

# ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 445 February 2022

Newsletter for Enstone Parish

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## THE CHASE BENEFICE – FEBRUARY

Sunday 6 February 10am	Spelsbury	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 13 February 10am	Ascott	CW Holy Communion
Sunday 20 February 10am	Enstone	
Sunday 27 February 10am	Chadlington	
Sunday 6 March 10am	Spelsbury	
Sunday 13 March 10am	Ascott	
Sunday 20 March 10am	Enstone	
Sunday 27 March 10am	Chadlington	
Sunday 3 April 10am	Spelsbury	

From the Registers:-

### Deaths:-

Robert Brickell	7 <sup>th</sup> December	Enstone
Richard Taylor	11 <sup>th</sup> January	Enstone

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

There will be no Mass in Enstone in February.

The Parish Priest is Fr Tony Joyce, at Holy Trinity Rectory, London Rd,  
Chipping Norton OX7 5AX. holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com 01608 642703

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**All items for the March Ensign in by 26<sup>th</sup> February (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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## CARING FOR AND COSSETING THE SELF

It's been tough, these last eighteen months: the dust is far from settled nor is Covid conquered. Furlough and the uplift in Universal Credit will soon end, leaving more families and individuals facing an unexpected income shortfall. State-school children did markedly less well in the recent exams than their private school peers, due to lack of teaching. So much uncertainty about the

future, so much loss, weariness, anxiety about mixing or just forgetting how to make small talk. We may yearn for the magic wands of childhood, the clarity of lost times. Yet be honest: the sun didn't always shine then, and that clarity masked many social evils!

Facing forward, we might seek immediate answers, but the Austrian poet Rilke offers a word of advice:

“Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and do not now seek the answers. Live *everything*, Live the questions *now*. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer.”

He seems to mean ‘give life a go!.’ start small, do some little things as and when we can and eventually, we’ll find ourselves living a renewed and even sparkling life, however tiny the sparkle. But what if we feel swathed in thick clouds, unable even to imagine light? The Cistercian monk Saint Bernard of Clairvaux has a wonderful and surprising image:

The person who is wise sees life more as a bowl than a canal which pours out what it receives, whereas the bowl retains water until it is filled without loss to itself...You too must learn to await this fullness before pouring out your gifts: do not try to be more generous than God...For if you are mean to yourselves, to whom will you be good?

Can you visualise a drop of water dripping into a much-loved bowl as you hold it? It's for *you*, to fill *you*, drop by drop. As Rilke says, we can't formulate the questions (‘What for’ or ‘Why’ or ‘With whom?’) never mind find answers until there is some water in that bowl. Hold the bowl as steadily as you can, *for yourself*, briefly deaf to the mutterings, needs, and advice of others, as you care for and cosset yourself. Then, *and only then*, are we wisely able to give out to others, young and old, in the many ways needed today.

Revd Elizabeth Koepping

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – JANUARY 2022

### Planning Applications:-

- **Upper Mill House, Cleveley, 21/04063/HHD** – Proposed rear extensions (previously approved 18/01224/HHD) – No objection
- **Cleveley Mill, Cleveley, 21/04059/FUL & 21/04060/LBC** – Erection of single storey extension to dwelling house, together with proposed works to relocate a section of the existing River Glyme. Internal & external alterations to include changes to fenestration and doors, erection of single storey extension to dwelling house, together with proposed works to relocate a section of the existing River Glyme. No

objection but an independent report from the environment agency is recommended.

#### Decisions Received:-

- **Bramleys, Oxford Road** – Erection of single storey rear extension and construction of a two storey outbuilding comprising double garage and office/bedroom, with first floor accommodation above and a glazed link to dwelling – *Approved*
- **The Pentacle, Enstone Airfield** – Erection of a polytunnel attached to two existing containers – *Approved*
- **The Great Barn, Oxford Rd, Old Chalford** – Internal alterations – *Approved*
- **The Olde Shop, The Mount, Oxford Road** – Formation of vehicular access and off street parking – *Approved*
- **Dorden Cottage, Lidstone** – Erection of a replacement porch – *Approved*
- **1 Brookside Cottages, Cleveley** – Construction of a single storey timber clad garden building – *Withdrawn*
- **Serenity Park, Lidstone** – Proposed erection of an orangery – *Refused*

#### **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:-**

There is an opportunity for you to join the Parish Council – please do contact me for further information on this. It is a varied and interesting role helping support your community – it is a great team and we look forward to hearing from you.....

#### **LITTER PICKING CAMPAIGN:-**

Enstone Parish Council is arranging the spring campaign for the weekend of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact me if you are able to help with this – thank you ....

#### **29 HOUSES – LAND SOUTH OF OXFORD ROAD – WORK HAS BEGUN**

Work has now begun on this development – Both Enstone Parish Council and the WODC Planning Department objected to this development but the decision was overturned at Appeal. For any queries, please contact Orbit Homes.

#### **CARS PARKED ALONG VERGE – A44**

Enstone Parish Council has contacted the police regarding the ongoing issue of parked cars along the verge.

## **WORTHS' GARAGE – CONGRATULATIONS ...**

Enstone Parish Council wishes to congratulate Worths' Garage on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of trading.

## **IMPROVING ENSTONE'S SAFETY .... We need your help**

Enstone Parish Council receives many concerns from residents regarding speeding vehicles within the Parish. Oxfordshire County Council is implementing a “20's Plenty” scheme but requires evidence from Town and Parish Councils that this is required (replacing the current 30 mph signs to 20 mph) within individual parishes. The evidence required is through speed check surveys.

Members of Enstone PC have been undertaking these for several years and forwarding the results to Thames Valley Police. *However, no further speed surveys can be undertaken until there are sufficient volunteers to help. A meeting will be arranged in the Main Hall at Enstone Parish Hall to discuss this.*

## **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).

## **Dates of next meetings:-**

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.15 pm – St. Kenelm's Church, Church Enstone
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 7.15 pm – venue to be confirmed

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](http://enstoneparish.org)

Facebook Page = Enstone Parish

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## **ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

A slightly belated Happy New Year to you all from Enstone Primary School. We had a good end to the autumn term, despite a brief outbreak of Covid amongst our school community. Some of our plans had to be cancelled or postponed, but we still managed to celebrate the season with an online version of the Chipping Norton pantomime, a whole school Christmas lunch, a Christmas jumper day, and a Santa Fun Run in support of Katharine House Hospice. Having worked hard to learn songs and lines for our Christmas concerts, we were delighted to be able to perform the Key Stage 1 Nativity play to a small audience in the penultimate week of term. The Key Stage 2 concert had to be postponed; however, we managed to perform this to an audience on 6<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany) so we just snuck in there at the end of the Christmas calendar! Fortunately, video recordings of the concerts meant that the children were able to share their performances with family and friends over the holidays.

It was disappointing not to be able to have our annual “Christmas Extravaganza” in 2021, as this is usually a wonderful fund-raising event that welcomes in our wider Enstone community; however, we were enormously grateful to Debbie Payne and the Enstone Food Market who made us the beneficiaries of their Christmas raffle, which was held in collaboration with our own Friends’ Association. Fund-raising has been incredibly difficult since the pandemic hit, so were delighted to receive in excess of £1000 from the raffle. Thank you to all involved in organising this, and to all who bought tickets or donated prizes. We look forward now to a busy Spring Term.

Sarah Mann  
Headteacher

## **FRIENDS OF ENSTONE SCHOOL**

The Friends of Enstone School would like to say an enormous "thank you" to Debbie Payne and the Enstone Food Market who ran their Christmas raffle in aid of Enstone School. The raffle was drawn at the December food market and, thanks to Debbie's hard work, raised an incredible £1050. We are extremely grateful for this support and the money will be spent enhancing the learning experience for all of the children at school.

We would also like to thank everyone who bought tickets or donated prizes to enable the raffle to be such a success.

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## **ENSTONE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

Firstly, apologies for the delay in getting an update published but as I'm sure many of you will have noticed the all new Enstone Park is officially open! We are delighted to say that the park seems to be enjoying a new lease of life and it's fantastic to see it being so well used, even on these cold and damp days. Please look after our amazing new Enstone Park by always remembering:

- **to supervise your children and ensure they are keeping themselves and the park equipment safe**
- **not to wear football boots on the equipment**
- **to follow the rules found on the park entrance signs**
- **to take care on soft sanded areas and areas where brambles have been cut back**

Sadly, since the park has been re-opened we have had to spend time removing litter from the field, particularly empty beer cans and bottles. We are unable to provide litter bins on the Playing Field so please take all rubbish home with you, especially glass which little children seem to be very good at finding broken bits of!

We have also received reports of dogs being exercised in the field. To keep this a space for everyone to enjoy, please note the entire playing field area is "no dogs".

On a more positive note, there are still funds available for a phase 2. Please get in touch if you feel able to offer a little bit of time in helping to keep Playing Field looking great or would like to get involved in Phase 2 of the EPFA plans. Please contact: Lynn Jenkins [lynnjenkins1@btinternet.com](mailto:lynnjenkins1@btinternet.com) if you are willing and able to help.

## **YARN-BOMBING IN ENSTONE**

Adams of Enstone are proud to be the first in this area to have a postbox topper outside the shop. Several ladies in the local knitting/crochet circle got together to make this mood-enhancing creation, with Valentine's Day as its theme.

We all hope your spirits will be lifted on seeing this.

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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**

**EVENTS COMING IN 2022:**

**Derek Bott darts competition - Saturday 19th February 8pm**

**Aunt Sally competition date tbc.**

**Six-a-side cricket - Saturday 11th June**

**George Chainey darts competition date tbc.**

**Enstone Sports club Cricket**

**Anyone interested in playing for the Enstone cricket team for a social game of cricket on a Sunday please contact:- Jonathan Watts on 07818 697752 or email Jonathan.Watts61@gmail.com for details.**

**Committee Meetings:**

**February 7th 7pm**

**March 7th 7pm**

**Memberships: Adults £10, under 18's and Over 65's £5**

**Will endeavour to update our Facebook page and let people know of any changes or new events.**

**Thank you all for your support and be safe.**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

February	24	Parish Council 7.15pm St Kenelms
February	25	Heythrop Park information session Parish Hall 11 am - 7 pm
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