

ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 471 April 2024

Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

THE CHASE BENEFICE – APRIL

Sunday 7 April	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury
Sunday 14 April	8am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10am	Ascott
Sunday 21 April	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
Sunday 28 April	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington
Sunday 5 May	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury

From the Registers:-

Baptisms:-

Thomas Gregory Jordan 10th March Enstone

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

Join us to chat over coffee/tea and delicious cakes, with a raffle and cakes to buy.

All items for the May Ensign in by 27th April (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- MARCH

Planning Applications:-

- **Oathill Lodge, road from Enstone Road to Oathill Farm, Enstone, R3.0022/24** – Change of use from C3 dwelling house to C2 small children's home for up to four children, with external alterations to the fenestration and steps; erection of a roof extension and demolition of existing outbuilding. No objection

- **Orchard House, 2 The Square, Church Enstone 24/00409/HHD** – Erection of two storey and first floor extensions to detached garage to create office above. No objection – as part of increasing biodiversity, the Parish Council suggests the applicant installs swift boxes and bat tiles as well as consider sustainable heating.
- **Whiteways Technical Centre, 24/00556/FUL** – Erection of 1st floor extension over existing single storey R and D building to create a new plant room with external staircase access and installation of new external plant on a raised platform. No objection

PLANNING APPLICATION TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 25TH APRIL AT 7.00 PM AT ENSTONE PARISH HALL:-

Land and Building (E) 439518 (N) 226211 Enstone Airfield North, Banbury Road, 24/00686/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 and rescue vehicle.

The Planning Officer has granted an extension to the current deadline of 12th April due to Easter Bank Holidays – comments to be submitted by Friday 26th April

Decisions Received:-

- **Broad Close, Little Tew Road, Church Enstone** – Approved
- **Unit 1, The Old Coalyard** – Approved
- **The Old Coalyard, Gagingwell, change of use from commercial to residential property** - refused

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:-

Vacancy:-

There is a further vacancy to join the Parish Council – two residents have been Co-opted onto the Council within the last few months - make a difference to your community – please contact me for further information or come along to the next meeting on 25th April.

Cllr. Richard Parker – Enstone PC sends its congratulations and thanks to Richard Parker who attended his final meeting in March after 25.5 years as he has moved away from the Parish.

Biodiversity/"No Mow May"

As part of increasing biodiversity, there will be no grass cutting undertaken along the verges or Greens for the whole of May this year. This is in keeping with other Parish and Town Councils to aid biodiversity. Enstone Parochial Church Council will be responsible for the upkeep of the churchyard and cemetery.

Bench – Top of Cleveley Road

A local builder has offered to build a base for the new bench free of charge. The Parish Council will then attach the bench to the base in the coming weeks. The PC is most grateful for this kind gesture.

Parish Emergency Plan

This is now on the Parish' website for information. Thanks to Cllr. Mike Gomm for updating the plan.

Oxfordshire County Council seeking “super users” to help identify pot holes etc. Can this be you?

The county council is calling on residents to put themselves forward to train and volunteer as “super users.” Under the scheme people will be given training in identifying and assessing things like potholes, blocked drains and damaged signs along with guidance on working safely on the roads, they will be authorised not only to make reports but also to order repairs to be carried out. Volunteers will only be expected to cover their local area on mainly residential or quieter roads and will be assessed to ensure they can use the systems and carry out “Super-User requirements safely. *Please contact me if you are interested in being a super-user for Enstone Parish Thank you ...*

New Bus Route commencing 31st March 2024

Pulhams buses will be commencing a new bus service (801) which starts in Chipping Norton and will travel to Moreton in Marsh, Stow on the Wold, Bourton on the Water and finishing at Cheltenham. This will be a regular bus service.

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's annual parish meeting takes place on **Thursday 16th May at 7.00 pm at Enstone Parish Hall**. All organisations are welcome to report on activities during the past year.

Dates of Next Meetings – 7.00 pm Enstone Parish Hall

- Thursday 25th April
- Thursday 16th May – Annual Parish Meeting
- Thursday 23rd May – Annual Council Meeting, to be followed by Parish Council Meeting
- Thursday 27th 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 (<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 PARISH HALL

Coming soon will be a Film Night on 27 April and a Quiz Night in May - More information to follow. All activities and events are on the Events Calendar on the Parish Website and posters are placed on the village notice boards.

Events of all kinds take place in the hall so why not see if there is something for you? If you want to book the hall please contact Karen on 07391 231 304 or admin.parishhall@enstone-pc.gov.uk.

ENSTONE W.I.

In March we invited three members of Charlbury WI to help us celebrate Enstone WI's birthday. After enjoying a delicious meal, local resident Allison Parry entertained us with a selection of songs, beautifully sung and played on her keyboard and flute. On Thursday 11th April 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, will be holding our Annual Meeting. If you would like to know more about our WI please contact Angela Taylor on 677728

ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Spring Flower Show, Saturday 13 April, Parish Hall: The schedule of classes for the Spring Flower Show was 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.

Spring Plant Sale, Saturday 11 May 10.00 – 12.00 at the Parish Hall car park: Make a diary date to purchase inexpensive vegetable plants and herbaceous cuttings at the Garden Club Spring Plant sale.

ENSTONE ECO

We hope that as the weather improves you are going out and about and looking at the wonderful nature in our parish. This includes looking in the streams for signs of life, which can tell us a lot about the health of the rivers. If you would like to learn more, then you are welcome to register and come along to learn how to monitor the number of riverfly larvae in our local river Glyme.

Riverfly monitoring Saturday 13th April 10 - 4pm. The Evenlode Catchment Partnership (ECP) are providing free training workshop for anyone interested in learning about finding riverflies and their larvae. The aim is to encourage volunteers to regularly monitor riverfly larvae in our local rivers to provide more information on the health of this precious environment. It's also really good fun! The Enstone Village Hall and the Heythrop Warners Hotel have allowed us to use their facilities for the day. We shall use Heythrop stream to learn how to sample the riverfly after our indoor session in the morning. So book a place by contacting ECP@wildoxfordshire.org.uk

Interested in monitoring the local rivers for phosphate and nitrate content then check out the next WaterBlitz event between **Friday 19 April to Monday 22 April** www.freshwaterwatch.org/. See our website www.enstone-eco.co.uk or get in touch on enstoneeco@gmail.com

2 DAY WATERCOLOUR COURSE WITH BBC TV ARTIST DERMOT CAVANAGH IN THE COTSWOLDS VILLAGE OF CHURCH ENSTONE FROM 29TH TO 30TH MAY 2024

Expert daily tuition 10:00am to 4:30pm with all painting materials provided. **Price: £199.00** - Suitable for painters of all abilities, including beginners, Dermot Cavanagh is the artist behind 74 episodes of the hit BBC TV series, 'Awash with Colour'. Dermot has inspired millions of viewers and taught a host of celebrities to paint the landscape. Charlie Dimmock, Gloria Hunniford, Suzanne Dando, Barry McGuigan and John Craven to name a few all took up painting under Dermot's expert guidance.^[L]_[SEP]

Join him now for this 2-Day learn-to-paint experience in a comfortable and tranquil setting, where he will help you and demonstrate many invaluable watercolour tips and techniques. People say they've learned more from Dermot's courses in a couple of days than from years attending other classes.^[L]_[SEP]

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Lunch is available at the village pub beside the venue. For further information or booking, Call 02887784166 - Email info@dermotcavanagh.com

OXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY UPDATE

Your views needed

As a representative of a local business or organisation in the county, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to get your views on proposals to reduce the number of false alarms from automatic fire alarm systems. This would mean that more fire engines would be available for genuine emergencies.

It's Food Action Week^[L]_[SEP]

Food Waste Action Week is a national campaign from WRAP designed to reduce the amount of food waste people produce. This year's theme is 'Choose what you'll use' – promoting the benefits of buying loose fruit and veg. It's running from 18-24 March.

EV Car Clubs

We are working with city and district councils - and a number of commercial car club operators - offering fully battery electric cars for residents to use on a pay-per-use basis. This can be for as little as an hour, and up to a few days. There has never been a better time to give car clubs a go so please spread the word!

Fostering

We're recruiting for more foster carers and would be really grateful if you could spread the word with your communities. Hear from those already doing this amazing job, just what it means to care for a child.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

We need to identify locations to create or improve habitat in a way that brings the greatest benefits for nature and the wider environment. This is a new statutory duty for authorities across England and we want to capture the views of as many people as possible.

Swap to Stop

We want to help residents stop smoking. But many smokers become disheartened after trying to quit without success.

Vaping is much less harmful than smoking. It's also one of the best tools for quitting smoking – significantly more effective than nicotine patches or gum.

Public Switched Telephone Network Withdrawal

Between now and 2025, most telephone providers such as Virgin Media, O2 or BT will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology.

This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones and healthcare devices will no longer work and will need to be changed.

For most residents, this change will be straightforward and communications providers will explain directly to their customers that the change may be as simple as plugging their phone into a broadband router rather than the socket on the wall.

For other, more vulnerable residents who are not already online, it will be more involved. We're sharing information on this with those who use our services. If you are able to, please do use the supplied information in your own communities.

Home Upgrade Grant

We know many residents are concerned about the cost of energy bills this winter.

They may be eligible for energy efficiency upgrades for their home. These upgrades, known as 'retrofitting', can help to reduce energy bills and make homes easier to keep warm.

ENSTONE DUCK RACE

Despite all the rain, we had an hour window of it stopping, the ducks made way and a race was had. Many thanks to everyone that purchased a duck, raising funds for the primary school. Thank you for coming along to cheer on the ducks and thank you to our sponsors which help support the duck race event.

Results.-

1st sponsored by Warner Leisure - Jay Bott

2nd sponsored by Worth's Coaches - Mr Coney

3rd sponsored by Wurzel - Rosie Laver

4th sponsored by Severn Trent - Emma Didcock

5th sponsored by Severn Trent - Ruth Mathews

Lucky ducks sponsored by Wurzel.

APACHE BLESSING

May the sun bring you new energy by day

May the moon softly restore you by night

May the rain wash away your worries

May the breeze blow new strength into your being

May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life

Enstone Sports & Social Club



Sky sports
New members welcome

Darts competition - date T.B.C, please keep an eye on our Facebook page.

Charity Six-a-side cricket - Saturday 15th June 12pm, we have our teams but come along and enjoy the day and BBQ later on. Raffle, This year's charity is Alzheimers.uk

Henry Hawtin cup - starts July

Enstone cricket - starts again most Sundays from mid April, anyone interested in playing can contact Jonathan Watts on 07818697752

Meat draw every Friday.

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.

Club meetings 7pm: April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, AGM July 15th.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April	11	W.I. Annual meeting, 7.30pm Parish Hall (PH)
	13	Enstone Garden Club Spring Show, 2-4pm, PH
	13	Riverfly monitoring, 10-4pm, PH and Heythrop stream
	20	Coffee morning, 10am-12pm St Kenelm's church
	25	Parish Council meeting, 7.00pm, PH
	27	Final date for copy
May	11	Enstone Garden Club Spring Plant Sale, 10am-12pm at the PH car park
	16	Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm at Enstone PH