

# Enmore and Goathurst Magazine



October 2024

## **Editorial October 2024**

I write this editorial in the middle of September, when it still feels like the summer has not quite given up yet, with warm evenings sat outside, even though it is much darker. But despite the warmth of the weather it's clear that Autumn is on its way, with the slow almost imperceptible change of the landscape from verdant greens into soft hues of reds, yellows and brown as nature starts to prepare for the colder months ahead,

But while nature is starting its long slow wind down towards the winter months, life in the village goes on unabated with plenty to do and not enough space in the magazine to put every submitted article into print despite my best efforts. This is always good to see as there is always so much talk of dying small villages.

So have a good read through the magazine look at all the events happening and make sure you get some dates in your diary, whether it's a quick coffee and a bacon bap at the pop up cafe, or trying to win top prize with the most bizarre piece of information you didn't realise you knew at the Goathurst quiz.

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# Barnacle Buoys

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

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Hall

Doors open 7pm

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## Heritage Open Days' Festival - Thank You

Goathurst welcomed hundreds of visitors to the open days over a weekend in mid-September, being blessed with fine weather. It was a tremendous team effort across all the venues involving a great many villagers in so many different ways in the preparation, during the event, and the clearing up. From producing trail maps, finding and compiling exhibition resources, cake making, furniture moving, serving teas, erecting signage, stewarding, guided tours to providing a warm welcome. It was a resounding success! Visitors were extremely complimentary about our lovely village, the overall organisation and, most of all, the genuine sense of a community working together. Many commented that they would be returning next year!

It was a wonderful collaboration between those at Halswell House/Park, The Landmark Trust, the Church, the Temple of Pan and the Village Hall Committee to showcase Goathurst's wealth of history and heritage for all to enjoy. This was the first time that the village hall has joined the trail and what a brilliant addition the exhibition proved to be! There was a real festival feel with all the banners and bunting!

On behalf of all the organisers, a heartfelt and huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped and supported the event in any way and to our neighbours for their understanding and forbearance with the influx of visitors. A special 'thank you' to Chris Webb and James Broughton for allowing visitors to park on, and walk across, their land, we couldn't have held this event without their continued goodwill.

"Didn't even know Goathurst existed before finding the day advertised on Heritage Open Days site."

"Learnt about an area of Somerset I did not know about, and the buildings history."

"Excellent to have a whole trail of interesting sites to visit in the village of Goathurst. Very friendly people. Lovely system for tea and cake in the church."

# Enmore & District Gardening Club

Next Meeting  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**Enmore Memorial Hall**  
**7.30pm**

## ***Choosing and Using Plants***

**Speaker: Roy Cheek**



We are lucky to on ce again welcome Roy with his vast knowledge of plants and willingness to engage with his audience. From a career in parks & nurseries to 20 years as senior lecturer at Cannington College and curator of the gardens. Roy has also been the horticultural adviser for the formal gardens at Hestercombe and judged at Chelsea and other international flower shows.

Please join us – Membership for the year is £20 or £4 per meeting. We hold 10 meetings a year on the last Tuesday in the month except August & December. Our November meeting is a Christmas supper party.

We also arrange visits to local gardens and join with other clubs to travel farther afield. This year we visited Snowdrop Valley and Forde Abbey. We joined with another club for a coach trip to Rosemoor RHS garden. A Summer party was a peak into 2 great Enmore gardens followed by Afternoon Tea.

# Enmore Parish Council News

[www.enmoreparishcouncil.org](http://www.enmoreparishcouncil.org)

Your Council met on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and the draft minutes of the meeting will be on the website (Meetings page) by the time you receive your October magazine.

Our discussions included the delayed improvement to Broadband in Lower Enmore in particular (compared with the availability of full fibre to households near the school and church). Whilst this is not something the Council can solve directly, Councillor David Comley continues to lobby for improvement.

Although scheduled for the current year, we still don't have a definite date for the speed limit changes and road sign refurbishment. We will keep you informed as soon as we know more. When this work has been done, it is proposed that extra warning signs be added to make drivers more aware of horse riders and their safety. We would welcome input from horse riders about the most appropriate sites for such signs. We hope that the signs will also improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Thank you to everyone who came to help at the Jubilee Meadow on 1<sup>st</sup> September. In particular, the long grass was cut and raked up ready for autumn and winter, after being left to give the grass and wild flowers a chance to self-seed. (Andrew advises cutting in late August/early September if you have a "wilded" area in your own garden.) Your help is much appreciated and makes the work involved fun, sociable and completed much more efficiently. Thank you.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024, starting at 7.30 pm in Enmore Memorial Hall.

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FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

6.45 FOR 7PM

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## Enmore Memorial Hall – News And Updates

**Pop Up Café.** We held our first Pop-Up Café of the new season in September. Thank you to everyone who supported it. It was a little quieter than usual so we hope, as the days get shorter and cooler, that the smell of freshly cooked bacon will draw the crowds in again. The dates for the next two cafes are **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct and Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, both from 10 am to 12 pm.**

**Solar Panels.** We have spent a lot of time trying to understand the problems with the set-up of the Solar Panels, sometimes in difficult four-way discussions with Solis, Rutland Renewables, Solar Sam and ourselves. We hope that the problem has been identified and lies with faulty meters, which are about to be replaced. Time will tell.

**Hall Amenities.** The roof above the ladies toilets has been fixed and the floor will be fixed in early October. The hall may be out of action for a few days. We would like to fully refurbish the toilets at the same time, if funds allow. And, on the subject of funds, we have applied for a grant from the Hinckley Point C Small Grants Fund for various upgrades to the hall. We won't know the outcome until early November but we are keeping our fingers firmly crossed.

**Ukrainian Festive Evening.** We are delighted to help with hosting a fundraising evening for Ukraine, 'Christmas Night', which will take place **on 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm** It should be a fantastic evening, with Ukrainian entertainment, food and drink. It promises to be full of emotion and festive spirit. For more details, see separate advert in this magazine. ***Please support this event – it is such an important cause.***

**Enmore Village Carols in December**

Watch this space for further information



**‘Christmas night’  
bringing a Ukrainian Christmas to you**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm at Enmore Memorial Hall**

The evening will start with a masterclass, learning to make some traditional Ukrainian dishes to try for yourself. To set the mood for a beautiful evening full of festive spirit and emotion, you are invited to purchase and devour delicious Ukrainian dishes – a real treat.

When the performance starts, you will see a Ukrainian family getting ready to celebrate Christmas – children decorating a tree, adults finishing the last preparations, laying the table, preparing the “didukh” and placing it in the most sacred place, under the icons. It’s a happy, extended family enjoying the evening with lots of laughter and singing. Carol singers arrive to wish everyone Merry Christmas with more traditional songs and games.

The performance is combined with a video of the members of the family who could not join the festivities and have to make the best of a Christmas in the trenches, under heavy shelling.

Throughout the evening, you will cry and laugh, rejoice and, perhaps, mourn. Happiness because the saviour is born and tears because so many have lost their lives.

**“Christmas night”** captivates the audience from the very first moments and keeps giving throughout the performance. The show is bilingual, with songs and verses in Ukrainian and subtitles on the screen.

Performed by Zerno Art (Zerno Aid for Ukraine), produced and starring Bohdana Kuripko and Nadiya Latsyba.

**Tickets £10pp, email [enmorevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:enmorevillagehall@gmail.com) with your name(s) and number of tickets required. Please bring some extra cash on the night to buy fantastic traditional Ukrainian food and drink.**

## Local And Regional Weather Report

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

August started very warm but cooled later in the month and it was very dry with lower than usual rainfall. Storm Lillian brought some rain and strong winds in the middle of the month.

Nearly 8 days out of 10 days saw some sun but 9 days out of 10 days saw partly cloudy weather or rainy days.

Rainfall: Local 25 mm, Regional 74.3 mm = 83% of normal

Minimum temperatures: Local 10 deg, Regional 12.3 deg = +1.3 deg

Maximum Temperatures: Local 29 deg, Regional 20 deg = +0.9 deg

What are the weather forecasts for October? BBC says starting warm and dry but probably continuing wetter and windier. Netweather says generally wet and unsettled but warm. Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? *Saint Lawrence* (10<sup>th</sup> of August) was wet so not good autumn weather. The Jet Stream forecast at the start of October shows it across the south of the UK with low pressure and winds from the south west. This indicates unsettled and warm but probably wet weather.

## **NEXT LADIES LUNCH**

**MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024, 12.30pm**

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

**£15.00 for two courses**

Please phone or email Jan Hodson  
on 07985194265 or hodsons73@btinternet.com  
**to book and for menu choices asap**

## **Book Borrowing**

Enmore Church

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
11am to 12pm

## **Outgrown Highchair, Cotbed And Fireguard**

Wooden highchair converts to small table & chair.

Pine cotbed.

Black metal large fireguard.

Would like a small donation for each item to Children's  
Hospice Southwest.

**Phone or Text to view Jan Johnston 07762 179659**



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

Please help support St. Michael's Church, St. Edward's Church, the Enmore Memorial Hall or the Goathurst Village Hall (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 £4,435.00 was raised for our Churches and Halls through your generosity. And again this year you can *giftaid* your donation if you are a taxpayer! Look out for your donation envelope which will be included in the November Magazine.

For the suggested donation of £10 your name will be listed within the Enmore and Goathurst Christmas Card and delivered in the December 2024 Magazine with festive and seasonal wishes to all friends, neighbours and family in Enmore and Goathurst. Again this year local businesses, friends and past neighbours are also invited to participate.

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

If you would like your name to be included in the 2024 Enmore and Goathurst Christmas Card please contact **Sally Tottle (for Enmore)** at Red Cottage, Enmore, tel: 01278 671654 or **John & Ruth Capell, (for Goathurst)** at The Rectory Retreat, Goathurst, tel: 01278 662382 with your name, address and postcode, your donation, and your choice of beneficiary (you can split your donation between beneficiaries if you wish), by the important Magazine deadline of:

**THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

## Message from The Revd Eleanor King

Dear All,

I was recently reminded of a fellow priest who told a story of how she has arrived early to take a service at a church she didn't really know. It was an old church, surrounded by fields and farms, it was small and full of character. As she waited for the Churchwarden to arrive to open up, she sat in the porch and reflected on how many prayers must have been said over the centuries in the church. She thought of the prayers of joy, of thanksgiving, of sadness, of praise and of challenge. She wondered: 'what if the stones in the walls could speak'?

We might often think of churches being places of worship where people join together to sing hymns and hear the Bible read – and yes, they are. But they are also places where we can visit on our own or as a group – to say a prayer or look around or sit in the presence of God. Often folk record in the visitors' book words such as 'peace', 'quiet' and 'beauty'. In our busy world perhaps this is what is needed, a place to be still and quiet, without the pressure of time. The churches in the Benefice are open during daylight hours and you are welcome to pop in at any time.

Having the churches open is only possible with the help of the teams of people who, quietly and often unobserved, unlock our churches each morning and lock them up again each evening – thank you to you all.

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We can, of course, pray to God anywhere and at any time; it doesn't need to be during a Sunday service or in a church building. Just where you are is fine too.

As we look into October, there will be Harvest services and, when visiting the churches, you will see the decorations for the festival

service as a reminder to give thanks to our farmers for their work in bringing in the harvest and to God for his gifts to us.

Early in November, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, we will be gathering for our All Souls' services. This is a time we remember loved ones who have passed away and are no longer with us. All are welcome to the short service at which we light candles in memory of our loved ones, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat.

This year the services will be in Goathurst Church, Nether Stowey Church and Stringston Church – all at 3:30pm. If you would like to have a name of a loved one read out, please let Alison in the Benefice Office know, ideally by email: [qv.benefice@gmail.com](mailto:qv.benefice@gmail.com). It would be helpful if you could put All Souls in the subject line.

Please do pop into your local church and take a moment to be still in the presence of God.

With every blessing

Eleanor

<b>Local Church Services</b>		
<b>October 2024</b>	<b>St Michael and All Angels, Enmore</b>	<b>St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11:00am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	11:00am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	4:00pm Taizé Service	9:30am Family Worship
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> October</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9:30am Family Worship	6:30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

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

<b>Other Local Services in the wider Benefice *</b>			
<b>Aisholt</b>	<b>Nether Stowey</b>	<b>Over Stowey</b>	<b>Spaxton with Charlynch</b>
11:00am Harvest Matins	11:00am Morning Worship (CC)	6:30pm Harvest Evensong	9:30am Holy Communion
3:30pm 'Celebration of Apples'	11:00am Holy Communion (Church)	9:30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11:00am Family Worship
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11:00am Matins (BCP)	11:00am Holy Communion (Church)	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship

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



## St Edward's Church News

**Goathurst Coffee Morning** will be held at the village hall on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 11am-12 noon**. All are welcome.

**Autumn Workday on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October between 10am-4pm**. If you can spare some time to help during the day, the PCC would very much appreciate your help to finish tackling the north boundary hedge and to generally lop, chop, trim and tidy the churchyard before the winter.

Somergreen do a great job in mowing and keeping the churchyard looking well cared for throughout the year (as do Mary and Shirley!) but the workdays help us to manage those extra tasks. We are truly grateful to all those who laboured at the extra workday in August and to John Ridout for removing the debris. We are liaising with the Parish Council in developing a wilding plan for the churchyard which is a communal space. The children have created a bug hotel to which all are invited to add more 'rooms'-there is a crate of cardboard tubes for all to use behind it!

Two new trees are to be planted towards the end of October, in memory of Peter and Betsy Mayhew and Arthur and Glad Wise. The new bench in memory of Bill and Jean Ingles is also now in situ in the top part of the churchyard and, next year, we hope to turn the large stump of the fir tree into a seat which will overlook the newly restored Willis monument!

**The restoration of the Willis (Grade II\*listed) monument will commence on 30<sup>th</sup> September** and last for most of October. Please be aware that this may mean some restricted access to the churchyard.

**Wood and chippings** are still available and we would love to see them taken before the spring, so that the primrose patch can flourish once more!

**Card Reader:** after weeks of frustration, the device is now working again!

## Enmore Parochial Church Council



The traditional '**Afternoon Tea**' at The Hall event on Saturday 17 August, **raised over £345.00**, for much needed funds for the Hall and Church.

Thank you for your wonderful feedback and request to hold it again. Plus, a special 'Thank you' to Harriet for kindly loaning her bone china tea sets.

We look forward to seeing you next year! 🍰

### **Enmore Harvest Supper, Thursday 26 September**

The event was held at The Hall just as the magazine went to print. Details of this event, along with thanks will be in the next issue!

### **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 Parish Council Jubilee Meadow

In the next few weeks Enmore Parish Council's Jubilee Meadow gate will be padlocked to prevent unauthorised access. However, local residents are invited to visit anytime and enjoy the beautiful space.

**The combination number to open the gate is 1966.**

For future reference (or if you forget the number) see the Village Information Page under Enmore Parish Council.

### KEEPING ENMORE GREEN

Another Enmore Litter Pick Challenge

Meet at Enmore Memorial Hall on

Sunday, 3rd November 2024

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

## What's on with the EDWG

The Enmore and District Women's Group, formed 10 years ago initially as a Women's Institute group, is a popular and friendly group formed to enable women from the local area and villages to meet other women in the area. This month, after 10 years leading the group, Lucie Brailsford will be stepping down as the unofficial Group Leader. The group has 40 members and is democratically run without a committee. At the latest session we talked about why the group started – and are pleased that the group continues to be a welcome space for a chat, to try something new, share knowledge and come together for women of all ages.

Largely run through a WhatsApp group any women interested in getting involved can contact Lucie or any of the group members, to join the chat and start coming along to the sessions. Coming up in the next few months we have the following events:

Tuesday 8 October – Community Singing – a chance to share in the wellbeing benefits of singing together, all of the songs are quick to learn and fun to sing – there's no judgement or audition, just a chance to enjoy the beautiful acoustics in the barn.

12 November – Crafting Willow Stars – a pre-Christmas crafting treat and opportunity to create something to take away and display over the festive season.

10 December – Christmas bingo and jokes – a highlight of the year which has everyone laughing and sharing goodwill.

Lucie will continue with the group, and everyone involved is hugely grateful to her for her leadership. Lucie has recently taken on additional responsibilities as chair of Enmore School's parents group. Lucie will, no doubt continue to bring people together to benefit our communities and ensure the school is at the heart and supported with fundraising plans for parents and residents across the district.

# ACAPELLA FOR FELLAS

## Free 6-Week Singing Course

The Rivertones Chorus, based at Oxbridge in Taunton are looking for new singers from in and around our parish - and beyond.

The only all-male acapella harmony chorus in Somerset, they have members from all over the county - and even over the border in Devon - and are looking to swell their ranks.

It is pretty well established now that singing with others on a regular basis can bring significant benefits to a person's mental health and general wellbeing. *And the bonus is, it's fun* and gives huge satisfaction especially when performing in village venues, major shows in and around the area as well as being proud to sing at somebody's wedding, either as part of the ceremony itself or during the social celebrations.

The Rivertones' four-part harmony repertoire songs include amongst others *Can You Feel The Love Tonight, To Make You Feel My Love, Cabaret, When Somebody Loves Me, Take Me Home Country Roads* and *Hallelujah*.

They have recently been performing and demonstrating how they create their unique sound in various venues in the lead up to the start of a no cost (free!) fully funded six-week men's harmony singing course in Taunton, called **Acapella for Fellas**, commencing on October 24<sup>th</sup> for men of all ages and abilities, and why not bring a friend or two along

For further information/registration, visit their website or Facebook.

[www.therivertones.org.uk](http://www.therivertones.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/rivertoneschorus](http://www.facebook.com/rivertoneschorus)

## CIDER AND CIDER HOUSES

October sees the beginning of the apple harvest and also the beginning of the cider season. Goathurst, up until the 1960s, had a cider house, which was where cider was made and could be purchased and drunk. Looking at the house names, Little Orchard, Old Orchard, it seems likely there was a plentiful supply of apples. My own house, Calleva House was an orchard before any building took place. The cider produced in the cider house would not have been the refined product we would now expect from producers such as Rich's and Sheppy's, it would have been Scrumpy, which was made by fermenting the apples to a maximum alcohol level. This left it extremely dry with very little apple taste and a lot of general debris, hopefully mostly apple bits, as it was unfiltered. Up until 1887 it was legal to pay agricultural labourers in cider, although it does not seem likely to have been an effective aid to productivity. Mostly it was given as an incentive to work for the employer and up to 8 pints a day could be supplied during the harvest time.

The history of cider and apples is obviously closely linked. The first recorded reference to cider was in 55 BCE, when the Romans came across the Britons drinking a form of cider made from crab apples. The ancestors of modern varieties of apples probably originated in the forests of the mountainous regions of Kazakhstan and the Romans had acquired seeds and cultivars from their conquests in Syria and the Caucasus. Thus by 450 CE, the Romans had introduced new apple varieties to Britain and also the techniques of orchard management. The Romans had also developed a taste for cider. Whether cider was drunk by the Anglo Saxons is not recorded, but seems likely as a reference to apples was made to apples by King Alfred in his writings in 885 CE. It was the Normans who established cider throughout Britain as a cheap and popular drink, by planting orchards and introducing advanced pressing techniques. The word cider probably derives from Hebrew *shekar* or Greek *sikera* meaning 'strong drink', but the Norman word *cidre* has survived to today.

## Dear Readers of our village magazine

As we face the end of summer, as they say in Bridgwater, “T’will be fair soon, then carnival, then Christmas” but they miss out Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The promotion of the Poppy Appeal will take place two weeks prior to 10<sup>th</sup> November and, as usual, we will have a series of sales stalls in Enmore & Goathurst - the frequency will be subject to the number of volunteers that are willing to assist. (Please advise if you are able to assist with a 2 hour slot).

This year, I would like to ensure we are offering more merchandise, including a selection suitable for children, and the most important alteration I am making to this Appeal is to use modern technology to donate via one’s phone by scanning a QR code. (For volunteers, full instructions will be available online or at the stalls). We are actively promoting the use of these QR codes to make a contribution to this very worthwhile charity. Readers will not be surprised to know that the shortage of cash being carried is potentially having a devastating effect on traditional charities. The primary school will also be very active in promoting RBL.

I would also like to promote attendance at the short service held at the Lych Gates of our parish churches leading up to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, this year being on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. It is short and not compulsory to attend the main church service but it is always very moving and a rare public demonstration of national unity.

I look forward to your support.



**Rodney Coate**  
**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**  
**Mob: 07889 181345**  
**Email: [home@rodneycoate.co.uk](mailto:home@rodneycoate.co.uk)**

## Men's October Breakfast

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

9:00am to 10:30am

Tynte Arms

Please let Colin know if you are coming by

Text on 07436 285347

## Car Cleaning

If you would like your car washed and cleaned inside and out please contact me. £5 per car. I can come to you or you can bring your car to my house

Matt Kippen. 01278 671542

## Goathurst Quiz

We are hosting a quiz night on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall in aid of St Edwards Church.

We are very pleased to be able to welcome Tony and Vanessa Milroy, who have agreed to return as our expert Quizmasters.

**Please contact Gill M, ([gmodley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gmodley@yahoo.co.uk)), to enter.**

The cost per team of 4 is £10.00.

Please 'bring a bottle' of your choice as refreshment. Teas and coffees will be available. Table snacks will be provided, there will also be a raffle.

If you don't have a team of 4, please come along anyway and we will organise it so you can join in with others.



# Enmore Broadband Update

September 2024

Eighteen months have passed since I took on the responsibility for bringing high speed broadband to Enmore . My initial research took me to Openreach's Fibre Community Partnership program and I contacted all properties in Enmore and asked each one to register an interest with Openreach. Sixty properties responded .

Openreach then placed this program on hold and at around the same time I became aware of a venture involving Somerset and Devon called Connecting Devon and Somerset . A company called Airband had been chosen with some financial support coming from government/council . A timeline of spring 2024 when work would begin and autumn 2024 for completion was given for Enmore . In November 2023 I requested a more detailed timeline and had to wait until April 2024 to be told that Airband was looking to refinance its business .

A few years ago the line from the Spaxton exchange to a cabinet opposite Enmore School was converted from copper to fibre which has meant that many houses in Upper Enmore enjoyed high speeds due to their proximity to this cabinet . These residences were excluded from the Airband plan , however , it would appear that Openreach have extended the fibre to include most properties in Upper Enmore . Recently a resident was invited to have fibre installed to his property free of charge .

Openreach are back ! In June they announced a £15 billion investment that would give high speed broadband to an additional 2.7million premises and mid August announced an £800million investment that would provide to 312,000 rural homes . Openreach have signed contracts with our government for West and North Devon and North Somerset and are in discussions over Mid and South Devon and South Somerset . It would seem that we drew the short straw !

I believe there is only one solution to this problem and that is to re-engage with Openreach. They have the exchange infrastructure , switching equipment , fibre networks , an experienced workforce and financial strength . How can Airband compete ?

Apparently Airband was chosen through a tender process . They offered prices of £25/month for download speeds of 150 Mbits/sec and £55/month for 900 Mbits/sec . I pay £35/month for 8 Mbits/sec . The only other alternative is Starlink but at a cost of £100/month . The Airband price is too cheap which is probably why they were chosen by our council and probably why they are having to refinance their business .

I have asked CDS (connecting Devon and Somerset) to comment on my request to re-engage Openreach but I am still awaiting an answer after four months . I have also asked them whether their meetings with or without Airband are open to the public and if so when and where is the next meeting . This has gone unanswered . I have now asked to see the tender invitations , the tender offerings , the CDS decision with explanation and the contract with Airband. Nothing yet so I have now made a formal request using the “freedom of information “ act . The requested information will be with me by September 25 th .

There is a law that states every household and every business must be able to download data at a minimum rate of 10Mbits/sec and upload at a minimum rate of 1 Mbit/sec , however , there are eligibility conditions . There cannot be any access to existing decent speeds ( >10Mbits/sec download etc) and must not be covered by a public broadband scheme offered by government in the next twelve months i.e Airband .

Those in Upper Enmore may qualify but those in Lower Enmore cannot whilst the contract with Airband exists . There may be a connection charge and a maximum monthly charge of £56.20 is mentioned. If anyone believes they qualify then you will need to phone BT on 08007830223 and request an upgrade . Let me know of any progress .

My objective is to try and convince CDS to cancel the contract with Airband and re-engage with Openreach.

David Comley



## CPR and Defibrillator Familiarisation Session

How confident would you feel if it came to having to use a defibrillator?



Come along to learn how to apply these critical skills on

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at Goathurst Village Hall  
at 6.30pm.**

The **aim of the session** would be to provide reassurance, give people confidence, demonstrate how to use the defibrillator and demonstrate CPR skills using a dummy - giving everyone a chance to practise, too.

The session will be free of charge, although a suggested donation of £5 per person would be appreciated. All donations will go towards the Broomfield Defibrillator fund.

Please let me know at [sharonpiron@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharonpiron@hotmail.co.uk) or 01278 662711 if you would like to attend this vital session. **LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!**

## Dates for the Diary

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09-Oct	Wed	6:30pm	Defib Training - Goathurst Village Hall	26
12-Oct	Sat	10:00am	Pop up Café - Enmore Memorial Hall	7
14-Oct	Mon	12:30pm	Ladies Lunch - Cottage Inn, Keenthorne	10
19-Oct	Sat	10:00am	Autumn Workday - St Edwards Church	16
19-Oct	Sat	9:00am	Mens Breakfast - Tynte Arms	23
25-Oct	Fri	7:00pm	Barnacle Bouys - Goathurst Village Hall	2
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29-Oct	Tue	11:00am	Coffee Morning - Goathurst Village Hall	16
03-Nov	Sun	9:00am	Enmore Litter Pick - Enmore Memorial Hall	18
05-Nov	Tue	7:30pm	Enmore Parish Council - Enmore Memorial Hall	5
08-Nov	Fri	7:00pm	Ukrainian Evening - Memorial Hall	8
09-Nov	Sat	10:00am	Pop up Café - Enmore Memorial Hall	7
14-Nov	Thu	5:00pm	Closing Date for Christmas Cards	11
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## Village Information as at July 2024

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Church Wardens	Enmore	Rosalie Burge,	671 337
	Goathurst	Brenda Smith	662 491
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	Email	<a href="mailto:enmorepc@gmail.com">enmorepc@gmail.com</a>	
	Goathurst	Richard Kilbey	662 523
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Village Hall	Enmore	Booking Number	07424 197200
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Pubs		Enmore Inn	450 500
		Tynte Arms	671 351
Magazine	Chair	Sally Tottle	671 654
	Secretary	Jan Johnston	671 560
	Advertising	Steve Gormley	662 846
Councillors Somerset Council		Mr Mike Caswell	07768744730
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Pathway Officer	Enmore	Amanda Hubbard	671 742
Neighbourhood Watch	Enmore	Graham Fergusson	671 680
	Goathurst	tba	
Enmore School	Head	Mr Duncan MacRae	671 370
Newspapers	News Team Ltd		01782 959530
	Spaxton Community Shop & P.O.		671 487
Milk delivery	Milk and More: <a href="http://www.milkandmore.co.uk">www.milkandmore.co.uk</a>		<u>0345 606 3606</u>
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.		