact is they're not very comfortable. They're not OK at all. But when they've gone, you still miss them. For a bit, anyway.

I think I feel the same about the road 'works' opposite the entrance to Durleigh reservoir. I use the word 'works' loosely as I can't actually recall seeing anybody doing anything that might constitute work there. No, for the last eighteen months or so there've just been the barriers and cones, cordoning off - well what exactly? I've not stopped to have a look, but I've assumed it's something to do with the drains.

I used to tell myself it was OK having to wait before being forced onto the other side of the road, barely able to see if anything was coming down the hill just around the bend. It was a marker that I was nearly home. It was oddly comforting. But in reality, this old friend had become a bit of a pain, especially when traffic was backing up after yet another motorway snarl-up. And it wasn't just having to pull out around the obstacle. There was also the game of chicken when heading into town; will those coming out see you and actually stop to give way?

So, I have no idea what's been going on down there, but today (28th September) the barriers and the cones have gone! Hurrah! And will I miss them? Probably. For a bit, anyway.



Goathurst Posada

Could you offer hospitality for the night to two people and a donkey? They'll be no trouble, quiet and will look after themselves. They just need to be loved and have a roof over their heads. If you could help, please read on...

What is a posada?

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph and travelled from house to house telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve, they would visit the local church to reenact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

A modern-day Posada in this country uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph (and a donkey!) who travel from place to place within the village. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home, or simply to quietly reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

Would you like to host Mary and Joseph for a night?

If you would, please let Rachel Temple know (contact details below) and she will add you to the Posada Rota. Please also let her know any dates you are unavailable to host so she can allocate days accordingly.

The Posada will be delivered to you by the previous 'host' (usually in the evening). You will then need to take Mary, Joseph and the donkey to the next host on the Posada Rota the following evening.

The figures will be sent out on Sunday 29th November and will return to Goathurst Church on Christmas Eve.

If you live in Goathurst and would like to be added to the Posada Rota contact Rachel Temple on 07540139272.

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Goathurst Quiz

Tony and Vanessa Milroy have kindly agreed to be Quiz masters at Goathurst Quiz in aid of our Church Funds

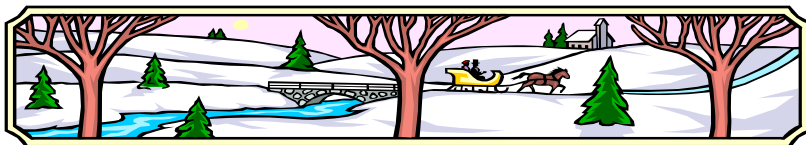
The Quiz will be held on **Saturday 21st November, 7.30pm**, in the Village Hall, (please note the change of date)

Teams of 4 @ £16.00 per team. Payment on the door.



Please email gmodley@yahoo.co.uk. Booking is essential due to a limit on numbers. Please bring a drink of your choice. Table snacks provided.

Tea and coffee available. We look forward to seeing you. *Goathurst P. C. C.*



**INVITATION TO SEND SEASONAL GREETINGS AND
GOODWILL IN THE 2026 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 £3,580.00 (£4,130.00 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 2026 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 by bank transfer (BACS) please reference your bank transfer with 'CC' together with your name BUT please note you will still have to fully complete the enclosed donation envelope and deliver it to either Sally Tottle or John and Ruth Capell by the deadline for your details to be included in the 2026 Enmore & Goathurst Christmas Card.

For inclusion, please deliver your envelopes to **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 by the important Magazine deadline of:

THURSDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 2026

ENMORE & GOATHURST MAGAZINE

NOVEMBER 2026



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!*

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**FINAL DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2026
ENMORE & GOATHURST CHRISTMAS CARD IS
NOON, THURSDAY, 12th 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:

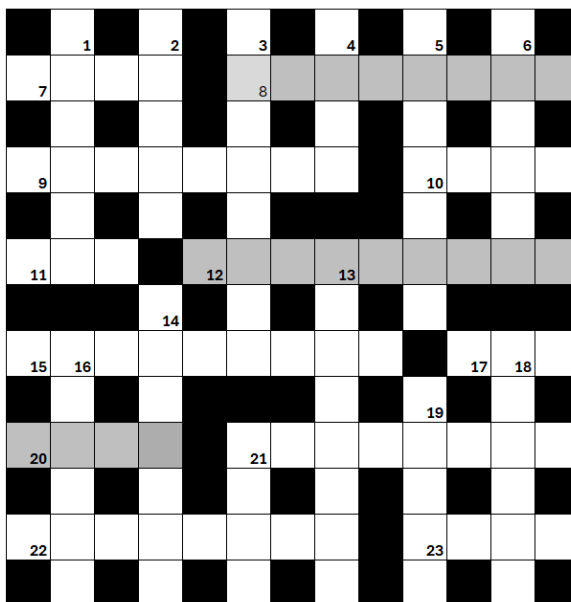
If you chose to donate using the new option of a bank transfer (BACS) please reference with 'CC' and name on your bank transfer. If using cheques please take care to use the correct payee name.

Full details of our Churches and Halls correct banking names, Sort Codes, and account numbers are listed on your enclosed donation envelope.

If you are a taxpayer please consider signing the *Gift Aid* Declaration as this would increase your donation by 25% at no cost to yourself. This sum can be claimed by our churches and halls from HMRC and give your beneficiaries an extra Christmas present!

November Cryptic Crossword

Unclued 20, 8 and 12 across refer to a monthly event in Enmore.



Across

- 7: This animal might source ointment in Gilead (4)
 9: Perhaps get used to carbon in a habit (8)
 10: Reverse out for a moment (4)
 11: Sum up in a bad dog (3)
 15: Sad condition may lead to cliff date (9)
 17: Success at the end in a place (3)
 21: An orange ruler - not east (8)
 22: Decide to play in reggae (8)
 23: Isle in national beauty spot (4)

Down

- 1: What one novelist did to the music of time (6)
 2: Nearly a fight (5)
 3: At Haswell, a change of ice store might be specialised. (8)
 4: Who would have thought a male cat could be so small? (4)
 5: Enjoy in keeping rat if you like (7)
 6: August 1st a day to use your loaf. (6)
 13: He didn't get roasted for disobeying orders. (8)
 14: Nuisance or a saint? (7)
 16: Loud sounds on a shelf show feathers. (6)
 18: Showing success at summits needs air in the central nervous system (6)
 19: Confused seekers head north to find a French lad. (5)
 21: A key area of the ocean? (4)

Solutions on page 25



News from St Edward's Church, Goathurst

'Belonging before believing'

SAPP Project: we are delighted to report that we have received planning permission from the Local Authority for the extension to house toilet and kitchenette facilities on the north side of the church. Our architect is now preparing the schedule of works and details, following which the invitations to tender will be sent out. Tenders should be received before Christmas. Then the full faculty application can be sent to the Diocese and we anticipate the tender decision being made early in the New Year. You will all be invited to an official launch, with the opportunity to see the final plan, at the end of February and the fundraising will commence in earnest!

Meanwhile, please keep saving your pennies and loose change as our youngest 'kids' still enjoy their weekly treasure hunt and posting the coins in the coin drop box. Also, the metal reclamation continues, having raised over £1,330 to date! (Brenda is happy to receive any coins and dispose of donated metal, cabling is a particularly good earner!)

Monthly Coffee Morning at the village hall on Tuesday 24th November from 11am-12 noon, it's free, all are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.
Goathurst PCC

Nasty Churches - Victorian Church Restorations by D Bunney

There are few churches in Somerset that did not suffer from some degree of Victorian restoration. Many church lovers deplore their work in sweeping away centuries of history – others, notably the late Sir John Betjeman, are great fans of their architecture and decoration. The following comments, taken from a survey of Somerset churches carried out at the end of the eighteenth century, go far to explain why such restorations became necessary.

Treborough – “The walls of the chancel very damp and covered with green moss much fitter for a stable than a place of worship”.

Seaborough – “The communion table very ancient and almost devoured by worms”.

Stowell – “The floor bad and kept in so nasty a manner that not only green moss but weeds of different kinds grow under the walls. The boards under the seats are crumbling to dust and a plentiful crop of fungi are sprouting up there”.

Podimore Milton and Upton and others – “The communion table is fit only for the fire”.

Northover – “The communion table, very old and dislocated, being in value 2d”.

Englishcombe – “The church is a damp one, and kept in very indecent dirty condition. The boards at the bottom are mostly rotten and crumbling to powder. Heaps of dirt are swept up and left in the corners, and the passage up the aisle scarcely safe to walk in”.

Wheathill – “Within one of the seats, an elm shrub with numerous branches is grown up from between the stones in the pavement, 2 ft high. It has stood there some years and consists of more than thirty stems”.

Burnham – “The whole church a dirty condition. The south aisle is made a repository for brick, mortar, lime, boards and other materials”.

Creech St Michael – “The floor of this church is a motley mixture of large and small stones, rough stone, long and square bricks and but dirtily kept. The chancel is damp being green and the plaster falling down daily. The north aisle is quite neglected and full of rubbish”.

Lympsham – “This tower leans so much to the west as to be 2ft 3ins out of the perpendicular”.

Sparkford – “The walls are exceedingly damp and covered with black and green jelly moss”.

Cloford – “The chancel is very damp and the walls are covered with moss 3ft high”.

Whatley – “The church is so damp that the boards in many pews are crumbling to powder and the walls are covered with green and yellow fungi”.

Abbas Combe – “The side walls are bulged out at the top by the weight of the roof so as to be a full foot out of the perpendicular”.

Queen Charlton – “The two side aisles, being in a ruinous state, are made no use of”.



“Bonfire Night Special”

At

“DRINKS BY THE FIRE with MARSHMALLOWS & PIZZAS”

Friday 13th November 2026 5.30 – 8.30 pm

In Goathurst Village Hall

No need to bring cash – we encourage payment by card and phone

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NEXT LADIES LUNCH

On

MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2026, 12.30pm

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

£17.00 for two courses

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

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Enmore & District Women’s Group

Christmas crafty evening at The Owl Barn.



November 10th. 7.30pm



Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal

As you, dear reader, view this page in our valued magazine the Royal British Legion annual Poppy Appeal will be well under way. As cash is becoming less used in our community it is increasingly difficult to meet our budgets so ask that the use of the QR codes is encouraged especially to the younger residents who will not have suffered the horror and the aftermath of war. Also, we cannot predict the near future with wars already across the Middle East and now over 4 years in Ukraine. Finland and Poland are increasing recruitment of forces and military build-up like “most !!” other NATO countries.

As usual for the last five years we will have sales stalls in Goathurst and Enmore on four days as follows:

In Goathurst at the bottom of the Halswell drive and at Enmore at the Tynte Arms car park

Friday 30th October

Saturday 31st October

Friday 6th November

Saturday 7th November



All sessions will be for two hours from 10.00 am at Goathurst and 10.30am at Enmore. There will be sundry merchandise at both venues including things for children.

Sunday 8th November there will as ever be the Lych gate ceremony at 1050 am at the church entrance which we are again asking as many villagers as possible to support as it is always quite moving and especially if there is a good turnout in the following church service. If you don't manage the stalls there are collection boxes in both of our Churches, and both of our Village Halls as well as Halswell Houser, Tynte Arms, Golf Clubhouse and Golf Pro shop accessible to non-members and player.

Thanks to all in advance

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



**Please put in your diary - Enmore Litter Pick
KEEPING ENMORE GREEN**

Meet at Enmore Memorial Hall on **Sunday, 29th November, 2026**

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, quick work and it's quite fun too!

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

Local Church Services		
November 2026	St Michael and All Angels, Enmore	St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst
<i>1st Sunday</i> 1st November All Saints and All Souls	11:00am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Worship All Souls Service at 3:30pm
<i>2nd Sunday</i> 8th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	10:50am Remembrance Sunday Service	10:50am Remembrance Sunday Service
<i>3rd Sunday</i> 15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	4:00pm Taizé Service	-
<i>4th Sunday</i> 22nd November Christ the King	11:00am Morning Worship	6:30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>5th Sunday</i> 29th November ADVENT SUNDAY	9:30am – Holy Communion BCP – said service at Over Stowey Church	

*For other Benefice services and mid-week Celtic Morning Prayer see

Other Local Services in the wider Benefice			
Aisholt	Nether Stowey	Over Stowey	Spaxton with Charlynch
11.00am Patronal Matins (BCP)	11.00am (CC) Morning Worship All Souls at 3:30pm	4:00pm Evensong (BCP)	5:00pm Evensong (BCP)
10:50am Remembrance Sunday Service	10.50am Remembrance Sunday Service at The Cross	- <i>10.50am Wed 11th Armistice Day service</i>	10:50am Remembrance Sunday Service
11:00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am (CC) Morning Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	-
-	11:00am Holy Communion in Church	-	11:00am Holy Communion SC
10:30am Benefice Service in Nether Stowey Church Centre			

the Benefice News, Church Noticeboards and Website below

<https://quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk>

My Time as a World War II Evacuee

LONDON 1st September 1939. The previous day, I celebrated my 9th birthday. This morning, with my sister and brother and the rest of our school, I was evacuated, destination unknown, for our safety during the oncoming war. Gasmasks in cardboard carriers across our shoulders, large name-tags attached to our persons, carrying packed lunches and small cardboard suitcases, we said our farewells and boarded coaches which drove us to the railway station.



We entered the train and immediately ate our packed lunches! We were all very excited and not at all tearful; it was an ADVENTURE! After a few hours we noticed the sea in the distance; we were going to the seaside! Indeed we were – Folkestone –

about 21 miles across the English Channel from France. We disembarked, were found to be all present and correct and were coerced into a ‘crocodile’. We walked through the town, being offered bags of sweets by several adults on the way (which our mothers had warned us not to accept, but of course we did!) to a large room in an imposing building.

My siblings and I and another brother and sister were chosen to be billeted with a Mrs Crabbe (quite apt really!) in a very large flat in Kingsnorth Gardens. We had never seen such a beautiful home and here we were introduced to Kennedy, the live-in helper, who always wore a green baize apron; a very kindly man. Mrs Crabbe was rather posh and liked sherry. Her son, Basil, an Army major, sat on our beds and sang ‘Run Rabbit, Run’ which made us laugh.

Mrs Crabbe got fed up with these noisy children in her perfect home, so we were billeted elsewhere. Here, we were given bread and jam for dinner every day! Welfare workers came and took us all away and we were placed in another home, which I liked. It was then decided that we were in a dangerous place (being so near to France), so we were all moved again.

I ended up in Hinton St George, a tiny village in Somerset. I absolutely loved the countryside, the farms and the cows, and have since been back to visit many times. The family consisted of Aunt Hilda, Uncle Joe (who had been gassed in World War I and who had once played cricket for Somerset) and their daughter Mavis, who was a telephonist for the Air Ministry.

Aunt Hilda had a heart condition, so I became the family “maid” and had quite a lot of housework to do. We lived exactly opposite the village school and one day I had to nip out in the morning playtime and clean the stairs. I hadn’t finished when the bell went for return to class, but was told to complete the job first. The headmaster asked me why I was late and I had to tell him. He was annoyed and had words with Aunt – it never happened again. I could enjoy my playtime with my friends.

I fell in love with rural life and would have loved to live in that little village. However, my mother requested that exam papers were sent from London for me to take. I passed the scholarship and returned home to attend the High School (which was closed much of the time due to air raids). Lots of things happened afterwards, including an incendiary bomb in our back garden, V1s and V2s (guided flying bombs/doodlebugs).....but that’s another story!

Doris

Footnote: Doris died on 4th February 2026 and her ashes have been interred in the churchyard at Hinton St George

MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH

LITTLE CLAYHILL FARM, CHARLYNCH LANE. TA5 2PH

(IN FARM SHOP)



Tuesday 8th December at 6.30pm,
£40 per person, to include all materials



A welcoming glass of Fizz; mince pies & nibbles,

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, PLACES LIMITED

Contact: littleclayhillfarm.co.uk. Or call: 01278 574278

Quote farm activities/wreath making.

Thank you, Goathurst, for your 'Open Days'

As a fan of Heritage Open Weekends, I arranged to visit Bath this September and explore a bit of Somerset. I was delighted to find Goathurst on the list of events, as I had ancestors there. Arriving at Halswell House at lunchtime, I noticed there were refreshments at the church. There I found a welcoming group of volunteers with a spread of sandwiches, drinks and other home-made delicacies, made all the more pleasant with chats about the church and about us.



I was impressed to find the array of arms around the walls of the church. There above the food table was the shield denoting Buncombe and Paulet. Edward Paulet (1590-1635) of Goathurst Manor had five surviving daughters by his two wives Dorthy Worth and Elizabeth Popham. After the eldest died unmarried, his estate was divided among her four sisters. Mary (eldest daughter of Edward

and Elizabeth) married c.1650 John Buncombe; she later inherited her (full) sister Catherine's portion, and her estate passed to her second son Edward, as his elder brother John had died without issue.

Edward Buncombe (1661-1712) had already gone to sea when he was apprenticed to a Bristol sailor in 1678, and soon settled as a plantation owner in Montserrat in the Leeward Islands of the West Indies. Several of his descendants continued as slave owners in the West Indies and America, but his eldest son John came to Goathurst after his marriage in Montserrat to 'Madam Mary Hodges' (possibly a widow, née Parsons) and, like his forebear, had five daughters and no sons. Four daughters survived and John sold his Goathurst estate in 1753, no doubt to provide for their families. I cannot say I am proud of my heritage, and I'm not sure that the Paulets were much better, but we cannot choose our ancestors and my discoveries of this line certainly chime with the current debates on the legacies of slavery.

In addition to seeing the village, I thoroughly enjoyed an excellent guided tour of Halswell House. I wish every success to the renovation, and also to the project to install toilets at the church.

Melanie Winterbotham

ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL – NEWS AND EVENTS

Our October café was a great success – thank you to everyone who supported it.

Those of you who regularly pass the hall will have noticed that we've had all the gutters, soffits and downpipes replaced, using up the last of our lottery grant. This work was long overdue and should further weather proof the hall into the future. Thanks to Kensington Windows who battled through bad weather and worked around pre-booked classes with grace. We think it looks very smart!

We've recently applied for another grant to upgrade our AV equipment and install a hearing loop so fingers crossed for that.

As usual though, it's one step forward and another back. We've discovered that the main wooden floor needs extra supporting joists at the edges of the hall where they are beginning to rot. We have attended to some of the more urgent repairs but our funds don't stretch far enough to do it all at the moment.

We are looking for someone to audit our yearly accounts, to begin in the New Year. It's really not an onerous task and actually quite a nice job to do once a year. If anyone would like to volunteer, we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

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 14th November, 10-12noon**
- **Doug's Quiz with Fish n Chips – Friday 4th December, 7pm**
- **Christmas Pop-Up Café – Saturday 12th December, 10-12noon**

WILDER NEWS

In October a few of us attended the Somerset *Wilder Together* annual symposium. This showcased how much is being done by individual parishes and towns to improve habitats for both wildlife and residents, and tackle the degradation that our environment has been suffering at an increased rate over the last few decades. Broomfield Parish Councillors Tina Searle and Alicia Aras made a presentation that went down very well and fitted in with the huge variety of speakers who combined to make it a memorable and inspiring day. Broomfield are following in the steps of Enmore and Goathurst by making wildlife a part of the Parish's remit. The movement has made progress following E & G's success in gaining village awards from Somerset Wildlife Trust (SWT). Here is a photo of the stand boards that we put up at the event which has been modified from the original Enmore and Goathurst boards, then Spaxton and recently for Broomfield and Bishops Lydeard. They have all joined in to spread the wildlife corridors across the boundaries.



At the symposium Tina showed the video, prepared by their clerk, Clare, that she gave at Broomfield Village Hall earlier this year, setting out a list of focus areas for the Parish to tackle. The picture below is from the left hand board

WILDER BROOMFIELD - FOCUS AREAS

Churchyard Wilding

- Biodiversity enhancements
- Community involvement
- Seasonal nature activities and habitat creation



Working with Local Children

- Involve local children in designing a garden area in the village field
- Encourage local children to become wildlife spotters



Community Green Spaces

- Meadow creation
- Orchard and tree planting
- Natural seating, village signage and community event areas



Hedges and Verges

- Partnering with local landowners
- Hedge surveys and improvements
- Grant applications for hedgerow restoration



Resident's Gardens

- Wildlife-friendly gardening
- Workshops and community challenges
- Celebrating local biodiversity efforts



Other Green Activities

- Litter picks
- Traffic calming to protect wildlife
- Habitat creation and tree planting



Key Action Drivers

- Communication
- Funding
- Stakeholder engagement
- Community ownership
- Working towards SWT community recognition

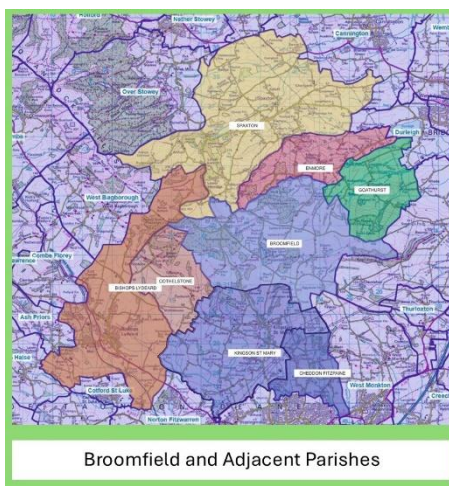
and illustrates the Focus Areas. This meeting came hot on the heels of a previous meeting at the end of September in *Spaxton* where they are starting a wilder initiative in order to engage with their *Act To Adapt (ATA)* initiative which SWT selected them to participate in. The fundamental ATA idea is to take action on climate adaptation by supporting the local community and wildlife, and increase wellbeing. Enmore's Fiona Jackson with Goathurst's Beth Riches and Broomfield's Tina Searle presented to this meeting how Enmore and Goathurst had developed and evolved a

strategy to tackle our environment which we entitled *Wilder Enmore and Goathurst* to align with the Somerset Wilder Initiative.

The picture alongside shows the proximity of the neighbouring parishes which are starting to work together to help wildlife move through connected corridors.

Tony Eggar

Tip – view the web version in colour!



Men's Breakfast at the Tynte Arms

Saturday November 21st, 9am to 10.30am



Planning to come?

Contact

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or text: 07436 285347

By **THURSDAY 19th November**

Clergy letter

Dear Friends

As we arrive in this new month, our minds might be thinking that Christmas isn't far away, and if we are in any doubt the shops remind us!

November is a busy month for the Church, with our All Souls services in Nether Stowey, Goathurst and Kilve all at 3:30pm on Sunday 1st November. This is followed by Remembrance Sunday on the 8th and Armistice Day on the 11th when we remember the fallen in the wars along with those who sustained injuries. Then at the end of the month we arrive at Advent Sunday, the first of the four Sundays of preparation for Christmas.

It's busy! In the midst of the busy-ness, we should find time for God and recall what Christmas is all about. The darker evenings might give us a little more time for prayer and study. Please remember the Deanery Moment of Prayer - 8pm on Thursdays.

We might wonder how God finds time for each one of us and all our prayers. Our prayers aren't met with the response – 'God is away from his desk – please call back later', rather God always has time for us. God is far beyond our human understanding and is able to do far more than we can ever imagine - he has time. He might not answer prayers as we would like him to – but he does hear and he does answer!

So in the busy-ness of the season, please remember that God listens to our prayers. Every Blessing. Reverend Eleanor.

Doug's Famous Fish 'n' Chips Quiz

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



**To book, call Doug on 01278 671188
£12pp, tables up to 8 people
Bring your own drinks and snacks**

Some sad news

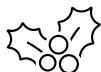
Noel Whalley of 2 The Old Rectory, Enmore, passed away last Sunday 11th October aged 90. Noel ran the advertising for the Enmore village magazine for several years. As many people in Enmore will know, he was a charming and generous man with a real love of life, people and dogs. He will be sorely missed by his many friends and family.



Our sincere condolences to Noel's family from all involved in the production of the village magazine.

ENMORE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER @ 7.00PM IN ENMORE HALL



WE LIKE TO GET THE PARTY SEASON STARTED!



PLEASE WEAR A FESTIVE JUMPER AND MATCHING HAT

A welcoming drink of mulled wine followed by supper

Please BYO drinks for the meal

FESTIVE GARDENING QUIZ AND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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

Booking essential

ian.johnston2@btinternet.com

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER & JANUARY as we allow you to relax by the fire!

At this time we like to express our thanks to Enmore Memorial Hall Committee for providing a welcoming venue, always clean & well equipped. And especially decorated for Christmas in time for our party!

If you wish to give a gift of Gardening Club membership at Christmas please contact jenniferclarke60@gmail.com

MENSA – an organisation whose members have an IQ of 140 or higher:

A few years ago there was a Mensa convention in San Francisco and several members lunches at a local café. While dining, they discovered that their saltshaker contained pepper and their peppershaker was full of salt. How could they swap the contents of the bottles without spilling and using only the implements at hand? This was clearly a job for Mensa! The group debated and presented ideas and finally came up with a solution involving a napkin, a straw and an empty saucer. They called the waitress over to dazzle her with their solution.



“Ma’am” they said. “We couldn’t help but notice that the pepper shaker contains salt and the saltshaker has pepper in it”

“Oh” the waitress interrupted. “Sorry about that”. She unscrewed the caps of both bottles and switched them.....

Enmore Memorial Hall

Pop Up Café

Saturday 14th November 2026



10:00am – 12:00pm

Bacon, Sausage or Veggie Baps.
Tea, Coffee and Homemade Cakes

Take-away boxes available!



Crossword Solutions (page 8)

Across

7: Lamb, 8: Saturday, 9: Accustom, 10: Time, 11: Add, 12: Breakfast
15: Afflicted, 17: Ace, 20: Mens, 21: Mandarin, 22: Agreeing, 23: Iona

Down

1: Danced, 2: About, 3: Esoteric, 4: Atom, 5: Gratify, 6: Lammas,
13: Abednego, 14: Blessed, 16: Fledge, 18: Cairns, 19: Gamin, 21: Main

Book Borrowing:

Saturday 7th November

11am – 12 noon, Enmore Church

St Michael and All Angels Church, Enmore

Harvest Thanks, Remembrance and Christmas Preparations

A huge **thank you** to all who supported the **Harvest Festival weekend**. Thank you to everyone who attended the **Harvest Supper** and helped with setting up the hall, dressing the tables so beautifully, providing such a wonderful selection of homemade desserts, and staying to clear and wash up; your efforts were truly appreciated. It was a lovely evening celebrating and giving thanks for our land, our farmers, and the harvest.

Our thanks also extend to all who joined the **churchyard tidy-up**. Around twenty volunteers came together, and many hands certainly made light work. The Burge family kindly provided a large trailer to remove the debris, and the whole morning had a wonderful sense of shared purpose. A heartfelt thank you is offered on behalf of **The Rector, the Churchwarden, and the PCC**.

It was also wonderful to see so many attend the **Harvest Service**, with the church looking an absolute delight. The harvest decorations and flower displays created a warm and joyful atmosphere, perfectly capturing the spirit of the season.

Save the Dates – Events for All the Family

Remembrance Service – Sunday 8th November at 10.50am

As November arrives, we turn our thoughts to remembrance. We will gather for a short service to honour, reflect, and remember.

Village Carol Service – Tuesday 22nd December at 6.30pm

Looking ahead, preparations for Christmas are beginning. All are warmly invited to join this much-loved festive celebration, complete with **mince pies and mulled wine**. A wonderful evening celebrating together the Christmas season.

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

Sincere thanks from us all, Enmore Church PCC members

Donations can be made by cheque made out to St Michael's Church Enmore, delivered to the Treasurer Petra Ingram, at Parklands, Church Lane, or via BACS payment to Account: 00269228, Sort Code: 30-91-20, Ref: Urgent appeal. If you have any questions, please call Petra on 07745 454047 or speak to any member of the PCC.

Local and Regional Weather Report

Here are a few folklore predictions for the winter:

- Rabbits unusually fat in late October and November indicates a harsh winter.
- If Onion's skin very thin, Mild winter coming in; Onion's skin thick and tough, coming winter cold and rough.
- If leaves fall early from the trees, winter will be mild, but leaves that cling to the trees later than usual predict a harsher winter.
- The brighter the colours of the autumn leaves, the colder and snowier the winter will be.
- If the ground is covered by acorns in the fall, the ground will be covered by snow in the winter.
- A ring around the sun or moon means rain or snow is coming soon."
- If the rooster moults before the hen, we'll have winter thick and thin. If the hen moults before the cock, we'll have winter hard as a rock."
- Mushrooms galore, much snow in store. No mushrooms at all, no snow will fall.
- If October 9th is a sunny day, the following winter will be cold and snowy.

September was a very dry month with a lot of sunny weather and temperatures consistently above average. Nearly 6 days out of 10 saw cloudy weather or rain, but more than 8 days out of 10 were sunny or had sunny intervals.

Rainfall: Local 23 mm, Regional 80 mm = 80% of normal

Minimum temperatures: Local 9 deg, Regional 11.7 deg = +2.4 deg

Maximum Temperatures: Local 26 deg, Regional 19.5 deg = +2.6 deg

What is the long-range forecast for November? Unsettled with westerly winds and periods of wet and windy weather. Possibly warmer than average with some drier intervals. Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? October 9th was a cloudy day, so no snow this 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 northwest. This indicates unsettled weather, windy with wetter, warmer weather changing to colder, possibly brighter weather.

Mike Head

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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.		