

Enmore & Goathurst Magazine



Spring has sprung, the grass is riz,
I wonder where the birdies is?
They say the birdies on the wing,



But that's absurd,
I always thought the wing was
on the bird! Anon



March 2026

Well, I was beginning to despair- the snowdrops were out, the daffodils are up along the Enmore Road and even the primroses are making an appearance. With everything up and running in nature, grass is being cut – (I keep looking at mine hopefully this week?) blue sky was in very short supply! When the sun briefly appeared there was a warmth and the days are definitely longer. So, fingers crossed we have turned the corner- (although Mike’s report might tell us different.)

As a side note the Peregrine falcons are back at St Mary Magdalene in Taunton. They haven’t start nesting yet but they have staked their claim on a prime location. Even the guide inside said that they were early. What do they know we don’t? Pop in the church when you are in Taunton- and the roads are passable- the cameras are working and they are magnificent birds.

Thank you for all your articles walking and nature seem a theme. Please do look at the footpaths article and speak to Amanda if you know of routes that are being used. (The maps are easier to read in colour on the parish councils’ websites.)

As the saying goes-“*use it or lose it!*”. On that note take care and best wishes. Debbie

P.S. Thanks to Graham for the front cover

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ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL – NEWS AND EVENTS

Well, they say no news is good news... it's been a relatively quiet month since the hubbub of Christmas and New Year.

We always have lots to do at the hall though – it's an ongoing task trying to keep up with maintenance. The wooden floor needs a bit more work, amongst other things. A small 'smashing crew' met to dismantle the rotting cupboard in the lobby of what was the men's toilets and to remove the old wardrobe in the storeroom. A 'clearout' is underway to allow these areas to become more useful spaces. We have purchased one lockable metal cabinet to replace the old wardrobe in the store room and will probably buy a couple more for the lobby in due course.

We'd like to encourage bookings for Doug's quiz again. It was such a great turnout before Christmas, let's keep that up. Can't go wrong with fish 'n' chips thrown in, all for just £12 – a bargain! Bring your drinks of choice and some snacks to enhance the bingo.

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:

- **Doug's Fish 'n' Chips Quiz - Friday 6th March, 7pm**
To book a table, call Doug on 01278 671188
- **Pop-Up Café - Saturday 14th March, 10-12 with 'Mother's Day Tea' treats.**



Ramblers 2026 Project: Potential Rights of Way for Enmore Residents- from Les Stather, Ramblers 2026 Project Volunteer.

I am writing on behalf of **Brian Lucas**, (dlywsomerset@gmail.com) coordinator of the **Ramblers Don't Lose Your Way Project** across Somerset. We are trying to identify unrecorded public rights of way for inclusion in the Definitive Map before the 2031 legislative deadline. Although the Labour Government promised, on the 26th Of December 2024 to abolish the cut off date for adding paths to the definitive map, this has not happened and therefore we have to continue ensure these paths are identified and applications submitted before January 1st 2031.

Findings for Enmore

Attached is a map highlighting paths identified in your parish, split into two categories:

- Category 1 Coloured Green:** Paths with **sufficient evidence** (e.g., named in Inclosure Awards, Tithes Maps or 1910 records) – ready for Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) submission.
- Category 2 Coloured Red:** Paths with *insufficient evidence* – requiring further corroboration (e.g., user testimony).

We kindly request:

1. Review Category 1 and 2 paths: If any are currently walked “**without let or hindrance for 20+ years**”, user evidence could support a DMMO application.

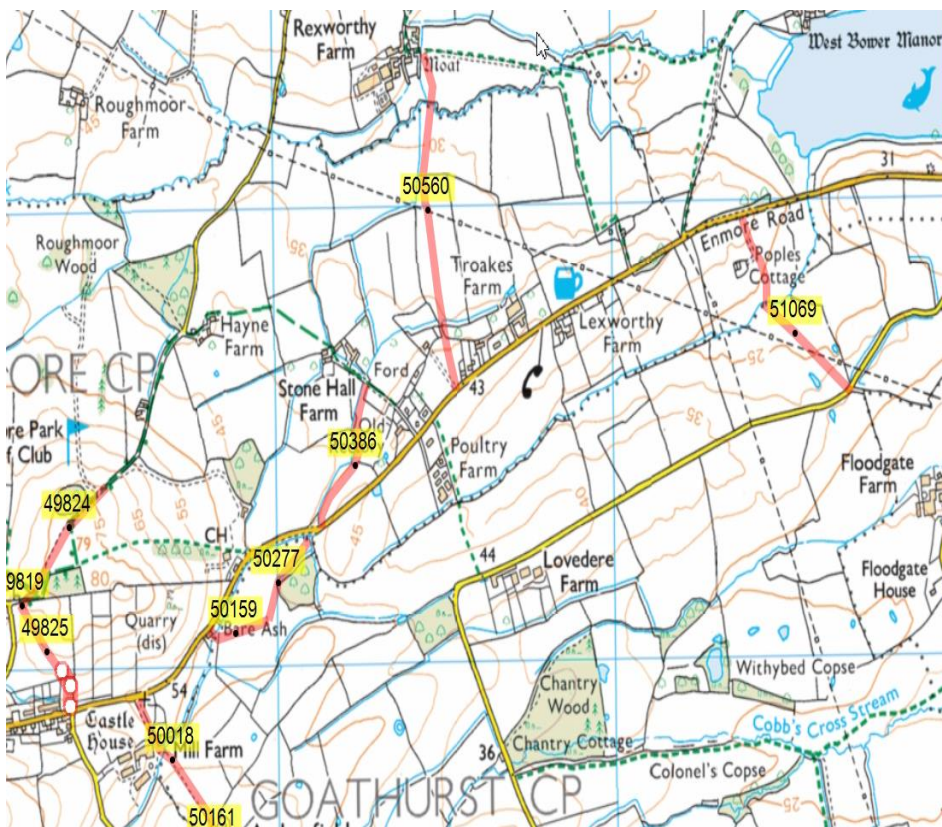
2. Identify omissions: Highlight paths:

Not on our list *or* the Definitive Map but actively used by the community.

Please share feedback by **1st March 2026**. If you are unable to make that date then please advise me of a date you can work to.

I am available at **07768 556735** or **lesj_stather@hotmail.co.uk** and can share much more information about these potential paths. I am also

the Somerset Ramblers Area Footpath Officer and am available for consultation on any rights of way issues you may have in your parish. In the first instance contact Cllr Hubbard, Enmore footpaths officer, for more information. The maps are easier to read on the parish council websites in colour than here in black/white.





Which flower, famously linked to Wordsworth and is sometimes called the “Lent lily”, appears widely in early spring?

1. Primrose
2. Snowdrop
3. Daffodil
4. Bluebell

Answer: C



Lent lunches at Goathurst 2026

St Edward's PCC is pleased to announce that Lent Lunches will once again be held at various venues in the village thanks to the kind generosity of the hosts as follows:



The lunches of soup and cheese and biscuits, tea/coffee are free, although donations may be given towards the church's clock and mission funds. All are welcome, but please book by contacting the hosts at least 3 days prior to the lunch. Places are limited and will be on a 'first come first served' basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment!

We do hope that you will join us...

Wednesday 25th February 12.30p.m. @ Glebe House, contact Wendy Kilbey (662523)

Tuesday 3rd March 12.30p.m. @ The Village Hall, contact Brenda Smith (07790 825207)

Tuesday 10th March 12.30p.m. @ Andersfield, contact Clare Kippen (671542)

Tuesday 17th March 12.30pm @ Halswell House, contact Ann Manders (07724 452839) or email: contact@halswellpark.com

Tuesday 24th March 12.30p.m. @ The Rectory Retreat, contact John and Ruth Capell (662382)

Tuesday 31st March 12.30p.m. @ The Village Hall, contact Mary Baker (663043)

NEXT LADIES LUNCH

On

MONDAY, 16th MARCH 2026, 12.30pm

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

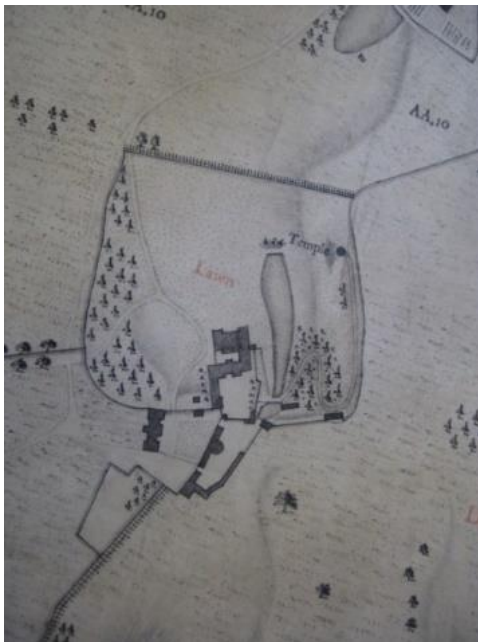
£17.00 for two courses

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



News from Halswell

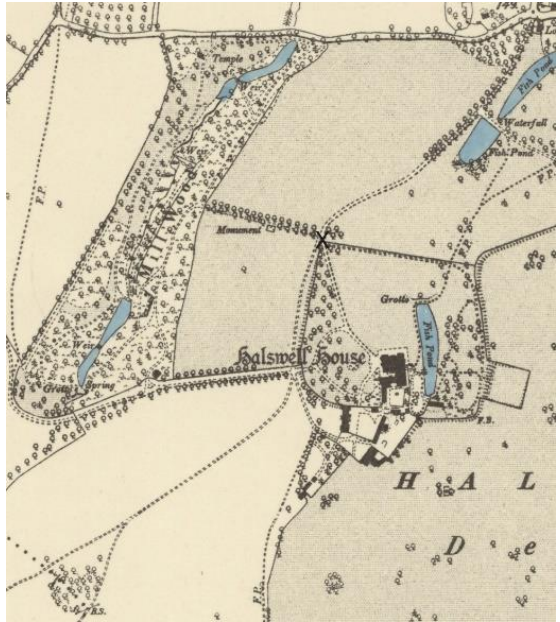
Walkers may be wondering what we are doing alongside the public footpath which runs to the west of Halswell House. As most followers of Halswell's progress know, we are always trying to reinstate the park to its original design and purpose of the 1750's, when Sir Charles Kemeys-Tynte, gentleman landscape architect, designed the Mill Wood, the Park, and the Follies.



Originally, the so-called West Wood, which runs alongside the ha-ha by the public footpath, used to extend into a neat, sharp triangle. You can see this in the map of 1771.

This was also seen in all the Ordnance Survey maps, in the 19th Century. You can see where the private entrance to the House was marked [X] where the public footpath forks off to the right from the access road to the House.

We have no evidence of a gate at this points, but the current blue gatepost highlight, where public access is separated from private. In this map, you can see the fence which runs from the Rotunda to the gate post. This would have kept sheep, to be viewed from the North Rooms of the House, over the new ha-ha, built in the 1920's.



When the Park was broken up and sold off, this triangle from the Rotunda, the small triangle of trees to X, to the ha-ha, was all given over to farmland. So as part of the mass-cutting of trees at Halswell in the 1950's, this small triangle of West Wood was lost.

We are now replanting these, with the original mixture of 120 trees of native woodland. We believe the original ha-ha extended along this side of the triangle, and if our archaeological excavations confirm this and we have the original ha-ha wall, we will reinstate this too. We will keep you informed of any other progress, but in the meantime we would politely request that walkers respect our privacy and keep to the public footpath, turning right at the blue signs towards the Thickets.

Edward Strachan

19th Jan 2026



Nature of the Quantocks Conference

Date – March 21st Time- 10am to 4.30pm

Location– Stogursey, Victory Hall

The Nature of the Quantocks Conference brings together a team of people involved in the conservation and protection of the Quantocks and the wildlife you can find on it. The conference is free to all and is brought to you by the Friends of the Quantocks charity who own 400 acres of the Common and will share about their own conservation work over the last year, including the project that led to the re-discovery of the rare and elusive **White-letter Hairstreak butterfly**, after a gap of 18 years and the planting of over 400 disease resistant elm. They will also be sharing a number of ways in which you can get personally involved in conservation work, **could you be a species champion?**

You will hear from local naturalist and wildlife author Nigel Philips, who will share from his new book **“The Nature of the Quantocks”**, (the book will be available on the day and Nigel on hand to sign your copy). We also have author Aidan Meighan, who will be sharing some “tree folklore” and on hand to sign his new book the **“folklore of trees”**.

There will also be talks on the rare **Lesser-spotted Woodpecker** and the **heathland birds** nesting just feet away from the paths you walk on. In addition, you will hear about an

important scientific research project starting this year on our local **Adder population**.

National landscape manager Iain Porter will also be sharing about the management plan for the hills over the coming years, whilst Paul Rutter will talk about the importance of **wildlife corridors** and Fiona Jackson & Beth Riches on how **community projects** can play their part in conservation and nature recovery.



[https://friendsofthequantocks.org/update/nature-of-the-quantocks-conference2026/-](https://friendsofthequantocks.org/update/nature-of-the-quantocks-conference2026/)

Eventbrite link

<https://NatureoftheQuantocksConference.eventbrite.co.uk> to book your place.



Enmore Litter Pick **KEEPING ENMORE GREEN**

At 9.00am. Finish at 10.30am

(or whatever time you can give to your village)

Meet at Enmore Memorial Hall on **Sunday, 8th March, 2026**

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

The results benefit our Wider Enmore Community.

ENMORE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 31st March 2026 Enmore Memorial Hall at 7.30pm
WILDER IN THE WEST with Fiona Jackson & Beth Riches

Looking to a **WILDER** future, restoring habitat & encouraging wildlife. The scheme supported by Somerset Wildlife Trust has awarded Enmore & Goathurst communities. Please come along and hear what has been achieved so far and how you can be involved in future **WILDER** projects!

Although we have experienced a downpour throughout January & February the spring flowers are cheering us up with an abundance of Snowdrops & Primroses. Many of you will have itchy fingers and want to get out in the garden. But if you can spare the time and want an enjoyable day with inspiration for that garden, please join the club on our **2026 GARDEN ADVENTURES**. We have partnered with Nether Stowey Gardening Club to increase options.

In April we will visit: **WATCOMBE, NEAR WINSCOMBE** and **YEO VALLEY ORGANIC GARDENS & LUNCH IN THE CANTEEN**.
Further details: jan.johnston2@btinternet.com

Join the club for £20 annual membership and enjoy 9 monthly meetings with a talk or activity of gardening interest. £5 for a visitor refunded if you join. We arrange visits to gardens throughout the year, often with a private tour. For more information, please contact: jeniferclarke60@gmail.com



Dear All,

As I travel around the Benefice, I see the first signs of spring beginning to make their way through the squelchy ground. Clusters of daffodils at the roadside, with crocuses nearby peeping through the sodden soil, giving us hope of better weather.

With the coming of spring, we find ourselves in the season of Lent and the days and weeks leading to the great celebration of Easter, which this year is on Sunday 5th April. In the middle of Lent we celebrate Mothering Sunday which is on Sunday 15th March this year. Please look out for services over the weekend which will offer opportunities to give thanks for our mothers and those who are or have been 'mum' to us.

Later in the month, on Sunday 29th March, we will remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey with the waving of palm branches, and there will be palm crosses to collect from the churches. Later in the week, on 2nd and 3rd April we will welcome Bishop Michael to the Benefice as he walks the Coleridge Way. Hopefully, he will join us for our Maundy Thursday service and the Walk of Witness starting at the top of Nether Stowey Mount on Good Friday at 10am. Please come along and meet the Bishop.

As we look forward to warmer weather and longer days, may we find hope in travelling through Lent to the great celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day!

Eleanor

Local Church Services		
March 2026	St Michael and All Angels, Enmore	St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst
<i>1st Sunday</i> 1st March	9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey 11:00am Benefice Morning Worship Service at Nether Stowey Church Centre	
<i>2nd Sunday</i> 8th March Lent 3	-	9.30am Holy Communion
<i>3rd Sunday</i> 15th March Mothering Sunday	Sat14th Mar 3:00pm Mothering Sunday Service followed by tea	-
<i>4th Sunday</i> 22nd March Lent 5	11:00am Morning Worship	6:30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>5th Sunday</i> 29th March Palm Sunday	11:00am Holy Communion	9:30am Family Worship

*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
9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey 11:00am Benefice Morning Worship Service at Nether Stowey Church Centre			
3.30pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00am (CC) Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00am (CC) Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday	9.30am Morning Worship for Morning Sunday	11:00am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday
-	11.00am (CC) Holy Communion	-	11:00am Morning Worship
11:00am Matins (BCP)	11:00am Morning Worship	6:30pm Evensong	5:00pm Evensong

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

Enmore Parochial Church Council

We look forward to welcoming you to these upcoming events — your support helps make them truly enjoyable and memorable.

Please do come along and make the most of our beautiful church and village hall. We are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful spaces at the heart of our community.

Celebration Service for All Mothers, Past and Present

📅 Saturday, 14 March at 3:00pm

☕ Refreshments: Tea and Cake

You are warmly invited to join us for a special service as we celebrate and honour our dear mothers — past and present.

There will be plenty of tea and cake to enjoy as we gather together in gratitude and remembrance.

This is a lovely way to begin the weekend's celebrations, and we encourage you to come along and share in this meaningful and memorable occasion.



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.

GOATHURST

DRINKS BY THE FIRE



FRIDAY 13th MARCH

5:30 - 8:30PM

**HOTDOGS
AVAILABLE!**



PLUS BEER • WINE • PROSECCO

ENMORE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

www.enmoreparishcouncil.org.uk

The next `Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday March 3rd, starting at 6.30pm in Enmore Memorial Hall. The agenda and finance report will be available on the website a few days in advance. All are welcome to attend.



March Men's Breakfast

To those who come to breakfast with a most religious bent, we know that some of you give up prize foods for Lent.

By all means, give up cornflakes and even fruited muesli or whatever morning comestibles that you partake of usually,

and meet, and share some pleasure, still keeping to the fast. Come to **March 21st Men's Breakfast**. It is after all the last

before the Easter chocolates break any diet that you meant.

9:00-10:30 (prompt) at the Tynte (Arms.) £10

To come: Contact Colin

email: colinchalmers399@gmail.com

text:07436285347





NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of Goathurst – St Edward, King and Martyr Church

Each year, like other organisations, our churches hold an Annual Meeting often referred to as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

All are welcome to attend the meeting to hear about the work of the church in the last twelve months and what is ahead.

The meeting for Goathurst Church is on

Sunday 22nd March at 5pm in the Church

prior to our 6.30pm service.

To be able to vote at the meeting, you need to be on the Church's Electoral Roll, which is being completely revised this year, as it is every 6 years. If you are currently on the Electoral Roll, we will contact you to ask whether you wish to re-apply. If you're not already on the Roll and would like to be, please contact Esther Meade

Copies of the Annual Report will be available in the church from 8th March.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Goathurst Parochial Church Council:

Brenda Smith - Churchwarden

Helen Roberts - Treasurer

Wendy Kilbey - PCC Member

Esther Meade - PCC Member

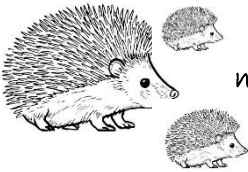
Gill Modley - PCC Member

Clare Kippen - PCC Member

Tim Webster - PCC Member

A mother's love

Mother's Day in March reminds me of the strong bond that wildlife has. That desire to save their young can be amazing. If you come across a nest while working in the garden or discover a beautiful fawn curled up in long grass, as long as they look healthy and aren't crying, the babies are really best left alone for at least an hour or so. This will give the mum chance to come back to them. In many instances, the mother will return and remove them one by one to a safer place.



We have often been able to return badger and fox cubs, fawns, hedgehogs and birds for the mother to return to although this is done with a lot of work and monitoring. About 50% of the time the mother will return and the young will have a better chance of survival with a parent to show them life skills. Sometimes mums work over and above the usual bond with their young.



Next month is the time to hear the cuckoo, which is the male calling. It is often taken to be the sign of summer on its way. The cuckoo is a dove-sized bird with blue, grey plumage and a barred belly. It is now considered to be on the red list as this bird is seriously in decline.

The poem I know is:- *The cuckoo arrives in April, it sings its song in May, by June it will have laid its eggs and July the cuckoo flies away.*

Cuckoos usually choose the same species as the nest that it came from as it can mimic the colour of the eggs. The females will lay anything from 15 - 22 single eggs so that's quite a few nests to

find! Once hatched the young cuckoos will force the correct chicks of the species out of the nest, growing at a fast rate. Still being fed for two weeks once fully fledged and out of the nest, the cuckoo juvenile will be many times the size of the parents that are usually working tremendously hard to find enough food for this ever-hungry chick. The adult cuckoos fly away to Africa in June but the young ones are a little later to leave once they are in good condition.

A favourite nest chosen by the cuckoo is often one built by Meadow Pipit. This bird will only weigh 15-20 gms whereas the adult cuckoo can weigh 105-130gms. A juvenile cuckoo will be eating almost twice the amount of food that an adult will need. Anyone with teenage children will know the food forever disappearing from the fridge or cupboard!

So, this month, remember that thank you for your mum for all that she has done for you – and mums put your feet up just for one day, you deserve it!

Pauline Kidner



Book Borrowing

Saturday March 7th at Enmore Church, 11 - 12.
Coffee, tea and a chat, look forward to seeing you.

Which hedgerow plant is considered a sign that spring is well underway?

1. Ivy flowers
2. Gorse
3. Hawthorn blossom
4. Holly berries

Answer: C



Join us for a fish 'n chip supper on
FRIDAY 6th March at 6.30pm in
Goathurst Village Hall.

Hear part 2 of MRS GERRY WRIGHT's
amazing life at sea. Gerry is an entertaining
and engaging speaker. Her book 'Daughters
of the Sea' has just been published and
Gerry will bring copies for purchase and
signing. The cost will be £12 incl. a donation
to the RNLI

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

News in brief from St Edward's:

'Any Old Iron'/scrap metal collections continue and so far have raised **over £930** for our **SAPP Project**. Many thanks to all who have contributed. Old car batteries and any electrical cabling are especially 'good earners' and would be welcomed!

Save the date- **Sunday 19th April** for the long-awaited **clock restoration celebration day!** You will be able to climb the tower to the view the clock from 10am-2pm with a service at 3,30pm. Full details next month and on posters.

Sponsor a white lily in memory of a loved one at Easter (5th April) Cost £1.50 - £2 (tbc) for display in the church together with a list of names of those being remembered.

No coffee morning in March due to the last Lent Lunch, but we hope that all of our regulars (and others of course!) will join us for lunch instead.

Contact Brenda (07790 825207) regarding any of the above.

Goathurst PCC



Goathurst Handbell Group



The March dates are the 7th and 21st. We meet in the church between 2.00 and 3.00. If you would like to come along and try that would be good and you do not need to be able to read music.

Clare Kippen

FOR SALE

Extendable (seating 4 or 8 people) Wood Dining/Kitchen Table
Dimensions Length 91cms x Width 92cms extending to Length
184cms x Width 92cms (photographs available)

Price £100.00 ONO

Amanda Hubbard 01278 671742 or email
amandahubbard@btinternet.com

Plant Sale at Goathurst Village Hall

Calling all gardeners! If you've already sown a few extra seeds this year, we're grateful for your donations for the upcoming plant sale on 30 May.

There's still plenty of time to grow plants for the sale, and we're very appreciative of anything you can contribute. To help with planning, please let Martin know if/what you're hoping to be able to provide.

Contact details are below — and thank you for helping make this year's sale a success!

Martin: mecoles1994@gmail.com / 07905 567830

In traditional British folklore, what does it mean if oak trees come into leaf before ash trees in spring?

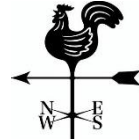
1. A stormy summer is expected
2. A dry summer is expected
3. A cold spring is expected
4. A poor harvest is expected



Answer: B. A dry summer is expected

(From the old rhyme: "Oak before ash, in for a splash; ash before oak, in for a soak.")

Local and Regional Weather Report



A well-known weather lore saying is that “If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a Lamb” and there is an alternative version, “If March comes in with an adder's head, it will go out with a peacock's tail”. Also, on *St. Patrick's Day (March 17th)* “*the warm side of a stone turns up and the broad-back goose begins to lay*”. Weather lore has quite a lot more to say about this month including “*For every foggy day in March, A night of frost in May*” and “*As it rains in March, so it rains in June*”. Also “*The weather on Old St. Matthew's day (March 8th) indicates the weather for the rest of the month*” but “*If it rains on St Benoits (March 21st) it will rain for forty days*”. Finally, “*An east wind on Lady-Day (March 25th) will keep in till the end of May*” and “*if St. Mary's (March 25th) be bright and clear, fertile is said to be the year*”. Advice for March, includes planting peas and beans on St David's Day (March 1st) and a warning that fleas arrive on March 1st, so you must sweep your doorstep.

January started cold and frosty then a series of storms, Goretta, Ingrid and Chandra brought heavy rain and strong winds. Chandra at the end of the month caused extensive flooding in the South West. More than 8 days out of 10 days saw cloudy weather or rain and only 4 days out of 10 saw sunny or partly sunny weather.
Rainfall: Local 199 mm, Regional 215 mm = +59% of normal
Minimum temperatures: Local -1 deg, Regional 1.9 deg = +0.4 deg
Maximum Temperatures: Local 10 deg, Regional 7.9 deg = +1.0 deg



What is the weather forecast for March? Met Office says a continuation of wet and windy weather with average temperatures, but a few colder dryer spells. Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? Candlemass day (February 2nd) was cloudy, so no snow in March. Jet Stream forecast at the start of March shows it moving across the UK with low pressure and winds from south west to south east. Probably mild, wet and windy

GOATHURST VILLAGE HALL

 **QUIZ** 
NIGHT!

28th MARCH

DOORS OPEN 7PM

£12 PER TEAM • TEAMS OF 4



CASH/CARD BAR AVAILABLE



TO BOOK:
CONTACT CATHERINE FERGUSON
goathurstvhbookings@gmail.com

RSV: The little-known jab that could keep over 75's out of hospital this winter.

There's a winter virus which can be much more serious for those aged 75 and over. It's a major cause of respiratory illness in the UK, often starting like a simple cold, but can quickly lead to pneumonia, breathing problems and even hospital stays in those who are most vulnerable. What many people don't realise is that the NHS now offers a vaccine that protects against this virus. It's a newer offer for older adults, which is why you may not have heard much about it yet. But it can make a real difference to staying well and staying independent.

What's the virus?

The virus is called RSV which stands for Respiratory Syncytial Virus. It spreads easily through coughs and sneezes and can hit older lungs much harder than expected. In over 75's it can cause pneumonia and flare-ups of existing lung disease and other long-term conditions. It causes around 9,000 hospitalisations in those aged over 75 in the UK each year.

Why this vaccine matters:

The RSV vaccine can help protect you. A single dose:

- ☑ helps boost protection for a few years
- ☑ helps prevent pneumonia
- ☑ reduces the risk of hospital stays
- ☑ supports staying active and independent

How to get the vaccine

The NHS is offering the RSV vaccine to people aged 75-79 and those who turned 80 years old after 1 September 2024. It is also being offered to pregnant women, as it protects newborn babies during their first months of life.

Your GP surgery will contact you to offer you an RSV vaccination appointment if you are eligible. Don't worry if you haven't heard from them, over 75's can contact their GP to book a vaccination.

If you or a family member is 75 or over, please make time to get protected. A small jab now can help keep you out of hospital later.

Village Information 13th August 2025

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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.		