

ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 455 December 2022

Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

THE CHASE BENEFICE – DECEMBER

Sunday 4 December	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury
Sunday 11 December	8am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10am	Ascott
	6.30pm	Enstone Carol Service
Sunday 18 December	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
Wednesday 21 December	5pm	Enstone, The Best Gift Ever, family celebration of Christmas
	8pm	Online 'Longest night' service, link in the bulletin
Saturday 24 December	11.30	Enstone, Midnight Mass
Sunday 25 December	10am	Enstone, Christmas Morning
Eucharist for everyone		

All items for the January Ensign in by 30th December (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

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.

THE BEST GIFT EVER

On Wednesday 21 December, 5pm at St Kenelm's Church, families are invited to celebrate the Christmas story with songs and activities. Come dressed as a character from the nativity story.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

An online service for those who find Christmas a challenging and difficult time. 8pm on Wednesday 21 December. The link is the church ebulletin, or contact Ilona Cheyne (ilona@thechasebenefice.org.uk).

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- NOVEMBER

Planning Applications:-

- **Forge Cottage, Church Enstone, 22/02825/HHD** - Erection of single storey extensions. Alterations to include the construction of two rear dormers and conversion of garage to games room with first floor above (part retrospective) – *No objection* (residents had been unaware of this application as no yellow posters had been erected by WODC)
- **Lime View, Bicester Road, Enstone, 22/02944/HHD** - Proposed rear extension – *No objection*

Decisions Received:-

- **Enstone Airfield** - Erection of a detached building to provide administration, welfare and storage facilities for the aircraft maintenance business, flying school and resident pilots - *Refused*
- **Land East of The Drive, Enstone** - Construction of one custom-build detached carbon-neutral house, together with associated works and formation of vehicular access – *Withdrawn*

Christmas Tree on The Green – The clerk and chair reiterated that the Highways' Department at OCC must agree to the siting of the tree on The Green before work can be done. This is due to ensuring safe visibility for vehicles and to comply with the Parish Council's insurance policy.

Resident's concerns A44/B4022 junction – A further letter of concern had been received relating to the safety of this junction. The clerk will invite the Highways' Officer to revisit the junction to see what safety measures can be put in place.

Signage on B4030 between Enstone and Middle Barton – The Parish Council is still waiting to hear from Soho Farmhouse, Heythrop Park and Alpine Ltd for funding towards the 50 mph signs.

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).

Dates of next meetings:- 7.00 pm – Enstone Parish Hall

- * Thursday 15th December
- * Thursday 19th January
- * Thursday 16th February

Mrs Beth Sinclair, Enstone Parish Clerk, Briery Cottage, 9 Alexandra Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5HL.Tel: 07776 534584: Email:-

enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com

Website address for the Parish = enstoneparish.org

Facebook Page = Enstone Parish

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Have you ever thought of trying out Bridge? Kings Sutton Bridge Club is offering **free** taster sessions in January and February. So, how about giving it a try? If you find that you enjoy it, then you may want to join a beginners' course starting in March. See <http://www.bridgewebs.com/kingssutton> for more information or call Ken Langdon on 07850 616069.

ENSTONE POPPY APPEAL 2022

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Enstone and the surrounding area collected £2127 which is a fantastic amount given the current squeeze on finances. Thanks should also go to the individual collectors and venues who continue to support this very worthwhile cause.

Commander Martin Juckes Royal Navy, Enstone Poppy Appeal Coordinator

In November we enjoyed two WI events, firstly our monthly meeting when our speaker Nicola Elmore told us all about Porch Preserves, a charity who help support the vulnerable in Oxford and then later in the month 12 members went to see this year's excellent Chippy Panto. On Thursday 8th December, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall we will be making Christmas crafts whilst enjoying some seasonal refreshments. Visitors are always welcome.

ENSTONE ECO

– Helping Enstone Parish make a difference.

Check out our website at www.enstone-eco.co.uk for more information on ...

1. Support with energy costs – see the Quick Top 10 Checklist for Energy Crisis Support in our Autumn newsletter.
2. Why water quality in our local river Glyme is getting worse also in our Autumn newsletter.
3. Grants to improve your home insulation or fit a heat pump to reduce heating costs from the Climate Action for West Oxfordshire newsletter. There is a link to this in our blog about the talk on heat pumps we held in November.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th January, 7-8.30pm at the Parish Hall.

FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO ENSTONE

The afternoon of Sunday 18th Dec Father Christmas will do a short tour of Enstone in a traditional eco friendly way. Please come to support Father Christmas spread some cheer and raise vital funds for our local Scouting group. He's looking forward to seeing all the children and the grownups. Time and route TBC on local social media and notice boards.

ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

16 January 7.00 Parish Hall – distribution of seed orders, followed at 7.30 by the AGM (when the Society will discuss plans for 2023 and will vote on a proposed change of name to the Enstone Gardening Club) and The Gardeners' Forum when members will describe recent experience growing particular

flowers, fruits and vegetables. A warm welcome to everyone with an interest in gardening. Refreshments will be available.

Saturday 18 February 11.00am, garden visit to see the spectacular snow drop display at Hordley House, Wooton near Woodstock. For more details and to reserve a place, please contact the Secretary on 07771 594927

Saturday 15 April Spring Flower Show. It's not too late to plant your tulips for the show!

Saturday 13 May Plant Sale at the Parish Hall

More 2023 events are being planned and will be announced soon. These will include open gardens, a visit to Broughton Grange Gardens, and expert talks. We look forward to welcoming you to the society.

And remember, member discounts available at local garden centres and on gardening gloves. Contact the Secretary on 07771 594927 for more information.

ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

You may have noticed some new equipment appearing on our school site. We are delighted to have installed some outdoor gym equipment for our children to use, funded by the DfE PE and School Sports Grant. This will hopefully be a nice addition to our PE lessons and playtimes and encourage the children to have fun being active. We are now entering the best time of the primary school year, as we begin to make our plans and preparations for Christmas. After a tricky couple of years, we look forward to welcoming parents and the wider community to a range of Christmas events, including our Key Stage 1 Nativity and Key Stage 2 concert. Also making a welcome return is the much-loved School Christmas Extravaganza. On Friday 9th December, we warmly invite you to join us outside the school hall at 5:30pm for some carols around the Christmas tree, before heading inside to sample seasonal treats, win some prizes on the raffle and tombola and visit many other fun stalls and activities. Father Christmas will hopefully be making an appearance – tickets are available to purchase in advance. We hope that you will be able to join us for this fun-packed, festive evening.

Sarah Mann, Headteacher

ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Will be held on Friday 9th December at the school hall from 5.30 to 7.30pm. ^[L]_[SEP]

There will be craft stalls, a raffle with some lovely prizes, mince pies and mulled wine, a bbq, guess the weight of the Christmas cake, and a tombola amongst other activities.

Tracey Holt-Karawita, Friends of Enstone School

ENSTONE SENIOR RESIDENTS

All Enstone senior residents are invited to a get together at the Parish Hall in the Paddocks for tea and cake and a chat with friends on Tuesday January 10th, and Tuesday January 24th. 2-4 p.m. If this is successful we will be doing it again in February and March. If you need any more information please call ^[L]_[SEP] Richard 07860796817 or Maureen 07808130306.

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. Many thanks, Andrea Bates, editor.

MAKE SWIFT BRICKS COMPULSORY IN NEW HOUSING

Please acknowledge our walls also belong to adventurers. Sign the petition, supported by the RSPB, to help swifts because they are facing national extinction and we can help them: -google 'swift brick petition' created by Hannah Bourne-Taylor, or use this link to direct you to the site, or even easier use your camera on your phone to connect to the QR code below

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/626737>



Make swift bricks compulsory in new housing to help red-listed birds

Swifts have declined by over 50% in the UK. Adult swifts, known for site-fidelity, return to the same nests. We want swift bricks to be required in all new housing, to provide homes for these birds. Surveys show these are used by red-listed swifts, house martins, starlings and house sparrows. Swifts spend more time airborne than any other bird, sometimes only landing when returning to their nests in our walls, from Africa. They're tidy and quiet neighbours but modern building methods block swifts out. The metric for calculating biodiversity net gain doesn't include existing nest sites in buildings, or swift bricks, but these bricks can be designed into buildings without conflicting with insulation, and should be made a requirement for new housing. Iconic and irreplaceable, swifts define our summers. Please help them. The RSPB supports this petition.

WANTED

Wanted! A secure, dry garage for the winter! Ideally with power (to use a battery charger) and with the view to rent over the winter for approximately 4/5 months. Please get in touch by emailing Alex White.

Alexwhite1310@gmail.com

ST KENELM'S CONCERTS

15 January, 6pm at St Kenelm's Church, Church Enstone: internationally renowned musicians, violinist Kathy Gowers and pianist Simon Crawford-Phillips, play works by Ravel, Franck and Bloch. Tickets £10/£15 can be bought at the door. All proceeds to Crisis Skylight, Oxford. Wine and refreshments available.

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 - 4pm-6pm

Saturday 17th December - Christmas squares draw 4pm

Sunday 18th December - World cup final 3pm K.O with results of the sweepstakes.

Thursday 22nd December - Kids Christmas party - 4pm-7pm

Club is open Christmas eve, Christmas day and boxing day - please see notice board outside the club for times.

Everyone welcome to all events.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL AT ENSTONE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB!

Committee Meetings:- December 12th 7pm, January 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.

ENSTONE PARISH HALL

Enstone Parish Hall presents: It's a Wonderful Life, in Enstone. Saturday 17 December, doors open 7.30pm. Come along to this village get together. Enjoy free entry to this classic film with a welcome glass of mulled wine, sausage roll and mince pie. Beers and wine will also be available at a cash bar.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 8

W.I. meeting 7.30 pm Parish Hall

	9	Enstone Primary School Christmas Extravaganza 5.30pm School Hall
	11	Village Carol service 6.30pm St Kenelm's
	15	Parish Council meeting 7pm Parish Hall
	17	Film Night 7.30pm Parish Hall
	18	Father Christmas is coming to Enstone
	21	Family Carol service 5pm St Kenelm's
	30	Final date for copy
January 2023	16	EHS seed distribution and AGM
	18	Enstone Eco meeting 7 to 8.30pm, Parish Hall