

# ENMORE GREEN COMMUNITY NEWS

Autumn 2024

## **ENMORE GREEN – A HIVE OF ACTIVITY?**

Really? Those of us who attended the talk by David Godden about the Greate Poole of Enmore learnt that Enmore Green was a busier place in the past. Buttons and gloves were sewn in the cottages and bricks made in Long Cross to be hauled up Church Hill (née Brick Hill).

In living memory water came from wells, milk from Enmore Green Farm and there were several shops and a Post Office. The Fountain Inn provided the beer and, when suitably refreshed, fish and chips could be purchased on the way home from Mrs Tucker at No.5 The Bartons.

The 1624 map showed that the Royal Forest of Gillingham stretched to the bottom of Tout Hill but not to Shaftesbury and Enmore Green was more separate than the distance between them suggests. We know that folk trekked across the fields to go to St. Mary's Church in Motcombe rather than St. Peter's, the medieval church of Shaftesbury. In 1843, the Reverend Dean of Motcombe built the church of St. John the Evangelist in Enmore Green to support its inhabitants - and save their legs.

So we do have a history and a life of our own – see the contents of this newsletter.

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## EVENTS: SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2024

- Saturday 14th September Ride and Stride – Dorset Historic Churches Trust
- Jo Churchill and Church Dog Thomas will visit churches in Dorset. Jo and Thomas are asking for sponsorship of £5.00 towards their ambitious trek. Half of the monies raised go to DHCT and the other half to St. John's Church. For Jo's details, see end of Newsletter
- Wednesday 25th September The Greate Poole of Enmore – illustrated Talk by David Godden (Repeat)
- 6.00pm in St. John's Church Hall, Enmore Green.  
£5.00 pay at the door
- Sunday 29th September Shaftesbury Carnival Thanksgiving Service
- 3.00pm in St. John's Church, Enmore Green.  
Reverend Anne Heywood  
All Welcome
- Friday 4th October Harvest Supper in St. John's Church.
- 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Fish and Chips, Desserts, Soft drinks and Coffee. Bring your own wine. Entertainment.
- To book a place please contact Jean Parker on  
074855 80472
- October Apple Day in the Donkey Field Orchard. Date to be confirmed. Please check Noticeboards and website

Sunday 3rd November	Asian Adventures by David Grierson – St. John’s Church  2.30pm Tea and Cake in the Interval £5.00  Please contact Jean Parker on 074855 80472 or Jo Churchill 01747 850432 to book a place and pay at the door.
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day  10.50am at the War Memorial, The Knapp, Enmore Green
Sunday 17th November	Remembrance and celebration of St. John’s Churchyard 11.15am. All Welcome

## **The Friends of St. John’s, Enmore Green**

Who are the Friends?

People who may not wish to become a member of the church but who would like the church to remain as part of the community and to be there for life events in any family life – Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

The Friends contribute to the maintenance of the Church building and upkeep of the churchyard.

How much will it cost? The minimum subscription is £20.00 but amounts over this would be very welcome. In addition Gift Aided subscriptions bring in additional revenue with no extra cost to the giver.

The Friends Application Form can be found on the Enmore Green Website - [www.enmoregreencommunity.com/](http://www.enmoregreencommunity.com/) - which was set up by the Friends and is maintained by them. Any dates/photographs you would like your community to see please get in touch.

The Friends also pay for the printing of the Enmore Green Community Newsletter which is distributed by hand to the almost 300 households in Enmore Green.

## **Donkey Field Orchard**

Things have changed slightly down at the Donkey Field. Since Shaftesbury Town Council disbanded its Grounds Team and have employed contractors, we've lost the long-standing and excellent services of Andrew Flitcroft. Some of you will have recognised Andrew by his long dark beard, friendly nature and penchant for hard work. Andrew hasn't left Shaftesbury and is still part of our committee but, work-wise, he's moved on to pastures new. We wish him well. Happily, I met with Chris who heads up the new team of contractors last month to walk around, explain our ethos and share our vision. He understood and we trust that the mowing and trimming transition will be easy and painless.

Talking of vision, we are entering the last year or so of a ten-year management plan. Preparations have begun for developing and writing the next ten-year plan, taking us into the mid 2030s!

Apple Day will take place in October. Date to be announced. Please keep an eye on notice boards at the Donkey Field and around Enmore Green. This is the 35th anniversary nationally since Apple Day first took place in London's Covent Garden. It was the inspirational brain child of environmental charity Common Ground, the founders of which live in our wonderful town.

Just a word which I'm sure has been and will be repeated elsewhere; our love goes out to Helen Lanchbery as she recovers from a stroke in Salisbury Hospital. Helen lives next to the Donkey Field and has been a staunch supporter of our efforts, and a generous and patient committee member. When I visited her in Farley Ward the other day she was asleep but when she awoke did a beautiful double-take, beamed a lovely smile and we chatted easily for about half an hour. The whole Community Orchard community wishes her well.

And lastly, as fruit ripens, please feel free to help yourself. Especially the blackberries!

*Joe Hashman, DFCO Warden.*

## Friends of Breach Common

Well, here I am sitting in my cool lounge (it's 30C outside), watching the Olympics, coffee in hand and eating jam on toast.

George Gershwin's 'Summertime and the Living is easy' lyric comes to mind. But we all know that this is a fallacy! You walk around the village and see how hard everyone works in their gardens, and as for the allotment holders WOW!! Lots of love definitely goes into those productive patches.

I'm hoping you have noticed our efforts in attacking the Himalayan Balsam on Castle Hill. This has been our Summer project this year in the hope of containing its spread especially back down onto the Common,

I'd forgotten how steep the hill is. As a child, and I know I'm not the only one, I remember sledging down it when it snowed. Oh the fearlessness, joyfulness and stupidity of youth! I suggested buying climbing rope, crampons and icepicks for the job but being rather chubby, and on the advice of my other volunteers, thought better of it. After all, we couldn't guarantee that being tied to the railings at the top was a sensible use for them. So up we trudged, pulling Balsam as we went, with the help of a couple of new volunteers. If Balsam pulling was an Olympic event, I'm pretty sure GB would have another gold!

We also had the help of a group of youngsters from Clayesmore School on Saturday morning. Once they got used to the practically vertical ascent they were a great help. I'm sure the amount of squealing, giggling and yelping showed that they had a good time.

We haven't been ignoring the Common and regularly sweep for rogue Balsam plants, net the ponds to clear of Azolla, pond weed and algae, taking care not to disturb the pondlife too much, and keep the paths open for all to enjoy this fabulous space and this includes the wildlife species that become more prevalent each year.

We now have a lovely chap, Warren Port, who regularly posts pics of insects etc. on our Facebook page. They are absolutely stunning, so visit our page and check them out. It's amazing to see the variety of creatures we have there. As we know the number and diversity of insects results in more prolific species of predators.

A word of warning:

I was pulling a small patch of Balsam from the Common which had grown amongst brambles, nettles and woodland plants. As I pulled a very large piece there was a loud buzzing sound. I had disturbed a nest of bees. Hundreds of them! Needless to say I bid a gentle, as quiet as possible, retreat. I only got 'buzzed' by a few and luckily was not stung So if you go off piste, please be very careful or better yet, keep to the paths.

In summary:

Enjoy the warm sun – the rain will return soon enough. Wave at us or stop to chat when you see us toiling away – or even stop to help. **DO NOT** buy a sledge for the winter thinking sledging on Castle Hill will be fun. Be aware of the wildlife on the Common as we are now as accessible as they are. You never know but there could one day be lions and tigers and bears! Oh My!! (Wizard of Oz reference)

*Fran*

### **Sally King leads to The Greate Poole of Enmore**

(for those who missed it first time around)

By popular request, David Godden is repeating his Illustrated Talk about the rediscovery of the Greate Poole. This will be on

**Wednesday 25th September at 6.00pm in St. John's Church Hall**

If the weather permits, David will lead a short walk around Enmore Green highlighting traces of its history. Copies of 'The Search for Sally King' booklet will be available on the night. It can also be bought at The Shaftesbury Museum on Gold Hill. £8.00 Admission £5.00 in aid of St. John's Church.

The booklet lists all the names in the 1841 census of Enmore Green and many have a familiar ring today – Gray, Arnold, Chubb, Case, Stacey, Alford and perhaps most prolific of all, Brickell.

In our Spring/Summer issue, we featured Andrew Brickell whose ancestors had owned and run The Fountain Inn in the 1830s and later emigrated to New Zealand in the 1880s. How fortunate it was that the first of David's Talks about Enmore Green in June coincided with Andrew and his wife Claire's visit to England and they were able to join us. They purchased two copies of the Sally King book, one for themselves and one for another Brickell branch in Australia.

## **St. John the Evangelist, Enmore Green**

Your Church on the Hill

The Church is open every day

There is a service in the Church every week at 11.15am

1st Sunday      Parish Communion

2nd Sunday      Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday      Morning Worship

4th Sunday      Morning Prayer

To hire the building please contact Jo Churchill on 01747 850432 or [jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk](mailto:jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk) We have a single manual organ, a clavinova, small kitchen and a toilet. Electric heating, single chairs

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3.00pm in St. John's Church, Enmore Green. Reverend Anne Heywood

All Welcome.

### **Friday 4th October      Harvest Supper in St. John's Church.**

6.30pm for 7.00pm. Fish and Chips, Home made Desserts, soft drinks and coffee, Bring your own wine. The usual jolly entertainment. £12.00 To book a place please contact Jean Parker on 074855 80472 or Jo Churchill 01747 850432

### **Sunday 3rd November      My Asian Travels by David Grierson**

St. John's Church 2.30pm Tea and Cake in the Interval £5.00 To book a place please contact Jean Parker on 074855 80472. Pay at the door

### **Sunday 17th November 11.15am Remembrance and our Churchyard**

## **Enmore Green Community Field**

For new Residents – where is the Community Field? The pedestrian entrance is half way down Church Hill, through the Orchard. Further down the Hill, turn left at The Butts there are double gates to allow for vehicles when appropriate. A single gate is open at other times. Coming along Breach Lane, turn right at The Butts.

The Field is 90m x 50m approximately and has three bench/tables. There is one football post; only one because we did not want to give the impression that it was just a football field. It can be used for outdoor activities, Tai Chi Yoga or just somewhere for children to run about. Because it is securely fenced, it can also be hired for a private event.

No dogs are allowed in the Field because it is scheduled as an Activity area. We do experience problems with some dog owners who consider the Notice that says 'No Dogs' does not apply to them.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to run activities, especially for children.

Contact Jo Churchill on 01747 850432 or [jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk](mailto:jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk) if you want to discuss using the Field.

### **SHAFTESBURY CARNIVAL CLUB GREAT BALL RUN**

Gold Hill, Shaftesbury Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 1300

5,000 Balls will be tipped from a tractor at the top of Gold Hill. Every ball has a number on it. On the way down Gold Hill there will be obstacles that the balls will have to overcome before entering a funnel at the bottom of the Hill.

1 <sup>st</sup> Ball to emerge	£500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ball	£300.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ball	£200.00

5,000 Raffle tickets have been produced and for £1.00 a ticket you could have the winning number. Raffle Tickets can be purchased from CPD Specialist Works, Wincombe Business Park, Cranbourne and Cranbourne's toys, Boobs, Signrite and the Royal Chase Hotel.

Barriers will be placed down Gold Hill to stop the balls going AWOL but people will be able to stand behind them to watch.



## **St. John's Churchyard**

Why do we have Burial Grounds? There are over 20,000 burial grounds in England and Wales, ranging from small rural medieval churchyards to large Victorian city cemeteries, spanning different cultures, religions and centuries.

Burial grounds can be remnants of the landscape that once surrounded them, home to plants, animals and insects, havens for wildlife and providing peaceful spaces for visitors.

Burial grounds also encapsulate the history of communities, they tell us of lives long lived, and those tragically short, of families now forgotten.

Traditionally we are introduced/welcome to a church building in infancy through the rite of Baptism and depart in maturity through burial in these special spaces.

St. John's Churchyard is one of these; wildlife is encouraged and plants, with the annual carpet of primroses in each Spring.

On Sunday 17th November at 11.15am in St. John's, we are holding a special hour of remembrance for all those in our churchyard and for those whose loved ones are in another place. We will give thanks for those who tend the graves; for those who maintain the whole area, whether voluntarily or paid, for those who seek graves to find their ancestry, for those who visit to sit and be still, for those whose experience of engaging with a Faith has been painful or unfulfilling. There will be simple music and a quiet time. We will have sprigs of Rosemary for anyone who would like to place it on a grave at the end of our time together.

For your information. Anyone living in the parish of Enmore Green is entitled to be buried in our Churchyard with or without a service in the church.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Longmead Estate Shaftesbury

A safe place in an hour of need. Resources and support for the most vulnerable individuals in our community.

Within a friendly 'coffee shop' environment, a number of services will be offered, including but not limited to:

Emergency Food Aid

Benefits Adviser

Housing Adviser

Budgeting

Support

All services are free and confidential

## **Motcombe United Charities**

What is the link between Motcombe and Enmore Green?

In the middle of the 19th century, the Reverend Deane of St. Mary's, Motcombe built several churches in the Blackmore Vale, including St. John's, Enmore Green. Anyone passing the churches at East Stour or Stour Row will recognise that he used the same architect. St. John's was built in 1843 and as a District Church was joined to St. Mary's Motcombe. During this time, the Charity was formed. Then during the 20th century, St. John's was affiliated to St. James in Shaftesbury. However, the link remains and anyone living in Enmore Green is entitled to ask the Charity for assistance.

Motcombe United Charities exists to provide small grants for the relief of poverty in children, young people, the elderly or disabled living in Motcombe or Enmore Green. Please contact Liz Pocock on 01747 852647 or e-mail [jepocock@uwclub.net](mailto:jepocock@uwclub.net)

*Jo Churchill*

## **St. John's Church Hall**

(top of Church Hill)

Coffee Mornings in the Hall on the first and third Wednesdays of the month

10.00am to 12noon £2.00

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6.00pm in St. John's Church Hall, Enmore Green.

£5.00 pay at the door. In aid of St. John's Church.

If the weather is fine, David will lead a short walk around Enmore Green.

An upgraded version of 'The Search for Sally King' will be available. £8.00.

## **NEWS FROM SHAFTESBURY HOMEGROWN**

Summer is always a busy time down on the farm. Once the planting is done, there will produce to harvest, grass to mow, weeds to try to get under control, and, as always, efforts to set the world to rights and much laughter at coffee break.

This year we have an abundance of beans and cabbages. The hens have been laying well, fed on organic pellets with lots of space to run around in.

We have one colony of bees in an old 'Smith' hive. We keep them mainly for pollination but about once a year we manage to extract some delicious raw honey for everyone to enjoy.

If you are interested in joining our merry band of volunteers or finding out more, we're down there on Breach Lane every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday morning between 10am and 1pm, or contact me, Helen, on 07789 845498.

## **Advertisers in Enmore Green**

### **The Search for Sally King: A story of Enmore Green.**

£8.50 per copy. Available at our Coffee Mornings on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12noon in St John's Church Hall at the top of Church Hill, Enmore Green.

### **St John's, Enmore Green and the Weir Family**

£2.50 Contact Jo Churchill on 01747 850432/ jo.churchill@enmoregreen.co.uk

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### **Shaftesbury Team of Churches:**

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If you have any news or information you would like us to include in the Winter 2024/2025 issue (copy date Friday 8th November 2024) please contact

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