

ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 463 August 2023

Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

THE CHASE BENEFICE – AUGUST

Sunday 6 August	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury
Sunday 13 August	8am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10am	Ascott
Sunday 20 August	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
Sunday 27 August	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington
Sunday 3 September	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury

July 2023

From the Registers:-

Baptism:-

Alfie James Brian Harrison-George 16th July Enstone

All items for the September Ensign in by 26th August (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

BUTTERFLIES, BEES AND FLOWERS AT ST KENELM'S CHURCHYARD

After just two no-mow months, April and May, nearly 40 species of plants were identified. In June we were rewarded with Pyramidal and Bee Orchids, and a good showing of Lady's Bedstraw, important for the humming bird hawk-moth caterpillar. The Spear Thistles are now in full flower, hosting White-tailed and Common Carder bees. On sunny days, there have been Large and Small White butterflies, Green-veined Whites, Brown Argus, Meadow Brown and Gatekeepers. The mown paths weave through the whole of the churchyard so that visitors can stroll around. Just before the end of term in July, pupils from Years 5 and 6 at Enstone School came on a visit led by people from Cotswolds National Landscape. There will be a whole-site mow in August, and all the

grass cuttings will be cleared. Seeds have already dropped and will lie dormant till next year, when we hope even more species will return to this rich habitat.

RIDE AND STRIDE FOR ST KENELM'S CHURCH 9TH SEPTEMBER

Do you fancy a cycle, walk, horse ride or scoot from church to church? Or offer to be a welcomer at St Kenelms? Join in and raise money for St Kenelm's Church and the Oxford Historic Churches Trust (which provides grants for maintaining these amazing buildings). Leave the car behind and have an Eco time. You could: walk from church to church in Oxford or Chipping Norton; cycle from St Kenelm's church Enstone to Spelsbury Church; cycle the churches of the CHASE Benefice. Include as many churches as you like ... the choice is yours! Visit www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride for further info and sponsor forms or email Dawn on dawnr.briggs@btinternet.com. Alternatively please sponsor Dawn on her 'investmycommunity' page <https://app.investmycommunity.com/oxfordshire-historic-churches-trust-8733>. Support in anyway much appreciated. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- JULY

Telephone number to contact Enstone Parish Clerk

Tel: 07776 534584

Planning Applications:-

- **Land and Building (E) 439518 (N) 226211 Enstone Airfield North, Banbury Road, 23/01569/FUL** – Erection of detached, single and two storey, air traffic control facility, including associated offices for staff and flying school users, wc facilities and garage for fire and rescue vehicle. The Parish Council objects to this planning application particularly in relation to a second control tower. The PC requests that the Planning Officer at WODC obtains views of the Civil Aviation Authority.
- **Whiteways Technical Centre, Enstone, 23/01714/FUL** – Demolition of an existing single storey timber clad gymnasium building. Construction of a two storey extension to the existing two storey ESO building, including undercroft car parking, roof mounted plant and photovoltaic panels, ground level external plant area, alterations to the existing building envelope to form roof access, rooflights, windows and

doors; and associated works including construction of an earth banded drainage infiltration basin in the southern section of the site. The extension is to contain improved replacement gymnasium and welfare facilities, office space, laboratories, storage space and operational consolidation – No objection

- **Land South West of Radford Farm Buildings, Radford, 23/01227/FUL** – Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with associated works – The PC objects to this planning application as the proposed dwelling is not within the curtilage of the existing farm buildings which would be more appropriate.
- **Fairytales Farm, Oxford Road, Southcombe, 23/01803/FUL** – Erection of theatre and kiosk building along with construction of a detached toilet block – No objection

Decisions Received:-

- *Land at Manor Farm, Chapel Lane, Enstone, 23/01121/FUL* – Approved subject to conditions
- *Lays Farm Cottage, Little Tew Road, Church Enstone, OX7 4HU* – Approved

Open Morning – come and meet the Parish Council and share your views

Members of Enstone Parish Council will be in the Litchfield Room at the Parish Hall on **Saturday 16th September from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm** – please do come along to meet them and share your ideas. There will also be information displayed on the work that has been undertaken since the Parish Questionnaire in 2020. A further Parish Questionnaire will be circulated after the Open Morning - topics such as recreation facilities, weed killing, mowing of verges, traffic calming will be part of this year's questionnaire. With the development of the 29 houses opposite the Harrow Inn, the WODC has negotiated circa £70K towards recreation facilities for Enstone Parish (S106 monies) – we need your thoughts

Overgrown Vegetation from residents' properties obstructing pavements

Please remember to cut back all overhanging vegetation from your property that obstructs public footpaths and bridleways etc. The pavement along the

A44 from The Paddocks to the centre of Enstone is particularly difficult to walk along due to overhanging vegetation. Thank you.

Traffic Calming/20s Plenty Campaign for Enstone Parish

Oxfordshire County Council will now meet on 7th September to discuss Enstone's 20s Plenty Campaign and whether this scheme will be approved. Enstone Parish Council has agreed to fund signage for 30 mph for the whole length of Coxs Lane and also 30 mph at the A44/Charlbury Road junction, up to the Coxs Lane junction. Enstone PC is also campaigning for the A44 to become a 20 mph limit. Enstone PC requests that residents keep to the current speed limits.

Dates of Next Meetings

- Thursday 17th August – Parish Council Meeting 7.00 pm
- Thursday 21st September – Parish Council Meeting 7.00 pm
- Thursday 26th October

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 PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

As another busy school year draws to a close, our Year 6 children have been making the most of their last few weeks as primary pupils before leaving us for pastures new. I would like to congratulate them on all their successes and contributions over the years, and in particular for a superb effort with their SATs, in passing their cycling proficiency tests and in delivering an amazing (and highly amusing) end of term play. As we head into the long summer

holiday (which always flies by!) I would like to thank the whole Enstone staff team and all our volunteers for their continued hard work and commitment in what has been another busy, challenging and exciting twelve months. I would also like to thank our school governors and our Friends' Association for all their support – our community is happy and thriving. I am sure next year will bring fresh challenges, but we shall also have much to look forward to and report back on. For now, I wish you a happy summer and look forward to catching up again in the new autumn term.

Sarah Mann

Headteacher

ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB (FORMERLY ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)

Upcoming events August and beyond

Annual Flower and Produce Show to be held in the Parish Hall, 19 August

We're excited to be holding the flower and produce show on 19 August and to be joined by Enstone WI for the photography competition.

Entry to the show is open to everyone. It is very straightforward to take part, there is a wide range of exhibition classes (and standards) and it is a wonderful community event. Perfection is not expected, just enthusiasm! Exhibits to be staged in the Parish Hall by 11.00 am, and the show will be open to the public from 2.00 – 4.30. A copy of the full schedule, printed on yellow paper, was included with the July Ensign and is also available at Enstoneparish.org and will be available at Adams Stores. Please join the fun this year, show off your courgettes, your potatoes and your roses!

2023 Garden Competition – entries still welcomed!

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

Order Spring Bulbs at a discount now!

Debbie Payne is again preparing to place an order for spring bulbs from Peter Nyssen & Co. The bulbs are of the highest quality and the prices very reasonable, PLUS Debbie is able to secure a discount with a bulk order. Go to <https://www.peternyssen.com> to see the huge range of bulbs available and if you are interested, please contact the secretary at enstonehorticulturalsociety@gmail.com.

Christmas Wreathmaking and Dry Stone Walling Classes

Would you be interested in joining an evening wreathmaking workshop in early December – a repeat of a popular class organised last year? The cost would be £25.00 a head, including a drink. All materials will be supplied.

The Club is exploring the idea of a day's class on dry stone walling in 2024. The likely cost would be £100 for the day.

We need an estimate of numbers so, if you are interested in either of these events, please contact the club secretary on 07771 594927 as soon as possible.

ENSTONE WI

Last month we escaped the rain and moved indoors to enjoy a delicious 'indoor BBQ', many thanks to Jenny Markham for hosting a wonderful evening.

Our August meeting will be on Thursday 17th when members have the opportunity to try and improve their bowling skills at Charlbury Bowls Club.

On 14th September Enstone resident, Ian Cave will be presenting his talk 'Humanity in Action', his first-hand experience of life under Israeli military occupation in West Bank of Palestine. Visitors are very welcome to join us, there will be a charge of £5 to include refreshments and all proceeds will go to the Quaker EAPPI charity.

If you would like to find out more about our WI please contact Angela Taylor on 677728

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

Botley West Solar proposals - Saving energy and securing renewable sources is part of the bigger picture of caring for our planet. What we do now will have an impact on the future of our power grid so we must move away from fossil fuels. Finding the right balance to provide our energy is critical. Please find some useful and accurate facts about solar farms from Sustainable Woodstock,

to inform your views about the Botley proposals, which we have put as a blog on our website.

Nature and Climate online hub - Check out West Oxfordshire's new engagement hub called Greenlight. Anyone can connect and find out more about what is going on in Oxfordshire and act at www.yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk

'All of a Flutter' – Hope you have taken time to just stand and watch your garden and possibly seen some beautiful butterflies. 2 White Letter Hairstreaks were seen in Enstone during July! Don't forget to record your butterflies using the iRecord Butterflies App. It's very easy to use and identification information is available.^[1]_[SEP]

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Get out & About – Have a walk through the Wigwell Nature Reserve in Charlbury, you can enter near the Scout hut. Lots of butterflies, wildflowers and you might even see a reptile too.

Everyone is welcome - Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday 16th August, 7-8.30pm St Kenelm's Church. Visit www.enstone-eco.co.uk for all sorts of Eco-info.

HUMANITY IN ACTION: FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE OF LIFE UNDER THE ISRAELI MILITARY OCCUPATION IN THE WEST BANK OF PALESTINE

From January to April this year, I joined a team of international volunteers in Hebron as part of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). Hebron is a Palestinian city in the southern part of the Occupied West Bank, about 25 miles south of Jerusalem. It's an Arab city of 220,000 people with 700 Jewish settlers living right in the centre. The Jewish settlements in the West Bank are illegal under international law – the Fourth Geneva Convention prevents an occupying power, in this case Israel, transferring their citizens into occupied territory. The settlers want to be there because Abraham and his family were buried in Hebron nearly 4,000 years ago and King Herod built a tomb on the site. The building's a particularly important place of worship for Jews, Muslims and Christians.

About 800 Israeli military personnel create a security zone for the settlers in the heart of the city. Palestinians can only access their homes, schools, places of work and the mosque where Abraham is buried by going through military checkpoints. One of our tasks was to monitor these checkpoints as a protective presence. It's well-documented that military personnel commit fewer human rights violations when under scrutiny. When we witnessed abuses against civilians we took photos and made notes, sending reports of incidents to the UN.

Come and find out more on Thursday 14 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when I will be giving a presentation to the Enstone WI. Everyone is welcome, £5 including tea and cake. All proceeds to the charity EAPPI.

Ian Cave from Enstone.

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

Dig out your Lycra, limber up, and join Team Katharine House for the Oxford Half Marathon on 15 October. As well as taking in a spot of sightseeing during the 13.1-mile run around Oxford's iconic landmarks, you'll be helping to raise vital funds so we can continue to support our wonderful community. We have a limited number of places, so secure your place by registering now:

www.khh.org.uk/oxford.

Play our lottery!

Enstone Sports & Social Club



New members welcome

Premier League Live on Sky, plus other sports too.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823

Henry Hawtin memorial cup is under way (all dates on our Facebook page and at the club). Final is on 26th August 2.30pm k.o.

Please note there will be no Bingo's until further notice.

Ros would like to thank everyone that helps out at the club.

The club is open to everyone.

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:- August 7th 7pm

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August	16	Enstone Eco meeting 7pm-8.30pm St Kenelm's
	17	W.I. meeting, Charlbury Bowls Club
	17	Parish Council meeting 7.00pm Parish Hall
	19	Flower and produce show, 2pm-4.30pm Parish Hall
	19	Photography competition, 2pm-4.30pm Parish Hall
	26	Final date for copy
September	9	Ride and stride for St Kenelm's church
	14	Ian Cave presenting his talk on 'Humanity in Action' 7.30pm Parish Hall
	16	Parish Council Open meeting 10.00am to 12.00pm Parish Hall