

# ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 458 March 2023

Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

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## THE CHASE BENEFICE – MARCH

Sunday 5 March	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury
Sunday 12 March	8am	Chadlington (BC)
	10am	Ascott
Sunday 19 March	8am	Spelsbury (BC)
	10am	Enstone
Sunday 26 March	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington, Mothering Sunday
Sunday 2 April	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury, Palm Sunday
Sunday 9 April		Easter Sunday
	8am	Chadlington & Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
	6.30pm	Ascott

Prayer is like you and me playing our second fiddles in an unending heavenly symphony of praise and joy. When we pray we take up our fiddles, and when we stop we put them down again – but the music never stops. (Basil Moss)

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**All items for the April Ensign in by 1<sup>st</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)**

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- FEBRUARY

**\*New ‘phone number to contact Enstone Parish Clerk\***

**Tel-: 07776 534584**

### **Planning Applications**

**The Mullin Automotive Museum 22/03415/FUL**– The meeting of the WODC Planning Committee to decide on this application will be held on 27 March. Further documents have now been posted by the developer on the WODC planning portal. As reported previously Enstone Parish Council has objected to

the proposal. For a copy of the PC's objection dated 27 January please refer to the planning portal.

#### Planning Decisions Received

- **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 – Refused
- **Rose Cottage, Church Enstone, 22/03153/HHD & 22/03154/LBC** 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 – Approved
- **Appeal Decision: Secretary of State – The Nordibank, Lidstone** – Appeal dismissed (from thatched roof to slate roof)

#### **Elections for the Parish Council – Thursday 4th May**

Come and join the Parish Council – make a difference to your community.

Elections take place every four years. Information from the District Council will be available shortly on how to apply to become a Parish Councillor.

Please contact the clerk if you are interested – come along to the next meeting to hear what work is being undertaken. The Parish Council meets on the third Thursday at 7.00 pm at Enstone Parish Hall – please refer to the Parish website to view minutes of previous meetings ([enstoneparish.org](http://enstoneparish.org)).

#### **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.

#### **One Way Road System around the village green by Adams Stores**

The Parish Council has asked Oxfordshire Highways to develop plans and costings to introduce a one way traffic system at the village green.

### **Litter Bins**

The Parish Council is in discussion with WODC regarding the relocation of a litter/dog poo bin to the bus shelter on the village green.

### **Keep Enstone Tidy - Litter Collection**

The Parish council is proposing to organise a community litter pick on the mornings of Saturday 18/Sunday 19 March. Volunteers are needed please. An hour of your time will make a difference and you'll feel immensely virtuous. Please contact Philip Shaw on 07771 594927 if you would like to join in this valuable community activity on either day.

### **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 23rd March, 7.00 pm
- 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 All local organisations are invited to speak to update the Parish on what activities have taken place during the year.

### **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)).

Mrs Beth Sinclair, Enstone Parish Clerk, Briery Cottage, 9 Alexandra Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5HL

Tel: 07776 534584 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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## **BRIDEWELL GARDENS**

Bridewell Events for 2023.

Bridewell Gardens, The Walled Garden, Wilcote, OX7 3DT

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April– Plant Sale 10am to 1pm:** plants for sale in Bridewell's vineyard (the walled garden will not be open during the plant sale)

**Open Days 11am-4pm: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> September**

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### **SENIOR TEAS**

Due to the success of the afternoon teas during February we will be holding two more in March on March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4pm. If you have any books, puzzles or unwanted gifts please bring them along for the swaps table for other residents to enjoy, should you require any further information please call Richard, Maureen on 677220 or 07860 796817.

### **ENSTONE W.I**

At our February meeting we discussed the relative merits of this year's WI Resolutions. After careful consideration the majority of our votes backed the resolution for - Online gambling harm - time for action. On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 in the Parish Hall we will be celebrating our birthday with a meal of soup and cake followed by a quiz. This would be an ideal evening for anyone who is interested in joining us to come along, just contact Angela (677728) or Cathy (678136) and we lay a place for you.

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### **ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

The first half of the Spring Term has been very busy and productive here at Enstone Primary School. We started the term with a talk from a local environmentalist about river pollution, which led our older pupils to write some very persuasive and heartfelt letters to MP Robert Courts, asking for his support in bringing about positive change in our area. The following week we enjoyed a fantastic pottery workshop for the whole school, courtesy of Kingham Sculpture. The children collaborated to produce three beautiful bird baths, which will return to our school garden once they have been on display at the Kingham Sculpture Trail. On the sporting front, we enjoyed great success at the Chipping Norton Partnership swimming gala, bringing home the small schools' trophy for the second year running. This was swiftly followed by a win for our girls' team at the very cold and windy CNP cross country competition! A much warmer treat was a visit for Years 4 to 6 to the Sheldonian Theatre to enjoy a concert performed by the County Youth

Orchestra – amazing music in fabulous surroundings! As this half term draws to a close, we are celebrating our annual House Festival – two days of teamwork, singing and creativity culminating in a sharing assembly. A lovely way to head into the half term holiday.

Sarah Mann, Headteacher

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## **EASTER WEEKEND GARDEN OPENING SARSDEN GLEBE, CHURCHILL; OX7 6PH**

On Good Friday 7th April, we will be opening our garden here at Sarsden Glebe, Churchill from 12.00 to 4.30pm. In aid of The National Garden Scheme. The NGS raises much needed money for Medical, Nursing and Caring charities. Anemone blanda, fritillaries, spring bulbs and early blossom should be carpeting the wild garden, and the kitchen garden will be stirring its muddy clogs. Hot Cross Buns, delicious cakes and tea are provided by the wonderful team from Thrive North Oxfordshire, which supports children and families in North Oxfordshire. A tempting selection of plants will be laid out on a stall run by Bridewell Organic Gardens [www.bridewellgardens.co.uk](http://www.bridewellgardens.co.uk). Dora, Daphne and Dolores the pigs look forward to seeing you... as do Myrtle and Maud: Dogs on a lead are very welcome. Entrance price is £7.50 in aid of the National Garden Scheme <https://ngs.org.uk> and local charities.

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## **ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB (FORMERLY ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Ponds and Water in the Garden**, 3 April, 7.30 Parish Hall. Everyone welcome to this talk by local gardening expert Kari Beardsall.

**Spring Flower Show**, 15 April in the Parish Hall. Open to all. Exhibits to be staged between 10.15 and 12.00. The show will be open to the public from 2.00 – 4.00. The show schedule is included below.

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

**Membership renewals for 2023.** Membership renewals are now due and new members for 2023 are welcomed. Please

email [enstonehorticulturalsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## **CHIPPING NORTON CHORAL SOCIETY**

Sings Brahms' 'Ein Deutsches Requiem' at St Mary's, Banbury, March 26th at 7.30pm. The supremely talented, dynamic conductor, Benedict Goodall, will lead the large, enthusiastic choir in Brahms' magnificent work which is both elegiac and dramatic, a perfect accompaniment to the themes of suffering, redemption and the joyous hope of Easter. Sung in German, the performance is accompanied by the ever-popular Adderbury Ensemble, led by Simon Lewis, which will be familiar to the many music fans in the area. Two accomplished soloists, baritone, James Berry, who graduated from The Royal Northern College of Music and soprano, Natasha Page, who is a graduate of The Royal College of Music, together have a wealth of experience in many roles in the oratorio and operatic fields and who have worked with prestigious orchestras both here and abroad. Not to be missed!

**Tickets are £12 from [www.cncs.org.uk](http://www.cncs.org.uk) Under 16s go free**

Don't forget to look out for the summer delights of 'Folk Songs and Madrigals' on June 17<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's, Chipping Norton

## **ENSTONE ECO**

Enstone Garden Club have kindly donated 8 packets of wildflower seeds for you to sow in your gardens and around the village. To collect your packet of seeds send us a message to [enstoneeco@gmail.com](mailto:enstoneeco@gmail.com) First come first served but maybe you could share your seeds with your neighbours? Thank you EGC we are grateful.

With Fairtrade Fortnight coming up 27/2-11/3, consider Fairtrade Produce and help those affected most by climate change to get fair deals for their produce. Why not buy some Fairtrade bananas or coffee for your morning break at any supermarket?

Take part in Earth Hour 25<sup>th</sup> March by switching off your lights for 1 hour at 8:30pm. Unite with people across the world and show global leaders that we need urgent action to protect nature. The natural world gives us everything that we need: food, fresh water, medicines and a breathable atmosphere. We can all help protect our local nature. What can **you** do?

And finally, the Jubilee plaques have arrived! There is now one inserted beneath the Silver Birch Trees outside the Sports and Social Club, the Parish

Hall and in the grounds of Enstone Primary School. While on your village walk about look out for them! Thank you to the Parish Council for purchasing them. Enstone Eco: Helping the Parish of Enstone make a difference. [www.enstone-eco.co.uk](http://www.enstone-eco.co.uk)

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### **ENSTONE DUCK RACE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

200 rubber ducks are racing along Heythrop Park's waters.

Take part by purchasing one of our ducks and cheer them on as they race to the finish.

1<sup>st</sup> prize £100 sponsored by Warner Leisure

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 sponsored by Worth's Coaches

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25 sponsored by Wurzel

4<sup>th</sup> Prize £15 sponsored by Bespoke off Road

5<sup>th</sup> Prize £10 sponsored by Bespoke off Road

Lucky Duck prizes sponsored by Severn Trent Green Power.

Ducks will be available to purchase locally before the event, please watch for further updates on social media and posters.

All proceeds to Friends of Enstone School (FOES).

## **Enstone Sports & Social Club**



**New members welcome**

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

**TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823**

### **EVENTS COMING IN 2023:**

**Easter Bingo - Sunday 2nd April 3pm (Please note earlier time)**

**Aunt Sally competition - Saturday 13th May 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 will be out end of March with the closing date May 20th.**

**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:- March 13th 7pm, April 17th 7pm, Memberships: Adults £10, under 18's and Over 65's £5**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

March	9	W.I. meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall
	14	Enstone Senior Teas 2-4pm Enstone PH
	22	Parish Council meeting 7pm P H
	28	Enstone Senior Teas 2-4pm Enstone PH
	31	Enstone Duck Race
April	1	Final date for copy
	3	Garden Talk 7.30pm PH



## Snowdrops in the churchyard



