

ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 461 June 2023

Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

THE CHASE BENEFICE – JUNE

Sunday 4 June	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Ascott - Trinity Sunday
Sunday 11 June	8am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury
Sunday 18 June	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
Sunday 25 June	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington
Sunday 2 July	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury

All items for the July Ensign in by 1st July (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@andreibates.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- MAY

New 'phone number to contact Enstone Parish Clerk

Tel:- 07776 534584

Planning Applications:-

- **Leys Farm Cottage, Little Tew Road, Church Enstone, 23/00883/ HHD** – Demolition of annex and replacement with 2 storey side extension and single storey front extension forming new porch. Proposed single storey link extension to attach the proposed extension with the existing building – No objection
- **Land at Manor Farm, Chapel Lane, Enstone, 23/01121/FUL** – Formation of new field access onto A44. This was a split decision vote but the casting vote from the Chair meant that the PC objected to this planning application. Concern was raised regarding pedestrian safety, particularly children, with farm machinery entering onto the A44.

Decisions Received:-

- *Rose Cottage, Church Enstone, 23/00642/LBC & 23/00461/HHD – Approved*
- *The Old Coal Yard, Gagingwell, 23/0041/FUL – Approved*

King's Coronation

Enstone Parish Council wishes to thank all those involved with the local organisation of the village celebrations for the King's Coronation.

Parish Councillor – Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council – there are currently no Parish Councillors who represent Church Enstone, Radford or Fulwell and this would be of great benefit to the Parish. Please do contact me for 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

Potholes

To report pothole defects to the County Council, please go onto the OCC website and then to “FixMyStreet”.

Vandalism

There have been reports of vandalism in Enstone with damage to the stone wall at the Parish Hall.

Bus Shelters

The Parish Council has accepted quotes for the painting of the bus shelter by The Green outside the village shop (following graffiti damage) and also to the repair of the damaged bus shelter opposite Worths Garage and repair of the bus shelter roof.

Damaged Walls

The Parish Council has reported the damaged wall along Chapel Lane to the County Council. It is also obtaining quotes for repair of the damaged wall along the boundary of the sports club. The wall and bollards outside Enstone

Primary School are also in need of repair and the Parish Council has contacted the County Council about this.

Litter/Poo Bins

There is now a litter/poo bin near to the bus stop outside the village shop. The Parish Council has contacted WODC regarding the litter/poo bin that has been taken from Chapel Lane, asking for this to be reinstated.

Dates of Next Meetings

- Thursday 29th June – Parish Council Meeting 7.00 pm
- Thursday 20th July – Parish Council Meeting 7.00 pm
- Thursday 17th August – 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). 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:- enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com Website address for the Parish = enstoneparish.org; Facebook Page = Enstone Parish

ENSTONE WI

Last month we welcomed Martin Jukes who delivered a fascinating and very informative presentation about the Royal Navy and his career within that organisation. On 8th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall the talk is about The Restoration of 78 Derngate. If you would like to find out more about our WI please contact Cathy on 678136.

PROMS, PICNIC AND FIREWORKS IN AID OF THE LAWRENCE HOME NURSING TEAM

Proms, Picnic and Fireworks is back in 2023 and taking place at Chivel Farm, Heythrop on Saturday, 8th July. The gardens open from 6 pm and the musical performance commences at 7.30 pm. Pick your spot in the glorious gardens,

unpack your picnic and settle in for an evening of spectacular entertainment. Tickets are £25 per adult if booked before Sunday, 2nd July. Children under 18 go free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Outdoor cash bar provided by The Crown Inn. Thanks to our sponsors Wise Funds and Wheelers Garage Chipping Norton.

For more information on all of our events including South Newington Garden Visits please contact Verity Fifer on 01608 684477 or email fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org

ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS – ECO WARRIORS SPECIAL REPORT

Our Eco Warriors have continued their good work this year, having passed last summer's assessment with flying colours. In September, Mrs Rachel Pearson took over the job of leading our team and helping them to build their portfolio of evidence for the next Green Flag assessment. In November, our older Eco Warriors attended the FarmEd Eco Conference. Inspired by a talk on bat conservation, they went on to arrange an assembly speaker and fundraising for the Oxfordshire Bat Group. The conference also led to a visiting speaker delivering a fantastic and impassioned presentation to our Key Stage 2 classes on river pollution, following which the children wrote to MP Robert Courts to ask for his support in this matter. We await his reply.

Continuing the river theme, Mrs Pearson has arranged for our Key Stage 2 classes to engage with the Evenlode Catchment Project. Our pupils will soon be doing some river surveys and looking at habitats around the riverbank. The team have also been the driving force behind many recycling initiatives in school, including "Relove Your Stuff" (a good-as-new clothing, books and toys sale), recycling stamps to raise money for "Thrive" and recycling batteries to stop them from going into landfill. They were also able to properly dispose of a great deal of recyclable rubbish collected on their litter pick, which was timed to coincide with "The Great Big School Clean 2023".

Well done to the team and thank you to Mrs Pearson for coordinating all our Eco work this year. There is still half a term to go, and more work to do, but we are confident that our efforts will once more be recognised by "Eco Schools".

Sarah Mann, Headteacher

THE WYCHWOOD CHORALE

15th Anniversary Concert “Everything’s Coming Up Roses” Saturday 8th July 7.30pm in St Nicholas’ Church, Chadlington

We would like to welcome you and your friends and families to our summer concert in Chadlington. We will be singing a typically eclectic selection of music including pieces by Steven Sondheim, Bob Chilcott and Handel. Admission is free but voluntary donations will be divided between Bridewell Gardens, a mental health recovery service, and the church. As usual there will be free refreshments (food and drink) after the concert. Please visit www.wychwoodchorale.org.uk for more information.

3 DAY WATERCOLOUR COURSE

3 Day watercolour Course with BBC TV Artist Dermot Cavanagh in the Cotswolds village of Church Enstone from 19th to 21st Jun 2023
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. Join him now for this 3-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 few days than from years attending other classes. Lunch is available at the village pub beside the venue. For further information or booking, call 02887784166 -
Email info@dermotcavanagh.com

ENSTONE ECO *Helping Enstone Parish to make a difference!*

Scour power – yellow and green kitchen sponge-scourers can take up to 1,000 years to decompose. Why not try washing up pads made of copper wire (recyclable), coconut fibre, loofah, or cellulose?

Checkout these websites: [peacewiththewild](http://peacewiththewild.com), [bowercollective](http://bowercollective.com) and [ecoliving](http://ecoliving.com).

Clear-conscience watering – find free, or very cheap water butts on social media sites, to save rainwater for watering the garden.

The Big Butterfly Count runs from 14th July till 6th August. Go to <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org> to see how many species have been identified in our area and ways you can contribute to this year's count.

'Caring for God's acre' – we are delighted to be supporting St Kenelm's Parish Church in their plans to make the churchyard a haven for wildlife, heritage and people. Pathways have been created for you to walk around this idyllic and peaceful place in the heart of Church Enstone. Read more about it on our website.

Beautiful blooms - if you're growing the free wild flower seeds donated by Enstone Garden Club, don't forget to send your photos to enstoneeco@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings, where we share ideas and information about how we can make a difference. The next one is on 21st June at 7.30pm in St Kenelm's. Visit the Enstone Eco website www.enstone-eco.co.uk for all sorts of eco-info.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

The garden at Rectory Farmhouse (Church Enstone, behind The Crown) will be open as part of the National Gardens Scheme - Gardens Open for Charity from June 3rd to 9th July.

Admission £5 (children free) - refreshments £5 - all money to medical charities.

Visits by arrangement only. Phone 677374.

ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB (FORMERLY ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)

Events in June

10 June, Open Gardens in Radford 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Come and visit six gardens in Radford, with plant stall, tea and cake, entry is free, donations please for Enstone Primary School in association with the Friends of Enstone School. Parking at Radford Farm. If you need transport, contact the secretary of the society on 07771 594927

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

2023 Garden Competition

This year our garden competition is entitled: *Best use of a water feature in the garden.*

The judges welcome all entries regardless of the size of the water feature.

Judging will take place in July. To register please contact Helen Prower on 01608 677419

NATURE NOTES

How wonderful recently to have seen a little goldcrest swinging on the branches of a flowering shrub just outside my kitchen window, pecking at ants and insects that seem to be swarming everywhere this year. The perceived wisdom some 50 years ago was that one could use an ant powder or spray to kill these “pests”, as they were considered then, whereas now these little birds do the job much better while saving the environment. Last year it was a wren picking off the ants off my window ledge. Did you know that cow parsley attracts the sort of insects that wrens like to feed on, as there is plenty of cow parsley in my garden, the wrens come here all the year round!

Talking of ants, there are loads in my garden this year, and just this morning (mid-May) I saw a green woodpecker on the lawn, who likes to feed on ant maggots and clears it all up. As they say, too much tidiness is not good for

wildlife and if you let the birds do it, they tidy up the garden without any need for poisons.

Another thing we were all meant to do in a bygone age was to cut down your flowering perennials in the autumn under the heading of “tidying up” the garden. Well I left not just my tall Michaelmas daisies but my Japanese anemones (5 ft high), still standing mid-May, and lo and behold! Goldfinches came and fed off the seed-heads as late as May 11! I’d rather have the birds and a bit of “untidiness”, than a sterile, tidy patch.

I suppose it’s all a matter of balance really, one learns all the time!

BURFORD ORCHESTRA'S SUMMER CONCERT

English music for a **summer** evening:

Overture from The Wasps - Vaughan Williams

The Cotswold Symphony - Gustav Holst

Crown Imperial - William Walton

Fantasia on British Sea Songs – Henry Wood

Conductor Rhian Frankcom

Venue: Saturday 8th July, 7.30pm at Burford School

Tickets: £9, U16s £1, available in advance from TicketSource.

E-mail: info@burfordorchestra.org.uk

Telephone: 01993 883490 for more information.

Enstone Sports & Social Club



New members welcome

Premier League Live on Sky ,plus other sports too.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823

EVENTS COMING IN 2023:

Annual charity Six-a-side cricket - Saturday June 10th 12pm (This year in aid of Helen & Douglas House)

Aunt Sally competition - Saturday 8th July 8pm

Everyone welcome to all events.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENSTONE FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE FRED FORD CUP!

Please note there will be no Bingo until further notice.

Cricket season has started - Most Sundays, Full fixture list at the club. Anyone interested in playing for the cricket side can contact Jonathan Watts on 07818697752

Committee Meetings:- June 12th 7pm, AGM July 10th 7pm
Memberships: Adults £10, under 18's and Over 65's £5

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	8	W.I. meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall
	10	Open Gardens Radford 2-4pm
	19-21	Watercolour course, 10-4.30pm St Kenelm's
	21	Enstone Eco meeting 7.30pm St Kenelm's
	27	Visit to Broughton Grange garden (near Banbury)
	29	Parish Council meeting 7.00pm PH
July	1	Final date for copy