

ENSTONE ENSIGN

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Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

THE CHASE BENEFICE – FEBRUARY

Sunday 4 February	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury
Sunday 11 February	8am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10am	Ascott
Sunday 18 February	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
Sunday 25 February	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington
Sunday 4 March	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury

From the Registers:-

Deaths:

Dennis Warner 2nd January Enstone

DENNIS EDWARD WARNER

Dennis Edward Warner lived at Rectory Farm, Church Enstone, also his parents and grandparents, for over a hundred years. He died 2nd January 2024, aged 92.

SNOWDROP TEA, SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY, 2.30PM-4.30PM, ST KENELM'S CHURCH

Everyone is welcome to see and celebrate the beautiful drifts of snowdrops in St Kenelm's churchyard. There will be tea/coffee, scones and cakes in the church, a photo competition, and paper snowdrops to make. If you have snowdrops in your garden, please bring one for everyone to see, so that we can have a display of different varieties.

All items for the March Ensign in by 29th February (or sooner, if you have it ready) please, to Hillside (blue door opposite the Harrow Inn) or ring

677231 for shorter items. You can also email me at
info@andreabates.co.uk

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS AT ST KENELM'S CHURCH

The St Kenelm's Concerts would like to present:

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International Classical Trio: Connie Pharoah, Hannah Gillingham, Milo Harper

Viola, Flute and Harp

On: Friday, 1st March, 7pm @ St Kenelm's Church, Church Enstone, OX7 4NN. Tickets at £20 to include a glass of wine; under 21's £5

Donations will be made to: St Kenelm's Church, The Branch Trust, and the Dean and Chadlington Festival Organisation.

Concert piano recital on Sunday, 3rd March, 3pm @ St Kenelm's Church, Church Enstone, OX7 4NN. Piano recital featuring the beautiful music of Brahms, Schubert, Clara Schumann and Robert Schumann. Admission £12 cash at the door. All proceeds to the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Followed by tea and cakes.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- JANUARY

Planning Applications:-

- **The Old Coalyard, Gagingwell, 23/03378/PN56** - Change of use of existing commercial premises (use class E) to dwelling house (use class C3) – Enstone PC objects to this planning application
- **Unit 1, The Old Coalyard, Gagingwell, 23/03255/S734** - Variation of condition 5 of 20/00118/FUL to make provision that retail produce sold from the premises can be sourced/sold without geographic restriction and that such produce retailed will remain ancillary to the primary Café function of the premises – No objection
- **Land South West of Radford Farm Buildings, Radford, 23/03341/FUL** - Erection of a two-bedded cottage for agricultural worker – No objection

Decisions Received:-

- **Taillards Barn, Gagingwell, 23/01906/FUL** - Erection of extensions to link Taillards Barn with The Grove together with associated works including provision of garaging with storage above - *Refused*
- **Enstone Airfield, North Banbury Road, Enstone, 23/01569/FUL** - Erection of detached single and two storey viewing/instruction facility, including associated offices for staff and flying school users, WC facilities and garage for fire & rescue vehicle – *Withdrawn*

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:-

Vacancy:- *Come and join the Parish Council* – make a difference to your community. Please do contact me or come and listen in at the next meeting on Thursday 22nd February at 7.00 pm.

Senior Residents' Teas

The Parish Council thanks Richard & Maureen Parker for organising another season of senior residents' teas at Enstone Parish Hall. Twelve residents attended the first teas.

Enstone Parish Council's Emergency Plan:-

The Parish Council is updating its emergency plan. In the event of an emergency (flooding, heavy snow, etc.) it would be useful to have names and contact details of residents who can offer assistance and support during an emergency. Please contact me if you are able to help.

One-Way System – Village Shop

- Oxfordshire County Council will be making a decision on this proposal at its Cabinet meeting on Thursday 25th January.

Road Safety – Lidstone Road

The Parish Council has agreed to fund a wig wag sign near to the entrance of Enstone School to enhance road safety.

Pavement – Coxs Lane

The quotes for a pavement from the sports club up to the Charlbury Road junction are in excess of £25K. The Parish Council is looking at other options of how to fund this.

Litter Picking Weekend

This will be arranged for the weekend of 2nd/3rd March. Cllr. Philip Shaw will be writing a separate article about this.

Dates of Next Meetings – 7.00 pm Enstone Parish Hall

- Thursday 22nd February
- Thursday 23rd March

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 (<https://enstone-pc.gov.uk>). The Parish Council thanks Mrs Rachel Hunt, webmaster honorarium, for all her dedicated and hard work relating to the management of the website.

Mrs Beth Sinclair, Enstone Parish Clerk, Briery Cottage, 9 Alexandra Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5HL Tel: 07896 150265 Email:- **clerk@enstone-pc.gov.uk**

ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year from all at Enstone Primary School. The new term has started well, with children and staff feeling refreshed after a lovely Christmas holiday. All classes have new topics to explore, as well as a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities which will enrich our curriculum. Ahead of us in the spring term is our annual House Festival, a trip to the Sheldonian Theatre to hear the County Youth Orchestra play, folk music workshops for Key Stage 2, a chance for Years 5 and 6 to participate in Chipping Norton Music Festival, a variety of sporting tournaments for our eager sports teams to get stuck into, and of course the annual celebration of “World Book Day” (complete with amazing costumes). Phew! There will certainly be lots going on to engage and motivate our pupils as the spring term unfolds.

Our Eco Warriors would like to remind the local community that we still collect used postage stamps which raise money for local charity, **Thrive**. We would be grateful if anyone would like to save their stamps for us (cut from the envelope with a small paper border). You can pop small bags or envelopes of used stamps into the post box in the main entrance any time you are passing.

Thank you.

Sarah Mann
Headteacher

ENSTONE W.I.

Last month we celebrated the New Year with an enjoyable evening at The Crown.

Three members also visited our neighbouring WI in Charlbury to listen to a talk from a member of The Time Team. An informative presentation somewhat marred by our chattering teeth, we came away really appreciating our own warm Parish Hall. In February we will be discussing this year's 4 proposed WI Resolutions which are about dental services, housing conditions, gambling adverts and criminal justice. A short presentation will be given about each followed by a vote. Our selection will then be forwarded to OFWI. The national winning resolution will then be proposed at the Annual Meeting later this year.

If you would like to find out more about our WI please call Angela 677728 or just come along to a meeting, we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in The Parish Hall at 7.30 pm

ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB NEWS (FORMERLY ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)

Upcoming events February and beyond

Winter Garden Visit, Islip

Sunday 18 February, 3 pm

Visit to Hollyhocks, Avril Hughes' garden in Islip. This visit follows the fascinating talk given by Avril in October about winter colour in the garden. There will be an entry cost for this garden of £4.00.

Please contact the secretary if you would like to join the group or if you would like a lift to visit the garden, 07771 594927.

Dry Stone Walling day, Monday 4 March

The class on dry stone walling will take place on Monday the 4th of March in Burford between 8.30 and 3.30. The cost will be £100 for the day, with instruction by experienced waller, Tom Hazzledine. It's not too late to be included. Please contact the club secretary on 07771 594927.

Greenhouses: a year round source of seedlings, salads and sanctuary, 25 March 7.00 Parish Hall

We are delighted that David Edwards, who regularly opens his gardens and greenhouses in Dean, near Chadlington under the National Gardens Scheme, will share his experience and advice about greenhouses.

Spring Flower Show, Saturday 13 April

The schedule of classes for the Spring Flower Show will be included in the March Ensign. Exhibits to be staged before 12.00 noon, and the show will be open to the public between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.

LITTER PICKING WEEKEND

Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 March

As in previous years the Parish Council is organising a community litter pick over the weekend of 2 and 3 March in order to spruce up the village and its approach roads.

Volunteers are needed for an hour or so over the weekend to join the litter collection effort to increase the impact. No experience necessary. Equipment will be provided.

If you can spare an hour or so on either day please contact philip.shaw@enstone-pc.gov.uk or text 07771 594927. Thank you.

ENSTONE ECO

During the colder months the wildlife in your garden may need a helping hand. Here are some things you can do to make your habitat a safe haven and increase biodiversity:

- Feed garden birds with fat balls, the higher fat content gives them an extra boost. (The Natural History Museum has some great clips to help with pine cone fat ball feeders www.nhm.ac.uk).
- Thrushes and blackbirds favour fruit too, so scatter well-ripened apples and raisins.
- Put out fresh water for all birds, especially when things have frozen over, so they can carry on drinking when it's cold.
- Create a hedgehog hole or highway to allow hedgehogs to roam from garden to garden. You could get one sorted in time for the hedgehogs to come out of hibernation. Search www.wildlifetrusts.org to see how. Hedgehogs like to travel 2 km each night. Let's get our village connected!

- Try to resist tidying your garden too much as some insects may be sheltering in leaf litter and butterflies maybe hibernating in your garden shed.
- Make a beetle bucket to encourage more of these wonderful creatures and bring balance to your garden. See the booklet from The Wildlife Trusts entitled 'Bring back our beetles'.

Sit back and enjoy! Hopefully some of you will have taken part in The Big Garden Bird Watch. Let us know what you've seen, we'd love to know your favourite bird seen in Enstone.

Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday 14th February, 7-8.30pm St Kenelm's Church. Get in touch on enstoneeco@gmail.com

ENSTONE SENIORS' AFTERNOON TEA

Richard, Maureen and Yvonne will be providing afternoon tea in the Litchfield room at the parish hall 2.30-4.30 on the following dates: [SEP]

February 14, 28 [SEP]

March 13, 27 [SEP]

April 10 [SEP]

Please check your Ensign monthly as the dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please come and join us for stimulating conversation and meet up with other Enstone residents and friends, please bring any books or unwanted gifts for the popular swap stall. [SEP]

Should you require any further information please contact Richard on mobile 07860796817 [SEP]

Email parkers.catering@hotmail.com

Enstone Sports & Social Club



Sky sports
New members welcome

Kids easter party coming in March date and time T.B.C
Charity Six-a-side cricket - Saturday 15th June

Enstone cricket - starts again most Sundays from mid April, anyone interested in playing can contact Jonathan Watts on 07880042527

The club is open every Friday 7pm-11pm, Saturday 3pm till close and Sundays from 12pm to 3pm

Sky sports on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
All welcome, The club is open to everyone.

WINTER SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS

As winter arrives and temperatures drop thoughts may be turning to staying warm and well. There's a range of support, tips, advice and grants, available in Oxfordshire. The free, local and independent Better Housing Better Health service is there for residents who may be finding it hard to keep themselves or their family warm and well. For some residents they can offer a home visit to provide more tailored advice and support.

Referrals can be made to grant schemes for new heating or better insulation, making money go further. This year there are more grant schemes available than previous years for energy efficiency measures like loft and cavity wall insulation and some schemes' eligibility criteria has changed.

Head over www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/keepingwarm for more information or call 0800 107 0044 for advice on energy saving or bill support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February	8	W.I. meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall
	14	Enstone seniors' afternoon tea, 2.30-4.30pm Parish Hall (Litchfield Room)
	14	Enstone Eco 7pm to 8.30pm St Kenelm's church
	17	Snowdrop tea, Saturday 17 February, 2.30pm-4.30pm, St Kenelm's church
	18	Winter Garden Visit, Hollyhocks, Islip, 3pm
	22	Parish Council meeting, 7.00pm, Parish Hall

	28	Enstone seniors' afternoon tea, 2.30-4.30pm Parish Hall (Litchfield Room)
	29	Final date for copy
March	1	Concert at St Kenelm's at 7pm
	2-3	Litter picking weekend
	3	Concert at St Kenelm's at 3pm

Driving in the snow in Enstone



