

# ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 454 November 2022

Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

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## THE CHASE BENEFICE – NOVEMBER

Sunday 6 November	8.00am	Enstone (BCP)
	10.00am	Spelsbury
Sunday 13 November	8.00am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10.55am	Enstone – Remembrance Service
Sunday 20 November	8.00am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10.00am	Enstone
Sunday 27 November	8.00am	Ascott (BCP)
	10.00am	Chadlington
Sunday 4 December	8.00am	Enstone (BCP)
	10.00am	Spelsbury

From the Registers:-

### **Baptisms:-**

Brody-Ray Jamie Bridges	18 <sup>th</sup> September	Enstone
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### **Deaths:-**

John Driscoll	13 <sup>th</sup> August	Enstone
Peter McGee	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Enstone
Richard Worth	15 <sup>th</sup> October	Enstone

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**All items for the December Ensign in by 26<sup>th</sup> November (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)**

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## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Everyone is welcome at our village carol service on Sunday 11 December, 6.30pm at St Kenelm's Church, Enstone. Readings and carols for congregation and choir, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT – SWEET WAS THE SONG

Join the North Cotswold Chamber Choir at St Nicholas Church, Chadlington, at 4.30pm on Saturday 3 December for carols, wassail songs and lullabies. Tickets from Eventbrite – search on North Cotswold Chamber Choir.

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- OCTOBER**

### **Planning Applications:-**

- **Land off Green Lane, Great Tew, MW.0118/22 (OCC)** – Temporary borrow pit for the extraction of limestone, building stone, walling stone, block stone and erection of temporary plant & storage areas along with associated uses at Land off Green Lane, Great Tew – No objection
- **Cleveley Mill, Cleveley, 22/02691/LBC & 22/02690/HHD** – Erection of single storey extension to East elevation and installation of bay window to North Elevation. Internal and external alterations to include erection of single storey extension to East elevation, changes to internal layout and fenestration, together with the installation of a bay window to North elevation – No objection
- **Glyme Bank, Lidstone, 22/02693/FUL** – Erection of a detached building to provide storage and garaging and first floor ancillary living accommodation and associated works. No objection

### **Decisions Received:-**

- **Fairytale Farm, 22/02298/FUL** – Erection of replacement accessible play equipment – Approved
- **2 Manor Farm Barns, Chapel Lane, Enstone, 22/02058/HHD** – Conversion of existing structure to annexe ancillary to main building – Approved
- **Lime View, Bicester Rd, Enstone, 22/02151/HHD** – Proposed rear extension – Withdrawn
- **The Nordibank, Lidstone 22/02199/CLP** – Certificate of Lawfulness – Replace thatch roof covering with slates – Approved

### **Bus Shelters – Litter**

Following the installation of new litter/dog poo bins by West Oxfordshire District Council, there are now no bins provided at the bus shelters. The Parish Council has explained to WODC that this has made the situation worse and has pleaded to have bins reinstated by the bus shelters.

### **Car Parking outside village shop and along Chapel Lane ....**

The Parish Council and residents are concerned at the difficulty parking in and around the village green, with vehicles parking on double yellow lines and not adhering to the Highway Code. The Parish Council has asked the Police to monitor this. For any concerns regarding parking around this area, please contact District Cllr. Andrew Beaney at [Andrew.beaney@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.beaney@westoxon.gov.uk) – DC Andrew Beaney will forward all concerns to the Cabinet Officer responsible for these issues.

### **Heythrop Park ....**

Parish Cllr. Richard Parker officially opened Heythrop Park on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Details concerning special offers for residents will be advertised in the New Year by Heythrop Park/Warner Leisure.

### **Parish Website .....**

The parish website is for information from all organisations within the parish so please let me know if you wish to have any information put onto the website ([enstoneparish.org](http://enstoneparish.org)).

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

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Finance Meeting 7.00 pm
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – PC mtg
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – PC mtg

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

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

Website address for the Parish = [enstoneparish.org](http://enstoneparish.org)

Facebook Page = Enstone Parish

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### **WATCH OUT FOR HEDGEHOGS IN BONFIRES**

The parish is lucky enough to have hedgehogs, often voted Britain's favourite animal but sadly in rapid decline and on the red list of highest conservation concern in the UK. At this time of year, hedgehogs are eating as much as they can to get ready for their hibernation. By the end of October, some will be settling down to sleep. To hibernate, hedgehogs look for big dry piles of leaves

and wood, often in our gardens - somewhere that will provide them shelter and warmth over the cold, wet winter. To a hedgehog, an (unlit!) bonfire is the perfect place. Unfortunately many hedgehogs go to sleep in unlit bonfires and so when the bonfires are lit, the hedgehogs die because they're either in their deep sleep, or they wake up but can't get out quickly enough. Ideally, for this reason, bonfires should be made on the day to stop this. But if you've already got a bonfire in the making, checking the bottom, or otherwise moving it and reconstructing it just a meter away, would go a long way to help these wild neighbours of ours. They really need all the help they can get.

Hannah Bourne-Taylor

### **ENSTONE W.I**

In October we celebrated with our Harvest meal, thank you to everyone for their contributions. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Our speaker is Nicola Elmore who will be telling us all about Porch Preserves, a charity who help support the vulnerable in Oxford. The following week we will making our annual trip to the wonderful Chippy Panto. If you would like to join us please just come along or for more information contact Angela 677728.

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### **ENSTONE ECO**

– Helping Enstone Parish make a difference.

Are you interested in saving money on your hot water and heating bills? Then come and hear the pros and cons of installing a heat pump and better insulation. Local residents will share their experience and Tom Cross, a local heating and plumbing engineer will give expert advice. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 4-5pm. Enstone Parish Hall, The Paddocks, OX7 4AZ.

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### **THE CROWN AT CHURCH ENSTONE**

The Crown at Church Enstone re-opens under new ownership from 1<sup>st</sup> November. Matt and Katie Beamish and their new team are very much looking forward to meeting and welcoming back locals and visitors to sample The Crown new menus, superlative bar offering and refurbished spaces.

#### **Opening Times**<sup>[1] [SEP]</sup>

Monday – Saturday Bar 12pm - 11pm. Dining 12pm - 2pm and 6.30pm – 9pm<sup>[1]  
[SEP]</sup>  
Sunday Bar 12pm – 9pm. Dining 12pm – 3pm

The Crown Inn, Mill Lane, Church Enstone, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire  
OX7 4NN; 01608 677 262.

[www.crowninnenstone.co.uk](http://www.crowninnenstone.co.uk)

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## **ARE YOU COMMUNITY SPIRITED WITH A FEW SPARE HOURS?**

Enstone Playing Field (behind the school) is owned by the national charity, Fields in Trust but maintained locally by a small friendly committee (who managed the installation of the new play equipment last year). We are looking for a new treasurer to maintain records of income and expenditure and report to the charities commission once a year. The job can be completed in a couple of hours/month... or you could make it a much bigger role if wanted to help with mowing around the play equipment/hedge trimming/developing the space for the enjoyment of the village. If you'd like to discuss the role in more detail, please get in touch - [pamelawoolcock@outlook.com](mailto:pamelawoolcock@outlook.com)

## **LAWRENCE HOME NURSING TEAM AUTUMN NEWS**

The Team is organising a coffee morning and Christmas card sale on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November from 10 am to midday at the Highlands Community Centre on the Burford Road, Chipping Norton.

Our next major fundraiser is a musical evening in the state rooms of Kirtlington Park, Oxfordshire on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please refer to our advert for more information. A £40 per person, friends and family ticket offer (valid for group bookings of 4 people or more) includes delicious canapes and a welcome drink on arrival and all the entertainment.

Standard ticket £50 per person. Please visit [www.lawrencehomenursing.org](http://www.lawrencehomenursing.org) or call 01608 684 477 for programme and ticket information.

Please save the date of Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December for the annual Candles of Remembrance Service at the Methodist Church in Chipping Norton. We will be serving refreshments and all are welcome. Doors open at 6.30 pm with a short service starting at 7 pm. This year we will be live streaming the service for those who are unable to attend. If you would like to send a photo and a dedication in memory of a loved one for display on our memory wall please email [fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org](mailto:fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org) We are also very happy to remember loved ones whom we have not cared for. A small donation will be gratefully received but this is entirely optional.

Verity Fifer, Head of Fundraising

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## **ENSIGN DELIVERY AT CROSSWAYS**

It has been brought to our attention that the Enstone Ensigns have not been delivered at Crossways Estate for some time now. Is there someone living there who might take this on? All it entails is delivering the Ensign once a month, usually at the beginning of the month, to 11 houses at Crossways. Anyone who feels they may be able to do this, please contact me on 677231 or [info@andreabates.co.uk](mailto:info@andreabates.co.uk). Many thanks, Andrea Bates, editor.

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## **ST KENELM'S CONCERT**

The concert at St Kenelm's planned for 4th December has been cancelled. The concert will be rearranged for early next year.

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## **COMING UP AT KATHARINE HOUSE**

We've got some fantastic events and opportunities lined up to see you into the festive season with a warm glow. Your support makes such a difference to the hospice at what continues to be a very challenging time. Here are just a few things that are coming up...

### **An 'ELFY way to kick off Christmas**

Get festive, have fun and support our community this Christmas by signing up for our Santa Fun Run on Sunday 4 December. Join hundreds of stylish Santas taking part in our 1.5km or 5km fun run at Spiceball Park, Banbury. We ho ho hope you can join us! Tickets are available to buy on our website now!

[www.khh.org.uk/santa](http://www.khh.org.uk/santa) \_

### **Getting Christmas wrapped up**

It may be the most wonderful time of the year, but it can also be one of the busiest – so why not tick wrapping off your long to-do list and support our hospice at the same time! A team of willing volunteers will be ready and waiting to gift wrap your pressies on 9 and 10 December at Banbury Castle Quay. If you could help support this event by joining our wrapping crew, email [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or sign up on our website: [www.khh.org.uk/collectiondays](http://www.khh.org.uk/collectiondays).

### **Lights of Love – 8 December**

Our annual Lights of Love event is taking place on Thursday 8 December at St Mary's Church, Banbury. We'd love you to join us for a special gathering

where we come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. Everyone is welcome – people of all faiths or none. Find out more and register to join us here: [www.khh.org.uk/lights](http://www.khh.org.uk/lights).

### **Tractor Run returns**

Once again, RC Baker will be bringing the X factor to tractors this Christmas. The hugely popular Tractor Run will be bringing all the glitz and glam of the festive season on Saturday 17 December. Don't miss the fleet of fairy-lit tractors taking a tour around local villages to spread some Christmas cheer and raise money for Katharine House Hospice. To help plan your evening, you can find all the details as well as the route and timings on our website.

[www.khh.org.uk/tractor](http://www.khh.org.uk/tractor)

### **Could you be a Village Champion for Katharine House?**

We're looking for volunteers to help put up posters three or four times a year in their local village to help us spread the word about our upcoming events. We already have some brilliant Village Champions, but we're looking to recruit even more. If you think you could help, then we'd love to hear from you. Send an email to [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or find out more on our website.

### **Try our Tree-cycle scheme**

Our Tree-cycle scheme is back – and available in even more areas! So instead of worrying about how to environmentally dispose of your tree after all the festivities are over, you can make a donation to Katharine House Hospice and, in return, we will send one of our elves to collect and recycle your tree. Head to our website to find out more and check if your postcode is included in the scheme. [www.khh.org.uk/christmastree](http://www.khh.org.uk/christmastree)

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## **ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

The summer holidays are a distant memory now, but I would like to use my first Ensign message of the new academic year to reflect back on 2021-22 and the successes we enjoyed as a school.

First and foremost, I must mention our Ofsted Inspection, which rather took us by surprise on the hottest day of the year in the very last week of term. Despite the far from ideal conditions, we were able to demonstrate to the Inspectors

that there is much to praise and celebrate at Enstone Primary School. As well as a broad and engaging curriculum and high aspirations for our pupils, we were commended for the many ways in which we promote and develop our pupils' personal development. Music, sport, pupil leadership opportunities and our environmental work all got a mention, as did pupils' attitudes and the way they embrace and demonstrate positive values.

We are committed to developing the whole child and providing rich, varied opportunities for all to shine, so it was great to have this recognised. As well as our Ofsted "Good" grading, we were reaccruited with our Green Flag status at the highest level (Distinction), we were accepted as a "Music Mark" school (with Ofsted commenting that music is "the beating heart of Enstone"), we won the partnership small schools annual sports trophy as the most successful small school overall throughout the year's sporting tournaments and we achieved the School Games Gold standard sports mark.

All in all, a very successful year for us all and one which staff and pupils can be rightly proud of.

Sarah Mann

Headteacher

## **Enstone Sports & Social Club**



**ENSTONE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

**New members welcome**

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

**TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823**

**The club would like to thank all members and volunteers who give up their time.**

## **EVENTS COMING IN 2022:**

**Sunday 4th December - Christmas bingo, eyes down 6pm**

**Sunday 11th December - Tea party - time T.B.C**

**Sunday 18th December - World cup final 3pm K.O**

**Thursday 22nd December - Kids Christmas party - time T.B.C**

**Everyone welcome to all events.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE SPORTS FIELD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GUIDE DOGS, THIS INCLUDES WALKING DOGS ACROSS THE FIELD, SPORTS ARE PLAYED ON THE FIELD INCLUDING GIRLS AND BOYS FOOTBALL. THANK YOU.**

**Committee Meetings:- November 14th 7pm, December 12th 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**

November	10	W.I. meeting 7.30 pm Parish Hall
	17	Parish Council meeting 7pm Parish Hall
	19	Enstone Eco meeting 4 to 5pm, Parish Hall
	26	Final date for copy
December	11	Carol service 6.30pm St Kenelm's