

# ENSTONE ENSIGN

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Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

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## THE CHASE BENEFICE – APRIL

Sunday 3 April 10am Spelsbury BCP Holy Communion  
Sunday 10 April 10am Ascott Palm Sunday Holy Communion,  
meet on the green at 9.45am for the blessing of the palms

### Holy Week

Monday	11 April	8.00pm	Enstone	Meditation and compline
Tuesday	12 April	8.00pm	Spelsbury	Meditation and compline
Weds	13 April	8.00pm	Ascott	Meditation and compline
Thursday	14 April	7.30pm	Chadlington	Maundy Thursday
Eucharist				
Friday	15 April	1.30pm	Enstone	The Passion – a play

performed by LAMPS

### Easter Sunday

Sunday	17 April	8.00am	Chadlington	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday	17 April	8.00am	Spelsbury	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday	17 April	10.00am	Enstone	CW Holy Communion

Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday	17 April	6.00pm	Ascott	CW Holy Communion
Sunday	24 April	10.00am	Chadlington	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday	1 May	10.00am	Spelsbury	CW Holy Communion
Sunday	8 May	10.00am	Ascott	BCP Holy Communion

## EASTER REFLECTION

Lord Jesus, on the cross you took upon yourself my sin and forgave me completely. Today, help me grasp the extent of your forgiveness in deeper measure; let it permeate my mind. Renew within me your law of love and empower me to love my neighbour as myself.

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### ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, FISHERS LANE, CHARLBURY

There will be no Mass in Enstone in April. The Parish Priest is Fr Tony Joyce, at Holy Trinity Rectory, London Rd, Chipping Norton OX7 5AX.

[holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com) 01608 642703

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**All items for the May Ensign in by 30<sup>th</sup> April (or sooner, if you have it ready) please, to Hillside (blue door opposite Artyard Cafe) or ring 677231 for shorter items. You can also email me at [info@andreabates.co.uk](mailto:info@andreabates.co.uk)**

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS-MARCH**

### **Planning Applications:-**

- **The Farm, Gagingwell, 22/00351/FUL** – Construction of a below-ground reinforced concrete and stone-lined grave (retrospective) – No objection
- **Church Enstone Hall, Little Tew Road, Church Enstone, 22/00478/FUL & 22/00582/LBC** – Removal of existing bungalow adjoining Tithe Barn and garage outbuilding. Erection of a new detached dwelling with associated works. Change of use of land to create additional domestic curtilage along with the construction of an outdoor swimming pool to serve Church Enstone Hall. Remedial works to Tithe Barn.

*Enstone Parish Council supports the removal of the existing bungalow but objects to the construction of an outdoor swimming pool at a 17th Century medieval site. Could the swimming pool be built in a different location to this historic site? Enstone Parish Council wishes to see the heritage asset report, as requested by the lead archaeologist. The Parish Council has read both the Archaeology Report and Historic England documents. The site is of great historical importance within Enstone Parish which should be preserved and protected.*

- **Enstone Enterprises, Enstone Airfield North, Banbury Road, Enstone, MW.0017/22 (OCC) – Section 73** application to continue the development of planning permission 18/01625/CC3REG (application reference MW.0043/18 for importation and processing of inert waste, stockpiling of material, site office and welfare facilities) without complying with condition 2 (end date) and condition 8 (waste importation end date), in order to extend the end date from 2021 to 2026 at Enstone Airfield, Enstone at The Oxfordshire Shooting School. *Enstone Parish Council is unable to support or object to this planning application as it has insufficient information. Enstone Parish Council would support the current soil at the site being used to complete the bunds, with the relevant licenses. A meeting with the County Council and Environment Agency would be of great benefit to the Parish Council, to fully understand the current situation.*

- **Enstone Aerodrome Limited, Enstone Airfield North, Banbury Road, Enstone, MW.0018/22 (OCC)** – Section 73 application to continue the development of planning permission 15/04481/CM (application reference MW.0160/15 for the importation and processing of material for placement on the permitted bunds, as per PP 14/1178/P/FP) without complying with condition 2 (end date), in order to extend the end date from 2021 to 2026 at Oxfordshire Shooting School. As above

- **2 Chalford Park Cottages, Oxford Road, Old Chalford, 22/00601/HHD** – Erection of a two-storey side extension and conversion of existing outbuilding, to provide ancillary accommodation, along with the construction of a detached garage. No objection

#### Decisions Received:-

- **Bumblebee Cottage, Cleveley, 22/00195/HHD** – Replacement of existing detached double garage and log store building with detached car port, home gym, garden store and home office above. *Approved*

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE SPEED SIGNS TO BE REDUCED TO 20 MPH AROUND THE PARISH? .....**

Following the recent meeting which was, unfortunately, poorly attended, the Parish Council will be formulating a survey monkey questionnaire, to be available on the website w/c 11<sup>th</sup> April. This needs to be completed please by residents to ensure that funding will be granted by OCC for the parish to have the speed limit reduced from 30 mph to 20 mph around the Parish.

#### **LITTER PICKING CAMPAIGN:-**

The Parish Council wishes to thank the 25 volunteers who helped with the litter picking. Thanks also to Cllr. Philip Shaw for organising the event. It was a very busy weekend with a huge collection of rubbish.

#### **FLY-TIPPING ....**

If there is evidence of who has left fly-tipping, the Enforcement Team at the District Council will contact the people responsible.

#### **ARTYARD CAFÉ ....**

Enstone Parish Council wishes to welcome the new tenants to the Artyard Café and supporting the hospitality sector.

#### **NEW WASTE BINS ....**

The District Council has replaced the old waste bins/dog poo bins with one bin. In some areas, these bins have not been replaced. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me.

## **UNSIGHTLY FENCING AT THE PADDOCKS ....**

The Parish Council is aware of the unsightly fencing that has been erected at The Paddocks and is working with residents to try and resolve this.

## **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ....**

A recent meeting with several organisations was organised, with an enthusiastic response and many ideas to celebrate this occasion. The sports club is opening its doors on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June to the parish for an informal event. More details to follow ....

## **SUPPORTING A UKRANIAN REFUGEE FAMILY ....**

The Parish Council has received advice on how it can help Ukranian refugees. Financial help will be available for residents who are accepted to offer a home.

### **Parish Website .....([enstoneparish.org](http://enstoneparish.org)).**

The parish website is for information from all organisations within the parish so please let me know if you wish to have anything put onto the website

### **Dates of next meetings:-**

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm, Parish Council (PC) Meeting
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Parish Meeting
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Council Mtg followed by PC Meeting
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Parish Council Meeting

Mrs Beth Sinclair, Enstone Parish Clerk, Briery Cottage, 9 Alexandra Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5HL. Tel: 01608 641051:

[enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com)

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## **ENSTONE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY**

The Enstone Relief in Need Charity is a small charity serving the residents of Enstone, Church Enstone, Cleveley, Fulwell, Gagingwell, Lidstone and Radford. It aims where possible to help relieve individual situations of hardship. With the cost of daily necessities rising, it is possible that some families are going to find difficulties in meeting the cost of an unexpected domestic appliance repair for example or to afford the cost of their child taking part in, an out of school project. In addition, the Charity may also be able to help with the purchase price of equipment (large or small) which would help in improving the day to day living of those with a disability; transportation for multiple hospital visits; provision of equipment required in furthering education or re-employment or the person whose sole company is a beloved pet

and is faced with an unexpected vet's bill. If the unexpected happens to you or a restricted income affects your life the Charity may be able to help you. Find out by contacting **01608 677156**. You will be asked to supply some simple details and your application will then be considered by our three trustees. All such matters are dealt with in the strictest confidence. No commitment can be made to repeat or renew the relief granted and a grant cannot be made to cover the payment of outstanding liabilities.

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## ENSTONE WI

Last month we celebrated our 101st Birthday with a delicious meal followed by a quiz. It was so good to be together especially after last year's remote celebrations. Our April meeting is being held a week early on 7th April, this will be our Annual Meeting, after the business is complete we will learn how to paper fold and then we will each attempt to transform a book into a work of art. If you fancy joining us and having a go call 07814447713

### ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS- ECO SPECIAL

Our committed band of "Eco Warriors", led by Mrs Briggs, do excellent work each year, keeping environmental issues high on our school agenda and ensuring that we maintain our Green Flag status. This year they are focusing on the Eco Schools' Topics of *Biodiversity, Energy, Global, Marine and Waste*. Here is a special report from our Eco team.

There is a lot of work involved in maintaining Green Flag status and we are grateful to our many supporters in the community who help us with our work and provide additional opportunities for our school to get involved in Eco projects. We are working with the Ditchley Estate to increase biodiversity by planting trees near the Hoar Stones as part of the Queen's Green Canopy in celebration of her platinum Jubilee year. We are also grateful for the kind donations of seeds from Debbie Payne and the Horticultural Society to enable us to grow more species of vegetables and flowers in our school garden. Earlier this year, we welcomed Hannah Bourne-Taylor to our meeting and were very pleased to hear about her work as a wildlife conservationist. We have been creating posters to help promote 'Everything Wild' at the Parish Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> April. We are always grateful to our local wildlife enthusiast Andrea Bates for donations of bee friendly plants and articles to promote interesting discussions amongst our group.

Our Eco Governor David Garden regularly attends meetings and recently led a great discussion on renewable energies. We will be supporting Earth Hour close to 26<sup>th</sup> March by turning off our lights for 1 hour in school. Our Energy Waste Busters work very hard around school checking the lights and devices that do not need to be on. They are currently identifying the switch left on the most when it's not needed. They are a dedicated group of Eco detectives! The Marine topic is quite difficult for us to work on due to our central location. We were so pleased to have a super visit from local Marine expert Christina Worth to find out about The Sea Watch Foundation and following our *Blue Ocean Day* we were able to adopt two dolphins in Cardigan Bay and buy two dolphin books to read in school.

Other projects this year have included our Eco Christmas card in support of WWF. We raised funds to adopt a Giant Panda and were very pleased to make our choice of species to adopt and receive a cuddly replica. We have been busy holding a recycling campaign focusing on “The Big Battery Hunt”, used stamps, crisp packets, hard broken plastic toys and unwanted jewellery. A Class champion “Waste Winner” was identified. Thank you to everyone that supports our Bags2school reusable clothing collections. Over £120 has been collected for the Friends Association through this scheme so far this year. Our next collection is 11th May; bags of clothes for re-use may be left by 9am at the school hall. Next we are planning a litter pick as part of the Great Big School clean-up inspired by the book 'Somebody Crunched Colin' by Sarah Roberts. We are very grateful for the support of our local community and proud of our Eco Schools status. **The Enstone Primary School Eco Warriors**  
Mrs S. Mann Head Teacher

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### THE MAGIC OF GARDENING REVEALED!

Do you want to understand how to grow and improve your garden? This 8-week course starting in Enstone just after Easter is designed for both total beginners and experienced gardeners alike. This is the best time of the year to be in the garden so you can see things come to life all the way through the summer months. Learn the secrets of successfully producing your own plants from seeds and cuttings, growing your own food, ornamental plants, wild flowers & container plants, along with pruning, lawn care, ponds, soil care and much more. Contact Kari for information [info@bluebridge-gardendesign.co.uk](mailto:info@bluebridge-gardendesign.co.uk)

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## **RIDING OUT**

Former Enstone School pupil, travel writer, newspaper columnist and broadcaster, Simon Parker, has his first book coming out on April 21st. Riding Out is all about cycling 3,500 miles around "Pandemic Britain" during 2020 and 2021. To coincide with the book's launch, he will be speaking at over 50 theatres and literary festivals around Britain, including these local events: Banbury Mill Arts Centre (April 11); Chipping Norton Literary Festival (April 22); Oxford Tap Social (May 10); Charlbury Wilderness Festival (August 5) For more information, visit: [www.simonwparker.co.uk](http://www.simonwparker.co.uk) and his book is available for pre-order from Waterstones, WH Smiths and Amazon.

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## **ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Spring Show 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Our next event will be the Spring Show at Enstone Parish Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. It is free to exhibit and open to all. Exhibits are to be placed between 10.15am and 12 noon. Hall reopens at 2pm for viewing of exhibits till 4pm. Tea and cake will be available during the viewing hours. Donations for viewing exhibits are welcome. Please follow the link below for the show schedule on the Parish website. <https://enstoneparish.org/directory/listing/horticultural-society/>

Future Events:

Plant sale 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022; Cleveley Open Gardens 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022; Possible Summer visit to Rousham Hall; Annual Competition 'Productive Vegetable Garden' (raised beds, pots or in the ground) June/July 2022; Flower and Produce Show at Enstone Village Show August 2022; Wreath Making 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

Discounts with our membership card: Applegarth and Yarnton Garden Centres Offer 10% on garden related items; Charlbury Garden Centre Offer discounts on plants only

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## **SPIKEY FRIENDS**

**Our spikey friends – Enstone's hedgehogs and how we can help them**

Hedgehogs roam between 1-2km each night. Making a 13 x 13cm holes in walls or fences let hedgehogs through but are too small for most pets. West Oxford District council are actively supporting this 'hedgehog highway' scheme. Many villages have highways linking people's gardens, pub, school and churchyards together. Making a hedgehog highway would help save Britain's favourite

animal from extinction and put Enstone on the hedgehog map. To find out more about this idea, come to EVERDAY WILD, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2pm-5pm. (And bake a hedgehog decorated cake for the competition!)

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## ENSTONE ECO

Helping us all to do the right thing.

**Are you concerned about our impact on the environment and global warming?** Then please join us. We're a small group of friendly, like-minded people. Our aim is to liaise with other local groups and find ways in which we can all become more environmentally friendly. We meet at least once a month to share ideas and new information. This includes raising awareness of local environmental projects, concerns and things we can all do to reduce our carbon footprint, our waste and protect nature.

### **News snippet: Did you know...**

**Boots** in Chipping Norton will accept most hard-to-recycle products sold in Boots stores in their recycling box, even if you haven't bought them from Boots. This includes empty toothpaste tubes, make-up palettes, compacts and lipsticks. Search "*Boots recycling scheme*" to find out how to also earn free Boots Advantage Card points. But you can still put items into the box in the corner of the store, even without the app.

**The CO-OP** are also making it easier to recycle fly away plastic film, including crisp packets, sweet bags and plastic pizza and biscuit wrappers. The recycling containers are near the coffee machine. Please visit their website for a more detailed list of what you can and can't recycle.

For more information about the Enstone Eco or to share your ideas with us, please contact Heidi, Margaret, Tom and Ian on [enstoneeco@gmail.com](mailto:enstoneeco@gmail.com) we would love to hear from you.

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## ENSTONE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB FACILITIES FOR HIRE GROUND AND CLUB



ENSTONE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

New members welcome

Barclays Premier League Live on Sky ,plus other sports too.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823**



### **EVENTS COMING IN 2022:**

Easter bingo- Sunday 10th April eyes down 6pm, then last Sunday of every month, first being May 29th.

Aunt Sally competition - Saturday 30th April 8pm

Six-a-side cricket - Saturday 11th June, entry forms will be out late April, This year is in aid of Prostate cancer UK, maximum 8 teams, you can find out more from Richard Allen on Facebook or email [richardallen507@btinternet.com](mailto:richardallen507@btinternet.com) Raffle prizes most welcome.

George Chainey darts competition date tbc.

### **Enstone Sports club Cricket**

Anyone interested in playing for the Enstone cricket team for a social game of cricket on a Sunday please contact:- Jonathan Watts on 07818697752 or email [Jonathan.Watts61@gmail.com](mailto:Jonathan.Watts61@gmail.com) for details.

### **Committee Meetings:**

April 11th 7pm

May 9th 7pm

### **Memberships: Adults £10, under 18's and Over 65's £5**

Will endeavour to update our Facebook page and let people know of any changes or new events. Thank you all for your support and be safe.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

April 7	WI 7.30 Parish Hall <sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup>
10	Everyday Wild Parish Hall 2-5 pm <sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup>
15	Passion play 1.30 pm St. Kenelm's <sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup>
23	Spring Show EHS 2-4 pm Parish Hall <sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup>
28	Parish Council 7 pm Parish Hall <sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup>
30	Final date for Copy