

ENSTONE ENSIGN

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Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

THE CHASE BENEFICE – APRIL

Sunday 9 April	Easter Sunday 8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone, Chadlington, Ascott
Sunday 16 April	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
Sunday 23 April	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington
Sunday 30 April	10am	Ascott
Sunday 7 May	8am	Enstone
	10am	Spelsbury – Benefice Service to celebrate the Coronation

From the Registers:-

Death:-

Libby Walker

23rd March

Enstone

All items for the May Ensign in by 29th 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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- MARCH

New 'phone number to contact Enstone Parish Clerk

Tel:- 07776 534584

Planning Applications:-

- **Quarry Farm, Great Tew, MW.0031/23** – Great Tew Farms Partnership, Quarry Farm, Great Tew. Extraction of limestone and deposit of imported clay and mineral scalplings to achieve agricultural restoration and conservation habitat creation (part retrospective) – (including consolidation with permitted operations under Planning Permission MW.0100/21 Land at Quarry Farm. *Enstone PC objects to this planning application*
- **Rose Cottage, Church Enstone, 23/00462/LBC & 23/00461/HHD** - Erection of a single storey rear extension and the construction of two

dormer windows along with insertion of roof light to rear roof slope and replacement windows. *No objection*

- Internal & external alterations to include erection of a single storey rear extension, replacement windows and the construction of two dormer windows along with insertion of roof light to rear roof slope. Internal alterations to include changes to each floor layout, reinstate and original fire place, replacement of existing round to first floor staircase and re-siting of staircase from first to second floor.

No objection

- **The Old Coal Yard, Gagingwell, 23/00431/FUL** - Proposed external alterations to existing building together with associated works. *No objection*
- **Upper Farm, Cleveley, 23/00294/HHD & 23/00295/LBC** - Internal & external alterations to main house and outbuildings including double storey rear extension to main house and proposed roof lights to garage. *No objection*
- **Land East of The Drive, Enstone, 23/00376/OUT** - Outline application with some matters reserved for the development of two self-build custom-build houses and provision of vehicular accesses. *No objection*

Decisions Received

- **Lidstone House, Lidstone, Chipping Norton, 22/03003/HHD** - Outdoor swimming pool and associated Pool Plant Room/Store. Erection of a workshop - *Approved*

Coronation of King Charles III

The Parish Council approved a budget of £1,500.00 towards celebrations in the parish. The budget will include roadside bunting, a coronation souvenir coin to be presented to children in the Parish, and a contribution towards an event on coronation weekend (6/7 May). A committee to organise the event is being formed. Any groups or individuals who would like to join the organising committee please contact the parish clerk in the first instance.

The coronation souvenir coin bearing the head of Charles III will be distributed through the Enstone Primary School and the Brownies. A limited number of additional coins will be made available on a 'first come, first served' basis for children from the parish who do not attend Enstone School. Interested

parents of children under 14 who are not at the school should contact the Parish Clerk to be added to a list.

Litter Picking Weekend – Update

Over the weekend (18-19 March) a valiant group of villagers took to the roads and hedgerows in and around Enstone to collect litter. A vast quantity of rubbish bags were filled. Whilst congratulations are in order for those who turned up to carry out this work, it does not prevent it from happening as sadly we live in a ‘throw away’ society. Enstone Parish Council will organise further litter picks. You can make a difference by joining in future initiatives or simply by picking up litter when you see it and disposing of it responsibly. Why not do this whenever you go out for a walk? It isn’t difficult and it does make a difference!

Repair to damaged bus stop:-

The Parish Council is seeking quotes for the repair of the damaged bus stop.

Enstone Parish Council Survey – 2020 – Update – March 2023

Enstone Parish Council carried out a Survey in November 2020, asking parishioners a variety of questions about living in the parish of Enstone.

Actions – dated February 2021 - Updates

Enstone Parish Council wishes to thank the residents who completed the recent survey/questionnaire. It has proved to be most beneficial in determining our priorities for the next few years. We will be publishing further responses to the survey in the Ensign and website over the next few months starting with the key priorities.

The following key areas have been identified in order of priority:

Roads and Signage

To install improved digital speed indicator devices at both ends of Enstone, along the A44 - *Completed*

To have improved signage at both ends of the A44, the B4022, Banbury Road and Charlbury Road when entering Enstone - *Completed*

To fund a feasibility study (organised by Oxfordshire County Council) for 20 mph signs along The Drive, Coxs Lane, Cleveley Road, Lidstone Road, along the B4030 from the A44 junction to Church Enstone and along the A44 through Enstone – *Completed, awaiting to hear from Oxon County Council on start date of this scheme*

To have a one-way system at the village shop. The Parish Council has set aside £15,000 in the current budget towards the above works – *The Parish Council is*

currently organising for the one way system to be implemented as per the parish survey results.

Footpaths

Repair of the Planks – Oxfordshire County Council aims to repair this area in spring/summer 2021. The repair works will be paid for by OCC and the Parish Council. The Parish Council has budgeted £5,000.00 towards the works -

Completed

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 25th May at Enstone Parish Hall – 7.00 pm

All local organisations are invited to speak to update the Parish on what activities have taken place during the year.

Dates of Next Meetings

- Thursday 20th April, 7.00 pm
- Thursday 18th May (Annual Council Mtg & PC mtg) 7.00 pm
- Thursday 25th May – Annual Parish Meeting 7.00 pm
- Thursday 29th June

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).

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

ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

As ever, the Spring Term has whizzed by; however, in this short second half we have still managed to pack lots in. Our Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a visit from a pop up planetarium in February, which helped to underpin the learning in their science topic of “Earth and Space” as well as giving everyone a rare opportunity to sit “under the stars” with no light pollution! March brought “World Book Day” which we celebrated this year by inviting “West End in Schools” to deliver some book-themed dance workshops. For our younger pupils these were based on Roald Dahl’s “The Enormous Crocodile”, and for the older ones “Alice in Wonderland” by Lewis Carroll. As ever, we donned our book character costumes and had a great day celebrating the joy of books

and reading. Continuing on the “Arts” front, we eagerly grabbed the chance for our Year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in a singing workshop as part of Chipping Norton Music Festival – a welcome return for this event following a Covid-enforced break over the last few years. The Spring Term has also brought opportunities for our younger pupils to take part in sports festivals at Chipping Norton School. For Years 1 and 2 this was a dance workshop, and for Years 2 and 3 a multi-skills festival. We are developing our future sports stars so that we can keep bringing home the trophies to Enstone!

Sarah Mann, Headteacher

ENSTONE ECO *Helping Enstone Parish to make a difference!*

Eco things for you to choose this month:

- Grab your FREE wildflower seeds from the Ensign box in the shop. When your wildflowers are grown why not take a photo and send to us enstoneeco@gmail.com
- Maybe you'd like to plant your own cut flower patch as well as some wildflowers. This would enable you to make flower posies for your family & friends and increase the biodiversity of your garden. Think of the air miles you'd save! Most supermarket flowers are imported from hotter climates. Why not try some: Sweet peas, Sunflowers, Cosmos, Corncockle, Nigella, Dahlias or Roses and successionally plant for a summer full of flowers. Get planting and have fun in your garden!
- Nature's Calendar Project – Nature is full of clues of the changing seasons, and we need to help The Woodland Trust track them. Scientists use these records to investigate how wildlife is responding to climate change. **Could you help record the signs of the changing seasons near you?** In April you might watch out for/record: 1st sight of an orange tip butterfly, Swifts arrival, Garlic mustard first flowers or Blue Tits feeding their young. Check out the Woodland Trust website www.woodlandtrust.org.uk and search for Nature's Calendar for recording information.

- Go along to the Free Citizen Science Saturday 22nd April 10-4pm Charlbury Scout Hut & Wigwell Nature reserve. Beaver Dam building, Tree ID, Water Quality sampling as part of Evenlode Waterblitz, Butterfly survey, Arts and Crafts & refreshments are just some of the activities on offer.
- Don't forget to check out our poster in the shop window for offers of help in your gardens. Spring newsletter coming soon, get in touch on www.enstone-eco.co.uk
- Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday 19th April, 7-8.30pm St Kenelm's Church.

PREGNANCY AND POSTNATAL YOGA- INFANT FEEDING SUPPORT- MOTHERHOOD MASSAGE

I offer a range of classes and services to support women through pregnancy and motherhood: pregnancy yoga, workshops and retreats, infant feeding support and postnatal yoga and massage for women at any stage of motherhood.

Please get in touch with Lydia (07971720340) or

see www.bloomingwell.uk for more information.

ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB

Events this Spring

3 April Ponds and Water in the Garden, 7.30 Parish Hall (Litchfield Room).

Everyone is welcome to this talk about the creation and management of ponds and water features in the garden by local gardening designer Kari Beardsall.

Refreshments will be available.

15 April Spring Flower Show, Parish Hall. Exhibiting is open to all. Exhibits open to the public from 2.00 – 4.00. First time exhibitors are welcomed, and it is very easy and enjoyable to take part. Just bring your flowers on the morning of the 15th between 10.15 and 12.00. The show schedule was included in the March Ensign and is available at <https://enstoneparish.org>

13 May Plant Sale, 10.00 at the Parish Hall (all contributions welcome)

21 May Visit to Bletchington gardens, 3.00 pm, see the May Ensign for more information

27 June Garden visit to Broughton Grange (near Banbury) see the May Ensign for more information

Membership renewals for 2023. Membership renewals are now due and new members for 2023 are welcomed. Please email enstonehorticulturalsociety@gmail.com or contact any committee member. The annual subscription is unchanged at £10.00 for single membership, £15.00 for joint membership.

Members are able to benefit from substantial discounts at local garden centres and from other suppliers, including seed merchants, on gardening gloves etc.

PART TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION.

24 hours a week over 5 days. £13.00ph.

Candidate must have experience in variety of tasks:

Plumbing (Replacing taps, leaks, Toilets system repairs etc); Electrical (Changing sockets, plugs, bulbs etc); Decorating; General repairs; Gardening
Contact: Caroline-Enstone House: 01608 677375

ENSTONE WI

In March we celebrated our 102nd Birthday with a meal of soup, bread, cake and muffins, thank you to everyone who contributed to this delicious meal.

Hilary Dix our County Advisor joined us for the evening and very kindly presented our WI with a beautiful bouquet of roses. At the end of the evening every member was able to take a couple of these roses home. Our next meeting will be our General Meeting, Thursday 13th April 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. For more information please contact our President Angela Taylor on 677728

KING CHARLES III CORONATION – SAT 6TH MAY

There will be several events happening across Enstone to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May and everyone from Enstone and the surrounding area is strongly encouraged to take part. Although the final timings have not yet been announced, it is assumed that the proceedings will commence at 11AM and will end with an appearance of the King and Queen Consort on the balcony of Buckingham Palace at 2PM.

The Parish Hall will be open from 10.30 AM and will be screening the proceedings on the Large Screen in the hall. Tea, Coffee, and Cake will be served in the Hall and there will also be a cash bar.

The Sports and Social Club will also be open and there will be numerous activities for the children of the parish to enjoy; Children's 'goody bags' distributed in both venues, Children's games, Fancy dress competition and pass the parcel. Picnics on the sports field or the lawned area adjacent to the Parish Hall are also strongly encouraged.

Portraits from the School "paint the King" competition will be displayed in Parish Hall and 'Gold' Coronation Coins will be distributed to the school children from the parish.

The Guides and Brownies will also be providing activities for children.

To round off the celebration, a free glass of prosecco will be raised in a Toast to the King at around 2pm (to coincide with the King's appearance on balcony) accompanied by a slice of Coronation Cake.

The Coronation Committee wishes to thank Warner Heythrop for supplying the Coronation Cake and The Harrow, The Crown, ESSC and the Parish Hall for supply the bubbly for the Toast.

Martin Jukes
Enstone Parish Hall

LAWRENCE HOME NURSING

Our Spring Newsletter is out now. If you would like to receive a digital version please email fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org or collect a copy from Worths Garage or The Crown Inn, Church Enstone.

Proms, Picnic and Fireworks is back in 2023 and taking place at Chivel Farm, Heythrop on Saturday, 8th July. Pick your spot in the glorious gardens, unpack your picnic and settle in for an evening of spectacular entertainment. Tickets are £25 per adult if booked before Sunday, 2nd July. Children under 18 go free

but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Outdoor cash bar provided by The Crown Inn. Thanks to our sponsors Wise Funds and Wheelers Chipping Norton.

For more information on all of our events including South Newington Garden Visits and our annual Clay Pigeon Shoot at The Oxfordshire Shooting School followed by supper at The Crown Inn on Saturday, 20th May please contact Verity Fifer on 01608 684477 or email fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org
Thank you

PAINTERS AND PRINTMAKERS IN ENSTONE

Charlbury ArtRoom opened at the beginning of last year and is now well established in The Corner House in the centre of town. It is in a large, warm, well-lit room with huge windows and a wooden floor.

It is well stocked with art materials for members to use, there are easels available and a small library of art books. We are very proud of our large etching press which is perfect for intaglio and relief printmaking.

The project was set up under the umbrella of The Charlbury Art Society to support creativity in the community. It provides space for people who either do not have enough room at home or who like to work together with others to learn and share ideas. The kettle is always on.

Members can have the use of a large part of this room for £ 2.50 per week, the cost of buying a coffee. You can choose your day to share with a small group of other artists. The room is secure, and you will have a large box in which to store your materials. The space is available at all times of the day to members who have the entry code.

In addition to individual activity the room is ideal for workshops and for group creative activities. We are always looking for people to organise workshops and to run them in the evenings or at weekends.

If you would like to join the ArtRoom, or want further information, please contact Jane Crane fjanecrane@gmail.com

Enstone Sports & Social Club

New members welcome

Premier League Live on Sky, plus other sports too.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823

EVENTS COMING IN 2023:

Friday 7th April - kids Easter disco 7pm

Saturday 6th May - Live music with 'Broken' - country music with 60's/70's and more 8pm

2 Summer Bingo's - Sunday 4th June and Sunday 6th August - both 6pm
Annual charity Six-a-side cricket - Saturday June 10th 12pm - forms are now available, with the closing date May 20th.

Aunt Sally competition - Re-arranged - Now Saturday 8th July 8pm

Autumn Bingo - Sunday 1st October 6pm, Christmas Bingo - Sunday 3rd December 3pm (Please note earlier time)

Everyone welcome to all events.

Cricket season starts April 23rd - Most Sundays, starting with 4 home games v Deddington, followed by home games against Far from the MCC(30th),Islip (7th May) and Sandford St Martin(14th). Full fixture list at the club. Anyone interested in playing for the cricket side can contact Jonathan Watts on 07818697752

**Committee Meetings:- April 17th 7pm, May 15th 7pm,Memberships:
Adults £10, under 18's and Over 65's £5**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April	13	W.I. meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall
	15	Spring Show 2-4pm PH
	20	Parish Council meeting 7pm PH
	29	Final date for copy
May	6	Coronation screening from 10.30am PH



