

ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 468 January 2024

Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

THE CHASE BENEFICE – JANUARY

Sunday 7 January	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury
Sunday 14 January	8am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10am	Ascott
Sunday 21 January	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
Sunday 28 January	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington
Sunday 4 February	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury

Coffee morning at St Kenelm's Church, Saturday 20 January, 10am-12pm

Everyone is welcome to come for a cup of coffee or tea, and cake and a chat.

From the Registers:-

Deaths:

Peter Tyler	5 th December	Enstone
Pamela Foxall	8 th December	Enstone

All items for the February Ensign in by 27th January (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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- DECEMBER

Planning Applications:-

None

Decision Received:-

- 16 The Spinneys, Enstone, 23/02604/HHD - *Approved*

PARISH COUNCILLOR NEWS:-

Co-option

We are delighted to welcome Cllr. Nathan Peart onto the Parish Council. He was Co-opted onto the Council on 13th December. Nathan has lived in Enstone since 2022 and his areas of interest are the environment, nature and supporting local businesses.

Resignation

Cllr. Tom Gilbert announced his resignation after seven years as Parish Councillor and was thanked for all his work during this time.

Vacancy:-

There is, therefore, a vacancy so please do contact me for further details about this important role in the Community and how you can make a difference.

THANK YOU

The Parish Council wishes to thank Anne-Marie Shepherdson, a resident of the Parish, who has very kindly donated a new bench for the top of the Cleveley Road. This will be installed in the New Year.

LIDSTONE ROAD

The Parish Council is seeking quotes for wigwag flashing signs (they operate during school hours) and white gates to slow vehicles travelling from Chipping Norton that are approaching the school parking area. Ongoing

PAVEMENT – COXS LANE

Many responses included the request for the pavement along Coxs Lane be extended to the junction of the Charlbury Road. The Parish Council is seeking quotes for this work. Ongoing

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL & OXFORDSHIRE COUNCIL, COUNCIL NEWS

www.westoxon.gov.uk

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

- West Oxfordshire District Council has agreed to move forward with enabling developer Green Axis to deliver seven affordable, custom-build, net zero carbon homes in Chipping Norton, in what will be a national first. The seven homes will be designed using the Council's

Net Zero Carbon Toolkit. This innovative approach minimises the energy required to heat the homes, and coupled with onsite renewable energy generation, means the homes will be net zero carbon in operation while careful selection of materials will minimise the carbon footprint of the construction.

- West Oxfordshire District Council will increase fixed penalty notices to the maximum allowed by the government to crack down on anti-social behaviour. Crimes damaging the environment like fly-tipping and littering create an eyesore and spoil the enjoyment of outdoor spaces that residents use. By taking the fines to the maximum limit allowed, we will ensure that those who choose to continue to offend will face much tougher consequences. In West Oxfordshire, the maximum amount those caught fly-tipping could be fined will increase from £400 to £1,000. The maximum amount those who litter, or graffiti could be fined will increase from £150 to £500. The maximum amount those who breach their household waste duty of care could be fined will increase from £400 to £600.
- Thames Water unveils a new online tool: '[Report a problem online](#)'. Residents can now easily report blocked sewers, flooding, and pollution online, and find live updates on storm overflow activity in West Oxfordshire. To report a problem, please visit <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/report-a-problem#/view-and-report-problems> or to check the progress of reported issues in your area via the mapping tool, see <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/edm-map>.

Dates of Next Meetings – 7.00 pm Enstone Parish Hall

- Thursday 18th January
- 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: 07776 534584 Email:- clerk@enstone-pc.gov.uk

FORTHCOMING CONCERT AT ST KENELM'S CHURCH

Sunday 3rd March 2024 piano recital by David Marriott. Time 3-4pm followed by tea and cake. In aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

ENSTONE PARISH HALL

Enstone Parish Hall has a variety of activities throughout the week. In the main hall, there is Yoga, Pilates, Badminton, Baby College, Junior Karate, Fencing, Line Dancing and Jado Kuin Do.

The Litchfield Room is used for meetings by the Parish Council, WI, Eco Group, Garden Club, Senior's Teas and others.

Events of all kinds including Private Parties, Film Nights & Matinees, Fundraising Activities and National Celebrations are all catered for. There is a licensed bar, well-equipped kitchen and plug-and-play audio-visual system with projector and screen.

All activities and events are published in the Events Calendar on the Parish Website, posters are placed on the village notice boards and upcoming events notified in the Ensign. If you would like to book the hall please contact Karen: 07391 231 304 or admin.parishhall@enstone-pc.gov.uk. Come and join in an activity or enjoy yourself at one of the events.

ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB NEWS (FORMERLY ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)

Upcoming events January and beyond

January Gardeners' Forum, Seed Collection and AGM

15 January, Parish Hall (Litchfield Room) 7.00

All current members and any potential members/interested Enstone residents are invited to the Garden Club January meeting at 7.00 pm on 15 January. We will be holding a Gardeners' Forum/Q&A session when any topics of interest or gardening problems encountered can be aired and shared. There will also be a brief AGM and the annual seed orders will be distributed.

Winter Garden Visit, Islip

Sunday 18 February

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 for more information or if you would like a lift to visit the garden, 07771 594927

Dry Stone Walling

As previously mentioned, the Club is planning to hold a day's class on dry stone. The expected dates will be Monday the 4th or Monday the 11th of March. The cost will be £100 for the day with instruction by experienced waller, Tom Hazzledine. We've had a good level of interest so far, but it's not too late to be included if you're keen. Please contact the club secretary on 07771 594927 as soon as possible.

PAM FOXALL (1929-2023)

Pam Foxall died peacefully at home on December 8th, 2023. She was actively involved in village life – she was a playground supervisor at the school in the mid-70s, and became a teaching assistant, then school secretary in the 1990s. She was a committed member of the WI, becoming president for a few years in the early 1980s. Then she was actively involved on the committee of the Enstone Horticultural Society and the History Society, and a keen supporter of the local Reading Club.

She was very creative, a talented artist, and exhibited some of her work locally; later took up embroidery and did beautiful work, was member of the Embroiderers' Guild, and even had a piece published in a book on embroidery. She took up quilting and excelled at that.

Pam and her husband Geoff were volunteer stewards at Upton House, a National Trust place in Warwickshire, for many years.

Pam was determined to maintain her independence at home, in her later years and was only able to do this with the help and support of her neighbours and friends, to whom she was always immensely grateful.

“You can shed tears that she is gone, Or you can smile because she has lived. You can remember her and only that she is gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on” (Anonymous)

The funeral service is on 10th January at 12 noon, in St Kenelm's. Those who wish to, can then attend the committal, at North Oxfordshire Crematorium,

near Tackley. Or they can head straight down to The Crown, after the church service.

Rest in peace, dear friend. (Ed.)

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE UPDATE

O Christmas Tree...

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 post code is included in the scheme. www.khh.org.uk/christmastree

2 DAY WATERCOLOUR COURSE WITH BBC TV ARTIST DERMOT CAVANAGH IN THE COTSWOLDS VILLAGE OF CHURCH ENSTONE FROM 30TH TO 31ST JANUARY 2024 –

Expert daily tuition 10:00am to 4:30pm with all painting materials provided. **Price: £199.00** - For further information or booking, Call 02887784166 - Email info@dermotcavanagh.com

ENSTONE ECO

A big Christmas thank you from nature!

Our local wildflowers and wildlife owe a big thank you to everyone who voted in the Parish Council Survey for our grass verges to be cut less often. A massive 68% of those who responded, voted to cut the grass fewer times each year. The Parish Council has heard your voice and from next year we will have a “no mow May” approach across Enstone. This will provide a feast for pollinators, improve our biodiversity and give local plants and wildlife a chance to fight against their decline.

Of course maintaining visibility at road junctions and road safety remains really important. So if any corners within the national speed limit signs in Enstone become too overgrown, you can contact the Parish Council and report

it. If you want to find out how to get the best out of your own garden, you can find friendly, helpful advice by searching online for “Plantlife: No Mow May is Over, What’s Next?”

Here’s wishing everyone a very merry Christmas from Enstone Eco
(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:

January 17^[1st]_[SEP]

February 14, 28^[1st]_[SEP]

March 13, 27^[1st]_[SEP]

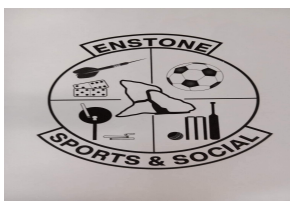
April 10^[1st]_[SEP]

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.

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

Email parkers.catering@hotmail.com

Enstone Sports & Social Club



New members welcome

Premier League Live on Sky, plus other sports too.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823

EXCITING NEWS!

Enstoneladiesfc

**Are you looking to get back into or start playing ladies football?
We have an open training session coming up on Sunday 7th January 11am.**

This is for a brand new team as Enstone Ladies!

Please come along and give it a go, it will be a light training session followed by a drink and a chat in the club to get to know everyone and talk about the up and coming season!

We're a lovely friendly group of ladies with a passion to play football. (Age 16+)

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.

Charity Six-a-side cricket - Saturday 15th June

All welcome.

We would like to thank everyone that helps out at the club, please remember Enstone sports and social club is run by volunteers, there is no management, only a committee and nobody gets paid, if anybody in the village would like to help out then please come along and talk to us.

We wish you a happy New year!

The club is open to everyone.

Committee Meetings:- January 8th 7pm

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

January	15	January Gardeners’ Forum, Seed Collection and AGM 7.00pm Parish Hall (Litchfield Room)
	17	Enstone seniors afternoon tea, 2.30-4.30pm Parish Hall (Litchfield Room)
	18	Parish Council meeting, 7.00pm, Parish Hall
	20	Coffee morning, 10.00-12.00, St Kenelm’s Church,
	27	Final date for copy