

# ENSTONE ENSIGN

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Newsletter for Enstone Parish

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## THE CHASE BENEFICE - MAY

We're looking forward to re-opening for in-person worship later this month. All the PCCs in the Benefice are working on the necessary risk assessments now and we hope that the decision as to which churches will open, and when, will be made at the JPCC meeting on 12 May. More details will be available in the Bulletin that week and on the noticeboards.

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## RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends

### *Changing perspective*

I spend a lot of time in my car, driving between the four villages of the Benefice. I never tire of looking at this beautiful corner of Oxfordshire. Each season brings its own joy: the daffodils appearing in the verges, the May blossom and gradual greening of the trees as they burst into leaf, the changing colour of the fields as crops grow and are harvested and the way that the differing angles of the sun affect what you can see in the distance.

But this spring, as I have been driving from Enstone to Chadlington, through Taston and Spelsbury, I have enjoyed seeing something that I have not noticed before. Over the winter months the mature hedges on either side of the road have been cut back, revealing a view of Spelsbury Church not previously visible from the road.

A good few years ago a large conifer was removed from the front of Spelsbury Church by the west door. The result has been that the Church is now visible from all over the valley, and very fine it looks too in the spring sunshine. Cutting things down, stripping things away, often gives us a new view or perspective.

On 1st June, I am going to undergo something of a similar experience — although I hope not as dramatic! The Bishop has granted me a three-month Sabbatical – a period of time when I lay down my day-to-day responsibility for the parishes of the Chase Benefice and I will be away from the Benefice until Sunday 12 September.

A sabbatical is not a holiday as such. It is a chance for rest, reflection and discernment. During this time I am going to spend time in retreat, taking time

away from normal working life to be alone with God. I am also going to spend time weaving, a much neglected hobby, and visiting some weavers on the islands of the Outer Hebrides, as well as enjoying being with the family, doing some reading, walking and just 'being' rather than 'doing'. Some of this time will be away from the Benefice, some of it will be based at the Vicarage - but I will not be involved in any Benefice activity nor will I engage in any conversations about the Benefice or look at emails!

This is the second sabbatical that I have been granted in 28 years of ordained ministry and comes as I approach the 20th anniversary of becoming Rector of the Chase Benefice. I am ready for three months of Sabbath rest with its change of pace and perspective.

During this time Ilona Cheyne, our Assistant Curate, will be taking on pastoral responsibility for the Benefice, supported by the Churchwardens and PCCs. All enquiries should in the first instance be directed to her. I am extremely grateful to have Ilona as a colleague and to be able to leave the Benefice in her care. And I will look forward to returning to the Benefice in mid-September when hopefully we will have emerged fully from the shadow of COVID-19. In the meantime I wish you a peaceful and sunny summer!

With every good wish and blessing.

Mark Abrey

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From the Registers:-

**Deaths:-**

Ron Bott	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Enstone
Bob Pearce	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Enstone
Gordon Markham	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Enstone
Carol Stiles	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Enstone

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**ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, FISHERS LANE, CHARLBURY**

There will be no Mass in Enstone in May.

The Parish Priest is Fr Tony Joyce, at Holy Trinity Rectory, London Rd, Chipping Norton OX7 5AX. [holytrinityrchippy@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityrchippy@gmail.com) 01608 642703

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All items for the June Ensign in by 29<sup>th</sup> May (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 – APRIL 2021

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

- **Heythrop Park Hotel, Heythrop Park, 21/00508/FUL & 21/00509/LBC:-**  
Phase 1 works including partial refurbishment of, and works to, the main building complex, landscaping, removal of marquee, provision of Arrivals Lodges and all incidental works. It is anticipated that these works could be completed by November 2021.  
Development part of overall upgrading of Heythrop Park Hotel and estate (Use Class C1). *Enstone Parish Council has no objection to the planning application but does have concerns regarding the proposed construction traffic management plan.*
- **Enstone Airline Hangars, Enstone Airfield North, 21/00879/FUL –**  
Extension of existing aircraft maintenance hangar to form ‘lean to’ hangar for indoor aircraft maintenance – retrospective. *Enstone Parish Council has no objection to this planning application*
- **Enstone Flying Club, Enstone Airfield, 21/01303/FUL –** Erection of hangar – retrospective. *Enstone Parish Council has no objection to this planning application*
- **West Manor, Church Enstone, 21/00547/LBC & 21/00546/HHD –**  
Alterations to include the erection of first floor extension and provision of a canopy over main entrance. Internal & external alterations to include the erection of first floor extension and provision of a canopy over main entrance. *Enstone Parish Council has no objection to this planning application*
- **Church Enstone Hall, Little Tew Road, Church Enstone, 21/00366/FUL –** Change of use of land to enlarge garden area and renovation of existing outbuilding to become pool building, including leisure facilities and pool plant equipment, installation of a swimming pool with paved area and a proposed gravel track from existing driveway to the Tithe Barn courtyard. *Enstone Parish Council objects to this planning application*

- **May Cottage, Cleveley, 21/00775/HHD** – Erection of single storey extension. *No objection*
- Decisions Received:-
- *Land South of Oxford Road, Oxford Rd, Enstone, 19/03524/S73* – Non-material amendment to allow the commencement of development approved under 19/03524/S73 to take place no later than 11th October 2021 - Approved
- *Flat 3, Kenelm Court, Cleveley Rd, Enstone, 21/00026/S73* – Variation of conditions 5 & 7 of planning permission 06/1674/P/FP to allow replacement windows to be recessed 125 mm from the face of the building and colour changed to willow tree green or dark green - Approved
- *Land East of The Drive, Enstone, 21/00087/FUL* – Construction of two detached self-build custom-build carbon-neutral houses, together with associated works and formation of vehicular access – Withdrawn

### **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES – GAGINGWELL**

With sponsorship from Renault Motorsport Ltd, two SIDs are now installed at Gagingwell to help with traffic calming.

### **GIGACLEAR – BROADBAND**

Gigaclear will be working in Enstone in the new few months regarding improvements to broadband. The project manager will be joining the Parish Council Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May to explain the process in more detail. Gigaclear will circulate letters to residents.

### **GRAFFITI AND CLEANING OF BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE WORTHS**

Following the recent vandalism, the Parish Council is obtaining quotes for the cleaning of the graffiti and also the cleaning of the bus shelter window opposite Worths.

### **RESIDENTS WISHING TO JOIN PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETINGS**

All residents are welcome to attend the meeting but please inform the clerk beforehand so that she is aware you will be joining. Details are below on how to contact Beth.

*Dates of next meetings:-*

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Council Meeting
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Parish Council Meeting
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall

Mrs Beth Sinclair, Enstone Parish Clerk, Briery Cottage, 9 Alexandra Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5HL.Tel: 01608 641051: Email:-

[enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com)

Website address for the Parish = enstoneparish.org

Facebook Page = Enstone Parish

### **ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The Enstone Horticultural Society are delighted to announce that we will be selling plants at the Enstone Food Market located at Enstone Sports & Social Club on Sunday 16th May, 9:30am - 1pm. We look forward to seeing you there for some spring and summer flowers to brighten your wonderful gardens as well as vegetable plants for home grown produce.

**If you have any spare plants or produce to sell, please bring them at 9.30am EHS.**

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### **ENSTONE FOOD MARKET**

Two Jolly Cooks brings you Enstone Food Market. To be held in the car park of the Enstone Sports and Social Club, Cox's Lane, Enstone OX7 4LF on **Sunday 16th May** . **It will be open from 0930 - 1pm**. It is a flat surface and a toilet is available. Parking is available at the parish hall.

Donations in aid of Oxfordshire Mind, a Mental Health charity.

Stalls will also include Flamingo Paperie/The Indian Orchard / Flower Granola / It's A Chocolate Thing/ The Curiosities Company/ The Lost Farm / Cotswold Salad / Just Liquorice/ Tess' Brilliant Cakes / Chillis 2 U/ Swedish Sandwich Yumminess / North Aston Organics' vegetables (*cash preferred for Charity*)/ Sweet Berts / Team Tea/ The Hippy Hare Company/ Fina Design Cotswolds/ Berowbe Catering / Everything Fairtrade and maybe a few more. Don't forget to bring empty containers to refill at the SESI Refill/Reuse stall.

## **CASH AND CARDS ARE ACCEPTED**

The Enstone Horticulture Society will also be selling plants for their annual plant sale.

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### **THANK YOU**

Tony Stiles would like to thank friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers, help, kindness and support during Carol's illness.

### **ARTYARD CAFE ENSTONE**

ARTYARD CAFE. Re opening, 12pm, Thursday 20th May.

Bookings please email: [artyardcafe@gmail.com](mailto:artyardcafe@gmail.com)

Or message our FB page.

Call 01608678852.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Best Regards, John.

### **OPEN GARDENS FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – SPRING 2021 – SUMMER 2022**

Our Open Gardens for Katharine House event is back again this Spring/ Summer. Please see below for some of the villages who have signed up already! If you are interested in opening your garden in support of Katharine House or for more information please email [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or contact our fundraising department on 01295 816 484 or visit [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens)

- Chadlington village Open Gardens 23 May
- Churchill 3 July
- Hornton village Open Gardens 4 July
- Middleton Cheney village Open Gardens 18 July
- South Newington (by appointment only, please visit our website [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens) or contact [Claire\\_ainley@hotmail.com](mailto:Claire_ainley@hotmail.com))

The summer term has got off to a lovely, positive start. The children returned from their Easter break rested and ready to tackle the challenges of a new term, and the fine weather is making a really positive contribution to our wellbeing, as we are able to take a lot of our learning and play activities outside. There are new topics to look forward to including a study of the Ancient Greeks and learning about contrasting localities such as Australia and Chembakolli. We plan to start taking the children back to our woodland site at Henley Knapp and we will certainly be making the most of our lovely school garden and the abundance of wildlife to be found there, which is such a great resource to support our science teaching.

We hope that a gradual relaxing of social distancing rules in the weeks to come will enable us to enjoy increasingly more of the activities which have been denied to us in the past few months, including musical instrument lessons and ensemble singing, as well as partnership sporting events and, in the fullness of time, sports day and our annual musical showcase assembly. We are certainly approaching this term in the spirit of optimism, planning for as much as we can and hoping that it all comes to fruition. I will look forward to keeping you updated with all our fun and activities throughout the summer term.

Sarah Mann  
Headteacher

### **SHARE YOUR LIFE, CHANGE A LIFE**

Could you give someone the opportunity to live the fullest life they can live? Help them grow in confidence? Encourage them to become more independent and do things they never thought they would be able to do?

The Shared Lives scheme matches people who need additional support to be independent, with carers and their families. The opportunity to share a family's life, as part of their household, gives them a valuable alternative to staying in residential care or being looked after by a team of support workers.

Becoming a Shared Lives Carer for Oxfordshire County Council will make a big difference to someone's life. If you love people, and are looking for something that is rewarding, paid and home-based - share your life, change a life - [oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlivescarers](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlivescarers)

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**ENSTONE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB  
FACILITIES FOR HIRE GROUND AND CLUB**



**ENSTONE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

**New members welcome**

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

**TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823**

The club will re-open indoors on Friday 21st May within government guidelines and as long as the government lifting of the next stage is in place.

As you could have guessed the Six-a-side cricket scheduled for Saturday June 12th is postponed again until Saturday June 11th 2022.

Thank you to the parish council for their ongoing support.

Will endeavour to update our Facebook page and let people know of any changes.

Thank you all for your support and be safe.

**THANK YOU**

Veronica, Tony, Sean, Mark and Donna would like to thank everyone who came and stood to remember Ron on the day of the funeral, all the kind messages, cards, letters, and donations sent on the sad passing of Ronnie. He will be greatly missed, RIP Ronnie

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

May 13 Annual Council Meeting<sup>{SEP}</sup>  
16 Plant sale 9.30-1 Sports Club<sup>{SEP}</sup>  
16 Enstone Food Market 9.30-1 Sports Club<sup>{SEP}</sup>  
27 Parish Council<sup>{SEP}</sup>  
29 FINAL DATE FOR COPY

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