

ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 460 May 2023

Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

THE CHASE BENEFICE – MAY

Sunday 7 May	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury – Benefice Service to celebrate the Coronation
Sunday 14 May	8am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10am	Ascott
Sunday 21 May	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone, followed by the APCM
Sunday 28 May	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington
Sunday 4 June	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury

From the Registers:-

Baptism:-

Lilly Louise Jenkinson 23rd April Enstone

All items for the June Ensign in by 27th 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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- APRIL

New 'phone number to contact Enstone Parish Clerk

Tel:- 07776 534584

Planning Applications:-

- **Land at Chapel Lane, Enstone, 22/00053/Appeal** – This application has gone to the Secretary of State
- **Glebe Barn, Little Tew Road, Church Enstone, 23/00608/HHD** – Proposed extension to existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation – No objection
- **39 Cleveley Road, Enstone, 23/00761/FUL** – Change of use from residential to residential/business use along with the erection of a log cabin for dog grooming business. No objection

- **Land formerly known as The Square, Church Enstone, 23/00860/FUL** – Erection of a single dwelling – Enstone Parish Council objects to this planning application as it contravenes Policies OS2 and HS2 of the West Oxfordshire District Council’s Local Plan.

Decisions Received

- *Rose, Cottage, Church Enstone, 23/00462/LBC & 23/00461/HHD* - Approved
- *Old Chalford Estate Chalford Grange Oxford Road, 22/01486/FUL* – Approved
- *The Old Coal Yard, Gagingwell, 23/00431/FUL* - Approved

Parish Councillor – Vacancy

Due to work commitments, Cllr. Paul Johnson is unable to continue as Parish Councillor. Enstone Parish Council wishes to thank him for all his hard work during the past eight years – he will be missed. For anyone considering becoming a Parish Councillor, please do contact me to further information.

Speedwatch

Volunteers are needed to assist with the monitoring of speeding traffic in Enstone. With your help we can make a difference to reduce speeding traffic through the village. Please email Carole on glendinningcarole@gmail.com for further information. Thank you

Grass mowing St. Kenelm’s

Enstone Parochial Church Council has requested that, in order to attract more wildlife, the grass will be left to grow in the old churchyard, apart from some designated paths, until the end of July/early August at which time there will be a mow of the whole area.

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 25th May at Enstone Parish Hall – 7.00 pm

All local organisations are invited to speak to update the Parish on what activities have taken place during the year.

Dates of Next Meetings

- Thursday 18th May (Annual Council Mtg & PC mtg) 7.00 pm
- Thursday 25th May – Annual Parish Meeting 7.00 pm
 - Thursday 29th June – Parish Council Meeting 7.00 pm
 - Thursday 20th July – Parish Council Meeting 7.00 pm

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).

Mrs Beth Sinclair, Enstone Parish Clerk, Briery Cottage, 9 Alexandra Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5HL

Tel: 07776 534584 Email:- enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com Website address for the Parish = enstoneparish.org; Facebook Page = Enstone Parish

CARING FOR ‘GOD’S ACRE’ AT ST KENELM’S CHURCH

This year we are starting a new approach to managing the old churchyard at St Kenelm’s to ensure that this ancient burial ground is a haven for wildlife, heritage, and people. There is a wonderful show of snowdrops in the late winter and swathes of primroses and cow parsley make their contributions in the spring. Over the next few years, we will be allowing the grass to grow in much of the old churchyard to let the natural wildflowers and plants develop and provide a habitat for wildlife. Yellow rattle will be used to help suppress the grass, and we will sow locally-collected wild flowers. We are hoping that by summer 2025, our wildflower meadows will be established and will self-seed in future years. We also have plans to create a bumble bee border alongside the footpath on the west side of the churchyard. We have created a network of paths that will be mown regularly from April through the summer and there will be a full annual cut at the end of the summer. We invite you to wander the paths and enjoy this tranquil and peaceful spot. The new cemetery the other side of the Little Tew road will be mown as normal to give access to visit graves and memorials. St Kenelm’s Parochial Church Council

ENSTONE ANNUAL SHOW NEW COMMITTEE NEEDED

The Committee of the annual show regret to announce the cancellation of this year’s show, unless new organisers from the community come forward. The Plant and Produce show will still go ahead in the Parish Hall on the 19th August. Many of the committee members have served for over 10 years and since the pandemic committee numbers have fallen to a point where it is not viable to put the show together. It is felt that a new committee of volunteers with new blood would be better placed to develop the future of the show. If anyone or group would like to volunteer to take over the organisation, they will be given every assistance to ensure the success of the show. Do not lose this

opportunity. The show has been a regular village event for many years and it would be a great loss to the community. For further information contact Carole at glendinningcarole@gmail.com Enstone Show Committee

ENSTONE WI

Last month we held our Annual Meeting at which Angela Taylor was re-elected as our President. On Thursday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Martin Jukes is coming to talk to us. The title of his talk is “From Able Seaman to Commander RN, some reflections on my 39 Years in the Royal Navy”. If you would like to join us for this unique insight into the Royal Navy please contact Angela on 677728 or just come along.

OXFORD ARTWEEKS

The Oxford Visual Arts Festival, popularly known as Oxford Artweeks, is now taking place countywide with artists, potters and crafts persons showing their work direct to the public. Free brochures are available in the village shop. Locally Andrea Bates will be holding an exhibition at Hillside (opposite the Harrow Inn) showing recent work using bark, bracken, lichens and other natural materials, as well as oils, pastels and prints. Open May 13-14-19-20-21 from 11 am to 6 pm, or other times by appointment. All proceeds to Ukrainian relief.



The summer term has got off to a lovely, positive start, with children and staff returning from their Easter break rested and ready to tackle the challenges of a new term. There are new topics to look forward to including a study of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings, learning about contrasting localities (Australia), as well as getting out and about in our own local area. We hope 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. For Class 1 there will be a trip to the arboretum at Westonbirt, and for Classes 3 and 4 a visiting “Saxon” will help to bring their topic to life. Of course, this half term wouldn’t be complete without some celebrations to mark the coronation of King Charles III. We plan to hold a street-party style lunch event (whether indoors or outdoors will depend upon how kind the weather is being) and some activities for the children including the “Portrait of the King” competition in association with the Parish Council. We hope you all enjoy your celebrations over the bank holiday weekend, as well as the planned events in and around the village.

Sarah Mann, Headteacher

DUCK RACE

The torrential rain didn’t dampen the spirits of all those who came to the Duck Race on the 31st March at Heythrop Park. All 300 plastic ducks set off with a dramatic splash and raced to the finishing line. It was lovely to see all the children and families run alongside the river to follow their ducks. There were a few duck casualties along the way due to the rapid current but a lot valiantly made it to the end. After the race, everyone walked back to the Harrow Inn and enjoyed a celebratory drink. We are grateful to the Harrow for accommodating us and allowing participants to park their car in their conveniently placed car park. Congratulations to the winners - 1st Prize (Dexter Keithy), 2nd Prize (Class 3, Enstone School), 4th Prize (Hannah Nunevas) and 5th Prize (Nikki Knott). Many thanks go to Pete and Sally Cox who organised the race and put so much effort into making the event such a success. We would also like to thank our generous sponsors - Heythrop Park Hotel, Worths Coaches, Wurzel Broadband, Bespoke Off Road and Severn Trent.

The Duck Race raised an impressive £800 which will go towards the Friends of Enstone School and which is greatly appreciated. We look forward to welcoming everyone at our next FoES event so watch this space!

Mary Hall, Co-Chair, Friends of Enstone School

VILLAGER COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE TO WITNEY

Monday, Tuesday and Fridays Service V 26

Enstone (Bus Shelter)	9.23	Witney (Sainsburys)	11.55
Combe	9.36	Witney (Market Place Stop C)	12.00
Stonesfield	9.45	Witney (Hospital)	12.03
Leaffield	9.58	Leaffield	12.17
Witney (Hospital)	10.14	Stonesfield	12.31
Witney (Market Place)	10.16	Combe	12.40
Witney (Sainsburys)	10.20	Enstone (Shelter)	12.38

ENSTONE ECO

Helping Enstone Parish to make a difference!

Help Enstone's Hedgehogs! Hedgehogs can travel 1-2 miles per night. Please help them by making sure there are gaps and spaces for them to move from garden to garden. Placing a saucer of water outside will give them a drink while they eat the slugs, beetles and bugs you don't want! Look out for the hedgehog road-signs.

No Mow May Just mow a few pathways through your lawn and let the rest grow so that the natural wild flowers can provide a feast for pollinators, tackle pollution and lock away atmospheric carbon below ground.

(www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/).

30 Days Wild in June Go further by doing a month's nature challenge. Find out more at www.wildlifetrusts.org.

Improving the Glyme Data from water samples late last year showed that the water quality in the river Glyme is below the national average and worse than the previous year. Go to www.enstone-eco.co.uk to follow the link to Earthwatch's petition to stop dumping raw sewage in the Evenlode. You can

also read the good news about how West Oxfordshire District Council is working closely with Thames Water to ensure that new build housing doesn't start until there is sufficient sewage capacity in the area.

If you picked up your free wild flower seeds from the shop, don't forget to send your photos to enstoneeco@gmail.com. Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday 21st June, 7-8.30pm St Kenelm's Church.

ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB (FORMERLY ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)

Events this May and June

13 May Plant Sale, 10.00 – 12.00 at the Parish Hall, open to all – come and stock up for the spring with plants, all grown locally. Get your tomatoes, courgettes etc at cheaper prices! (any contributions of seedlings, cuttings and mature plants will all be very welcome)

21 May Visit to Monks Head Weston Road, Bletchington at 3.00 pm.

There's a £10 donation to charity per person to visit this exceptional garden. Tea and cake are included. To join the party or to request transport, please contact the secretary by phone or text on 07771 594927.

10 June, Open Gardens in Radford 2.00 – 4.00 pm

27 June visit to the famous Broughton Grange garden (near Banbury) at 2.00 pm. With a guided tour by the gardener. This visit has a cost of £25.00 a person, inclusive of refreshments. To join the party or to request transport, please contact the secretary by phone or text on 07771 594927.

Membership renewals for 2023. Membership renewals are now due and new members for 2023 are welcomed. Please email

enstonehorticulturalsociety@gmail.com or contact any committee member.

The annual subscription is unchanged at £10.00 for single membership, £15.00 for joint membership. Members are able to benefit from substantial discounts at local garden centres and from other suppliers, including seed merchants, on gardening gloves etc.

Enstone Sports & Social Club



New members welcome
Premier League Live on Sky ,plus other sports too.
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823

EVENTS COMING IN 2023:

Saturday 6th May - King's coronation- Club open from 10am, free tea, coffee and cake. Fun and games including space hopper races. Plant your own sunflowers and herbs, toast to the King around 2pm, bring a picnic and in the evening live music with 'Broken', country music with 60's/70's and more 8pm.

2 Summer Bingo's - Sunday 4th June and Sunday 6th August, both 6pm. Annual charity Six-a-side cricket, Saturday June 10th 12pm, forms are now available, closing date May 20th, we need more teams to enter!

Aunt Sally competition - Re-arranged - Now Saturday 8th July 8pm

Autumn Bingo - Sunday 1st October 6pm, Christmas Bingo - Sunday 3rd December 3pm (Please note earlier time). Everyone welcome to all events.

Cricket season has started - Most Sundays, starting with home games to come v Islip (7th May) and Sandford St Martin (14th). Full fixture list at the club. Anyone interested in playing for the cricket side can contact Jonathan Watts on 07818697752

Committee Meetings:- May 15th 7pm, June 12th 7pm Memberships:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May	11	W.I. meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall
	13	Plant Sale 10-12 PH
	18	Parish Council meeting 7pm PH
	21	Garden Club visit Bletchingdon 3pm
	25	Annual Parish meeting 7pm PH
	27	Final date for copy

Enstone Knitters Coronation

