

Enmore & Goathurst
Magazine



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Be careful what you wish for. Last month's editor asked you to bombard us with copy: you have duly obliged! Our thanks to all who have taken the time and trouble to do so. We have tried to include as much as we can,

Russ & Micky Foster

“O, how this spring of love resembleth
The uncertain glory of an April day,
Which now shows all the beauty of the sun,
And by and by a cloud takes all away!

‘The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.’ - Mark Twain

All potholes in the district to be made good by 1 April....

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JONNY HEPBIR TRIO

13th April 2024 - 8pm; Tickets - £15.00

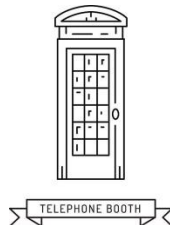
The latest concert in our series of Jazz artists sees the Jonny Hepbir Trio @ the BAC on April 13th.

Jonny (guitar) is joined by fellow guitarist Jason Henson and accordionist Pete Watson to offer an eclectic fusion of French Waltz, Latin, Tango and Django, plus a few surprises. A feast of fine Jazz to enjoy.

Dave Edney, Arts Centre Co-ordinator

The Goathurst Exchange

Do you have some spare time and Skills that you could volunteer? Goathurst Parish Council would love to turn the phonebox into an exchange for non-perishable items, e.g. books (some of you may have noticed there are already unofficially some books in there!). If anyone could volunteer some time and skill to put up some shelves so that these items could be stored it would be appreciated. All material costs will be reimbursed by the council. Please contact the parish clerk Mrs Niki Ingleby. E: goathurstparish@gmail.com



Nature's Miracles

The start of spring, and all around us the miracles of life take place – often without us being aware. From a chrysalis emerging from the soil as a butterfly, hedgehogs and dormice coming out of hibernation ready to mate, to the sounds of different species of birds singing and protecting their territory, they will also be finding food for their mate who is probably sitting incubating the eggs in the nest.

When we used to rear rare breeds of poultry, I was fascinated by incubation, whether it was eggs under a broody hen or in an incubator. The fact that there is everything in an egg to become a chick - from the calcium in the shell to the protein, minerals and vitamins in the albumen – never ceases to amaze me. As the incubation continues, it is noticeable that the shell becomes thinner as the chick absorbs the calcium as it grows.

Domestic poultry and wild birds such as moorhens or mallard ducks have a yolk that is bigger than that of garden birds. This is because the chick absorbs two thirds of it into its stomach as it hatches. They can therefore survive for at least two days as they learn to feed themselves, although still dependant on their mothers for warmth.

Garden birds, as an example, have a small yolk in their egg and it is all used up for the development of the chick. When it hatches it will be very vulnerable as it will not have grown any feathers and will be totally dependent on its parents for food. The incubation period is much shorter as they don't have to develop so far, and this will only be 11 - 12 days in comparison with 20 – 22 for the moorhen or 28 days for a duckling. With really brightly coloured beaks they gape to attract the adults. It means the chick is the kind of creature that only its mother would love - rather than a lovely fluffy one! We need to value and be fascinated by the world about us.

Pauline Kidner.

“Love you!”

How often do we hear these words? On Radio 2 it seems the answer is ‘very frequently!’ A conversation with a presenter and a listener ends with the exchange “Love you!” E-mails or other social media messages end with the words “With love” or “Love you lots!”

As with the word “amazing”, overuse has led to a watering down of the real meaning of the word. C.S. Lewis, respected theologian and author, suggested that there are four types of love – physical or sexual love; love of family and friends; love of one’s life-long partner; and love of a general nature which leads to generosity, or as Lewis called it, “charity”. I think I might add love of a less visceral nature such as love of animals, countryside or a particular cause which is pursued with passion.

In the Gospel of Mark (chapter 12 vv. 28-34), a teacher of the law asks Jesus which, of all the commandments was the greatest. He answers:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength and your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these”.

With all the different sorts of love mentioned above, the one loving expresses their love by passion, loyalty, kindness, sincerity and honesty and the outcome of these behaviours, if reciprocated, leads to a strong bond, and a relationship which withstands challenges, and rejoices in blessings.

On occasion love also demands sacrifice and such stories are recounted throughout history. None so much as the sacrifice of Jesus which is shortly to be remembered during Holy Week and leading up to Easter Day when the foundation of the Christian faith was laid in the resurrection.

Loving God requires a degree of self-sacrifice; loving oneself requires a large amount of realistic awareness. The reward, as Jesus goes on to say

in the above account from Mark's Gospel, is that we draw very close to the Kingdom of God – a Kingdom where there is no mourning, no war, no hatred and where even nature bows down to God and the lion lies down with the lamb and a little child leads them. (Isaiah 11)

Let's think twice before we claim that we "love" another and pray that indeed this might genuinely be true! It is a little word which carries a huge amount of responsibility and which offers a resolution to all the problems we face today.

Rev Kate Sax

Goathurst Coffee Morning

Tuesday 30th April 11am-12 noon at the village hall. All are welcome to join us for a cuppa, catch up, and chat!



Book Borrowing

Enmore Church, 6th April 11-12



The Quantock Hills National Landscape Partnership

The Quantock Hills National Landscape and Somerset Council will be working in partnership to develop a flagship demonstrator farm near Nether Stowey.

New Stowey Farm is a 45-hectare holding on the border of Nether Stowey, at the eastern edge of the Quantock Hills National Landscape. The farm was previously tenanted, most recently for grazing, and will continue to operate as a working farm, employing regenerative agriculture techniques. The partnership aims to create nature rich farmland through habitat creation and restoration, realise carbon sequestration and climate actions, and engage communities to increase understanding of agriculture and provide opportunities for learning, training and volunteering.

The National Landscape Team will work with a range of stakeholders, including graziers, community groups and environmental experts to demonstrate the potential of New Stowey Farm to deliver a range of agricultural, environmental, climate and community benefits.

Visitors to the site will notice some changes in the coming months. The barn will be rebuilt, grazing livestock will be reintroduced, and the rights of way network across the farm will be improved. Our longer term aims include establishing a community orchard, planting in-field trees, improving woodland health, and assessing how modifications to the stream can restore natural hydrological processes.

Iain Porter, Quantock Hills National Landscape Manager said “National Landscapes Partnerships have committed to restore nature, increase climate resilience through working with farmers and land managers. New Stowey Farm presents huge opportunities to engage our communities to develop and showcase the opportunities agriculture has to deliver on many public benefits.”

Mark Baker, Quantock Hills National Landscape Projects Manager said “It has never been more important to understand how farming can sustain livelihoods whilst responding to the climate and ecological emergencies. We’re eager to preserve and promote the economic and cultural value of New Stowey as a working farm and explore how livestock can promote biodiversity and resilience to a changing climate. This will contribute to the National Landscape’s nature recovery plans across the greater Quantock Hills area. Most importantly we aim to involve local communities with this work. Look out for further details.”

Dixie Darch, Lead Member for Environment and Climate Change, Somerset Council, and Vice-Chair Quantock Hills National Landscape Partnership said: “I am so excited about this opportunity to showcase what can be done through regenerative farming, working with nature alongside food production. This will be a learning project for all of us as we witness how the land at New Stowey Farm responds to a new kind of management and stewardship. This is a great example of what can be achieved through the partnership of Somerset Council and the Quantock Hills National Landscape team.”



**Men’s Breakfast at The Tynte Arms Enmore -
Saturday April 20th**

Meet at 9 Finish by 10.30am

Who needs the last of the Easter Chocolates? Come
and join with friends for breakfast for £7.50

Planning to come – or want to be added to the email circulation list?

Contact Colin Chalmers tel: 661 217 text:07436285347

email:c.chalmers@tiscali.co.uk by **Thursday 18th before noon**

5k Trail Run/Walk
Organised by Goathurst Village Hall
To be held at Huntstile Farm

Sunday 28th April 2024 @ 10.30am

Scenic undulating course on grass around meadows and field edges near the Quantock Hills, an area of outstanding natural beauty.



Enter on-line at

https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?event_id=13058

All enquiries: richardpiron@hotmail.co.uk

Entry fees: £10 per individual; £25 per family



Medals awarded to all finishers

Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times

Proceeds to Goathurst Village Hall, charity no. 304550

Sincere apologies – the entry fees shown in the last edition were incorrect

Forthcoming Events at St Edward's, Goathurst

ALL Are Welcome!

The church and its grounds belong to the village and are part of its heritage as well as offering quiet spaces in beautiful surroundings where all are welcome to spend time. You are invited to join us at any, or all, of the following:

Easter Egg Hunt. St Edward's Church Grounds, Saturday 6th April 3pm. For all our 'Kids' - with tea and cake for accompanying adults!

Please let Brenda know if you will be attending on 07790 825207.

Work day Saturday 13th April. If you can spare an hour (or more!) of your time to help us tackle those extra jobs in and around the church anytime between 10am-4pm it would be much appreciated. Refreshments will be available and a list of jobs published on the noticeboard.

If you are keen on wildlife, gardening and the outdoors, Jem Gibson (Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme) will be attending the work day to share ideas. Jem has suggested a wilding plan for the church grounds and we hope that others in the community might like to take responsibility for one small idea. Please do come and meet Jem, find out more, and maybe get some wilding ideas for your own garden.

Following on from last year's successful event, advance notice of a **fundraising BBQ** for all ages in the churchyard on Friday 24th May from 5.30-7.30pm linked with our regular **Kids' Night**.

A free taster session for those aged 9-99 to try **handbell ringing** in May-watch the noticeboards for further details!

Goathurst PCC

ENMORE MEMORIAL HALL

The Memorial Hall Committee would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our social events recently.

We hope everyone who came to our first evening dinner in February enjoyed themselves. We certainly did! It was great to see everyone mingling with canapés, trying to work out Doug's mini-quiz, and then emptying their plates. The hall looked really lovely – if we do say so ourselves! Thank you to everyone who came.

Once again, we have been bowled over by the success of our little Pop-Up Café. It's absolutely fantastic to see so many friends and neighbours taking the time to sit and chat with one another. We're honing our skills each month, and providing a bigger and, we hope, better menu. We hope this is now a regular event in the village diary. A big thank you goes especially to those who made cakes and helped us to staff the café (Tony and Jane!) – we are SO grateful. The money we raise from these social events will go towards some much needed hall improvements such as renovating the floor, redecoration and the monthly bills.

Next Pop Up Café : 13th April, 10-12 noon

Jan Cromack adds...

Gregory Steward - Tenor singer - what a voice!! Hopefully he will come again.

Quiz, Bingo plus fish'n' chips! Over 40 people!

A big THANKYOU to all involved with any of the above.
Goathurst residents are also invited to events in Enmore: just bring your passport!

ENMORE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Your Council met on 5th March for its last meeting of the financial year (which ends on 31st March). The finance report provided for Councillors is always made available on the website shortly before the meetings if you are interested (scroll down the Meetings page). Updated figures will be provided in early April and work will start on the “Internal Audit” (local council terminology for an Independent Examination) of 2023/24.

The Parish Council’s funds include reserves for the completion of the landscaping and seating at the Jubilee Field (for which an interim instalment of grant has now been received), the long-awaited car parking provision at the lower end of the field, and also ring-fenced funds arising from a grant for wilding St Michael’s churchyard and the Jubilee Field. Although the end of year finances will look very healthy, substantial amounts of expenditure are expected in 2024/25 and the level of Council funds is expected to be considerably depleted by this time next year (but the village will benefit from having enhanced facilities).

Our next meeting will be held on 7th May. All are welcome.

Thursday 6th June is the 80th anniversary of D-Day and there are suggestions of lighting beacons and holding community events that evening. A “pop-up” event at the Jubilee Field has been suggested, with the Hall as a reserve venue in case of bad weather. Ideas for what you would enjoy would be welcome and could perhaps be discussed using the village WhatsApp groups. The Parish Council is unable to undertake provision of food or ticket sales (tax complications!) but would be supportive of any initiative by volunteers, possibly as a fund-raiser. Bringing your own picnic supper is one option. Would anyone care to organise lighting the beacon?

www.enmoreparishcouncil.org

GOATHURST PLANT SALE

Sunday 26th May @ 11am

Goathurst Village Hall



Please put
aside any
seedlings,
cuttings,
unwanted
plants to
donate to the
sale.



Any gardening
tools, books or
paraphernalia also
welcomed!



Come along on the day to find
some different plants to grow
and enjoy!

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

Book Donations are needed for Goathurst Village Fete. Emily and Kathy are running the book stall and would be super grateful if you have any books that you would like to donate!



Goathurst Ladies' Book Club

We meet every other month in Goathurst Village Hall for 2 hours on a Sunday. It's £12 to join for the year. This covers the cost of the hall and refreshments.

Please contact Emily Clare if you have books you would like to donate for the Fete and/or you want to join the Ladies' Book Club!

07810 882848

Local Church Services		
April 2024	St Michael and All Angels, Enmore	St Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst
1st Sunday 7th April Easter 2 <i>White</i>	6:30pm A service to celebrate Easter and Springtime	9.30am Morning Worship
2nd Sunday 14th April Easter 3 <i>White</i>	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday 21st April Easter 4 <i>White</i>	4.00pm Taizé Service	9.30am Family Worship
4th Sunday 28th April Easter 5 <i>White</i>	9.30am Family Worship	6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Other Local Services in the wider Benefice *			
Aisholt	Nether Stowey	Over Stowey	Spaxton with Charlynch
11:00am Matins (BCP)	11.00am Morning Worship (CC)	6:30pm Evensong (BCP)	9.30am Holy Communion
6:30pm Evensong (BCP)	11.00am Holy Communion (Church) 2.00pm Service of Welcome a child	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>

Goathurst Fete - Saturday 22nd June

Our Village Fete will take place in the gardens of 'Calleva House' on 22nd June. Many thanks to Mike Head for agreeing to host the Fete.

Some stalls and games are a regular feature of our fete e.g. nearly new, plants & produce, books, coconut shy, bottles/hoopla, raffle and teas!

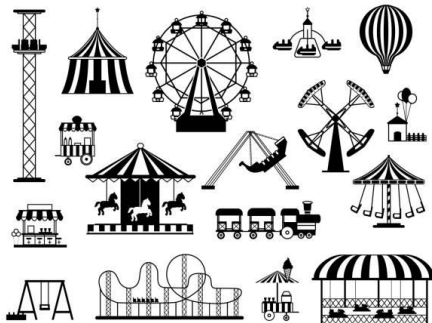
But it would be great to hear some new ideas for our stalls - and games from people who would like to set up and run something on the day.

Please contact Gill M if you would like to do this.

We will also need lots of goods to fill the stalls, so if you can help in any way, please bring these to 'Calleva House' on the morning of the fete.

We will need: clothes/household goods, produce, (jams, chutneys, bakes), shrubs, plants, flowers, bottles and cans, children's books and toys, raffle prizes. Thank you!

Gill M for Goathurst P.C.C.



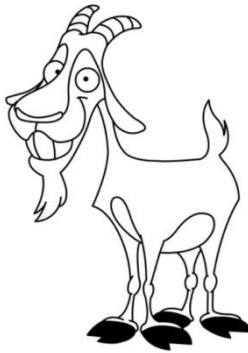
LADIES' LUNCH

MONDAY, 8th APRIL 2024, 12.30pm

At the Cottage Inn, Keenthorpe, Nr. Nether Stowey

£15.00 for two courses

Please phone or email Kate Sax on 012878 671168 or
kate.kinkiizi@gmail.com to book and for menu choices asap



DRINKS BY THE FIRE
FRIDAY 12 APRIL
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Goathurst Village Hall

Come and join us for the lighter Evenings 😊
Billies, Nannies and Kiddies all Welcome!!



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

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 one or both of the meetings to hear about the work of the church in the last twelve months and what is ahead.

Parish of Goathurst – St Edward, King and Martyr Church

The meeting for Goathurst Church is on **Sunday 7th April at 10.15am** in the Church.

Parish of Enmore – St Michael and All Angels Church

The meeting for Enmore Church is on **Sunday 12th May at 11.45am for 12noon** in the Church.

To be able to vote at the meeting, you need to be on the Church's Electoral Roll which is being revised in preparation for the meeting. If you are on the Electoral Roll, you do not need to do anything.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church.

We look forward to seeing you there!

“Wilder Enmore and Goathurst”

The Enmore and Goathurst Parish Councils’ joint initiative “Wilder Enmore and Goathurst”, which is part of Somerset Wildlife Trust’s Wilder Team, urges you to complete a survey that will feed into Somerset Council’s Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Somerset funded by Defra. The link is www.somerset.gov.uk/lhrs. Please exercise your right to have a say in achieving a positive future for our county’s wildlife and our ability to thrive because of it.

On a separate note, we also invite you to join a combined village Wilder WhatsApp Group - Wilder Enmore and Goathurst - to share pictures, videos and comment about the local wildlife in our gardens and local area. We are sure you will be amazed, delighted, surprised, learn new things and be encouraged with what you see. We have great support and contacts from National Landscapes (AONB) and their affiliates QLPS. Please contact us if you are looking for funding for things like hedge laying, options for hedge management, etc, or would just like some expert input and we will endeavour to get the right people involved.

Jem Gibson (QLPS), who some of you may have met on our Bat Survey evenings, is going to give a talk about using the iNaturalist app which is free and a great way to capture and monitor the wildlife in our area. Enmore School are up and running with it and practising using it in our Churchyard this month! We will come back to you with a date in May.

There are lots of people “doing their bit” but ultimately doing more together will provide those wildlife corridors and improved habitats that our wildlife needs.

Fiona Jackson (Wilder Enmore 07860 168400) and Beth Riches (Wilder Goathurst 07828 279365).

Enmore & District Gardening Club



Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th April 2024

Fuchsias My Way
by
Derek Dexter

Derek Dexter has over 20 years of experience growing award winning fuchsias, exhibited at Hampton Court Flower Show for 5 years and is a Silver Gilt award winner.

Enmore Memorial Hall
7.30pm

You are warmly invited to join us. Talks usually last an hour with tea/coffee, biscuits & chat to follow. We also have a very good plant-based raffle.

Visitors £4.00 or Membership for the Year £20.00 to include Christmas Party!

In February Andrew Eaton, supported by Kate Eaton, came from Goathurst to entertain us with beautiful slides from their tour of The

Western Cape Park in South Africa. Amazing small flowers flourish on barren terrain and provide a kaleidoscope of colour.

We also held a successful table-top sale of homemade produce and plants.

Thank you to all who brought or bought produce, which was nearly everyone present!

We will be taking names at the March meeting for our planned visit to Forde Abbey, Chard on Wednesday 24th April to see the renowned swirls of tulips/wildflowers. The house, café, shop & plant nursery will be open, and we hope to benefit from a group discount.

We are pleased to see our membership increasing following the post Covid slump and hope to entertain you all at our Midsummer Party. This will follow a visit to some local Enmore gardens, by kind invitation. So don't just peer over the fence, join us! Our preliminary date for this is Tuesday 18th June.



‘April is the cruellest month, breeding

Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing

Memory and desire, stirring

Dull roots with spring rain.’

From T.S. Eliot, *The Waste Land*

Quantock Hills National Landscape Partnership

Quantock Hills National Landscape Partnership are asking people who work, live, visit and enjoy the Quantock Hills to choose what they think are the most important issues that need tackling in the National Landscapes. Issues including nature, climate, social, economic, access and heritage are all being considered as part of the review of the Quantock Hills National Landscape Management Plan which will cover the period 2025 – 2030.

Quantock Hills Manager Iain Porter said: “We have been collating messages, feedback and comments from people during the last Management Plan period which has been useful in identifying some of the issues, but we are aware that there has been significant change over the last five years, including the Landscape Review of 2019, expectations on what green spaces provides for society, and requirements for sustainable land use. Feedback from our communities will ensure all issues are considered in the new Management Plan.”

Chair of the QHNLP, Hugh Warmington, said: “we are delighted with feedback that comes into the partnership, but it would be great to hear from more people. We want to hear from anyone with an interest in what happens in the Quantock Hills. Not only will you be telling the Partnership what is important to you, but the Management Plan will help shape what partners and other stakeholders such as Somerset Council, Natural England, Forestry Commission, and lots of other bodies will be doing in the Quantock Hills National Landscape.” Feedback is through an online survey which will be open until 7th April and can be accessed through this link <https://forms.office.com/e/706V6NkbPJ> or by visiting the QHNLP website – www.quantockhills.com

Mobile Library Van



Wednesday 3 April, at Goathurst Crossroads – and then every four weeks. Arrives around noon and stays for about half an hour. Kenny provides an excellent service, but in the current economic climate its future is uncertain. A real case of ‘use it or lose it.’

‘April is a promise that May is bound to keep.’ - Hal Borland

Printing

At the time of writing, it is the committee’s intention to trial a new format for printing your copy of E. & G. Magazine. Hopefully you will notice a qualitative improvement. Any comments gratefully received [Eds].



Local and Regional Weather Report

It has probably not escaped your notice that February 2024 was very wet and it is now confirmed as the wettest ever recorded for Southern England, although the UK's wettest February was in 2020. We have meteorologists to tell us when weather is going to happen (or not happen as it often turns out) and climate scientists to tell us it is caused by climate change. But how did the ancient people who lived in our area deal with weather, which could mean the difference between life and death? The Iron Age Celtic tribes were the Dumnonii in the west of Somerset and the Durotriges in the east and they had their weather gods and goddesses. There was Taranis, the god of thunder and lightning who could bring bad weather, Lugh the bringer of harvest who had control over rainfall and Sulis the goddess of warm springs (Roman Bath was called Aquae Sulis), who was also the sun goddess. Instead of sitting in front of the TV and groaning, they took direct action and met to worship these gods and goddesses in sacred places, like the shores of a lake or a clearing in a wood or a spring. Priests known as Druids led religious ceremonies and sacrificed animals and sometimes humans too, not a good time to be a weather forecaster who got it wrong. They gave precious offerings, such as swords and cups, to the gods. Stogursey Holy Well, St Decuman's Holy Well and Lady's Fountain at the end of Dead Woman's Ditch in the Quantocks are probably all ancient sacred places and often were given Saints' names by the church after the conversion of the Anglo Saxons to Christianity.

This month's old Somerset weather lore says that "If it rains on Easter Sunday (31st March) it will rain on every Sunday till Whitsuntide" and "If the first three days of April be foggy, there will be a flood in June". Also "A cow with its tail to the west, makes weather the best; A cow with its tail to the east, makes weather the least". Bad weather in April should please the farmers with "A cold April The barn will fill" and "If it thunders on All Fools' Day, It brings good crops of corn and hay". Birds also feature in folklore with "When there are many more swifts than swallows in the Spring, expect a hot and dry Summer" and

gardening advice “When you hear the Cuckoo shout It’s time to plant the tatties out”. “If you hear the cuckoo sing on St Tiburtius day (14th April), for good luck, turn over all your money, spit and do not look at the ground”. Finally “Change not a thread till April’s dead”.

February was remarkable for its rainfall and its high temperatures. It was the warmest February on record for England and Wales and the wettest for Southern England with average rainfall at 142.9 mm. But for the UK overall, it was outside the top 10 wettest, number one being February 2020 with average rainfall at 213.7 mm. Locally every day saw cloud or rain and only 4 out of 10 days saw sun or sunny intervals. Local rainfall was recorded at 159 mm, which was higher than the rest of the UK where the average rainfall was 139.8, which was 2.3 times normal. Minimum and maximum temperatures were recorded locally at 4 deg and 15 deg. The daytime maximum temperature in UK was 9.2 deg which was 3.4 deg higher than average

The BBC forecast for February was mild weather, but a high probability of colder than average weather arriving by the middle of the month. Netweather forecast dry, settled and mild, but with a strong chance of wintry weather arriving by the middle of the month. Everybody got it wrong. What do they say about April? BBC forecasts continuing mild and wet, with a possibility of cold weather later in April. Netweather forecasts mild and wetter than average.

Can we add any more from the weather lore forecast? No thunder in February so no frost in April, but watch out for an east wind on Lady-Day (March 25th) which will keep in till the end of May. Jet Stream forecast at the start of April shows it to the south of the UK with high pressure and winds from the south west, so possibly settled weather, but likely to be wet and mild.

Mike Head

**Happy Birthday, Will Shakespeare, 23 April
(erstwhile Goathurst & Enmore Players)**

From you have I been absent in the spring,
When proud-pied **April**, dressed in all his trim,
Hath put a spirit of youth in everything,
That heavy Saturn laughed and leaped with him.
Yet nor the lays of birds, nor the sweet smell
Of different flowers in odour and in hue,
Could make me any summer's story tell,
Or from their proud lap pluck them where they grew:
Nor did I wonder at the lily's white,
Nor praise the deep vermilion in the rose;
They were but sweet, but figures of delight
Drawn after you, – you pattern of all those.
Yet seem'd it winter still, and, you away,
As with your shadow I with these did play.

...and Farewell from the Curate!

As many of you will know my time in the Quantock Villages has ended as we are moving to Nailsea where I will be taking up the post of Rector at Christ Church Nailsea and St Quiricus and St Julietta, Tickenham from April 11th. Before I leave I wanted to say thank you to everyone who has helped to welcome Steve and I into the area over the last three years. We have loved getting to know you at various events and activities in churches, schools, villages and just around and about. (Perhaps a special thanks should go to Spaxton short mat bowling club who have introduced Steve to yet another sporting passion!).

Hopefully we will see some of you at times and do please call in and see us if you ever have reason to travel towards Bristol.

God Bless,
Revd Nicki Bradford

Dates for the Diary

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13 April	Pop-Up Cafe	Enmore MH	10
13 April	Jazz Concert	Arts Centre	2
13 April	Church Work Day	G'hurst Church	9
20 April	Men's Breakfast	Tynte Arms	7
24 April	Enmore Garden Club Visit	Forde Abbey	20
28 April	5K Trail Run Walk	Huntstile	8
30 April	Coffee Morning	GVH	5
30 April	Enmore Garden Club	Enmore MH	20
7 May	Enmore PCC Meeting	Enmore	11
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Church Contact	Alison Hoare Email: qv.benefice@gmail.com		732 855
Church Wardens	Enmore	Rosalie Burge,	671 337
	Goathurst	Brenda Smith	662 491
Parish Councils	Enmore	Michael Hopkins	671 296
	Web site	www.enmoreparishcouncil.org	
	Email	enmorepc@gmail.com	
	Goathurst	Richard Kilbey	662 523
	Web site	www.goathurstparish.org	
Village Hall	Enmore	Booking Number	07424 197200
	Goathurst	Sharon Piron	662 711
Pubs		Enmore Inn	450 500
		Tynte Arms	671 351
Magazine	Chair	Sally Tottle	671 654
	Secretary	Jan Johnston	671 560
	Advertising	Steve Gormley	662 846
Councillors Somerset Council		Mr Mike Caswell	07768744730
		Mr Brian Bolt	07970855990
Pathway Officer	Enmore	Amanda Hubbard	671 742
Neighbourhood Watch	Enmore	Graham Fergusson	671 680
	Goathurst	tba	
Enmore School	Head	Mr Duncan MacRae	671 370
Newspapers	News Team Ltd		01782 959530
	Spaxton Community Shop & P.O.		671 487
Milk delivery	Milk and More: www.milkandmore.co.uk		0345 606 3606
Mobile library	Wednesday 11:55-12:30, every 4 weeks (Goathurst)		
Police	Call 101 to speak to Sedgemoor South Neighbourhood		
Refuse Collection and Recycling	Please refer to Somerset Waste Partnership for dates. Recycling weekly on Wednesday, black bin every three weeks. Garden waste every two weeks – different day in each village.		

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