

ENSTONE ENSIGN

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Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

THE CHASE BENEFICE – NOVEMBER

Sunday 5 November	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury
	4pm	Enstone – All Souls Memorial Service
Sunday 12 November	8am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10.55am	Enstone, Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 19 November	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
Sunday 26 November	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington
Sunday 4 December	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury

Remembrance Sunday Service

Everyone is welcome to the annual Remembrance Service at 10.55am at St Kenelm's Church, on Sunday 12 November. This is our opportunity to gather as a community to recognise and remember the sacrifices people have made in past and more recent conflicts, to bring peace, safety and freedom.

R.I.P. ^[1]_[SEP]

Sheila Tinkham (nee Benfield), daughter of Jack and Nadine Benfield of Enstone, died peacefully at home on 19th September.

All items for the December Ensign in by 25th November (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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- OCTOBER

Planning Applications:-

- **16 The Spinneys, Enstone, 23/02604/HHD** – Erection of a single storey infill rear extension along with conversion of garage to create

additional living space. Construction of storm porch and insertion of window to front elevation. Works to include the addition of timber cladder and render to external walls. *No objection*

Decisions Received:-

- **Land East of The Drive, Enstone, 23/00376/OUT** - Outline application with some matters reserved for the development of two self-build custom-build houses and provision of vehicular accesses.
Approved subject to Legal Agreement

PARISH SURVEY – HAVE YOUR SAY!

Thank you to the circa 10 % of residents who have completed the survey online. A paper version is included in this month's edition. Once completed, *please place the questionnaire in the "Enstone Oil Box", situated in the village shop.*

Please complete the survey by Friday 17th November, so that responses can be collated before November's Parish Council Meeting. The link for the survey is:- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K869SKL>

PARISH COUNCILLORS:-

Vacancy:-

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor – please do get in touch. We thank Cllr Mike Baggaley for his work with the Council.

Celebrating 25 years as Enstone Parish Councillor

Enstone Parish Council congratulated Cllr. Richard Parker as he celebrated 25 years as Parish Councillor at October's meeting. Cllr. Parker summarised his time on the Council and how much has changed since he started in October 1998.

CHANGE OF WEBSITE ADDRESS AND PARISH COUNCILLORS....

Enstone Parish Council's website has now changed to

<https://enstone-pc.gov.uk>

The Parish Council is in the process of updating email addresses to "gov.uk" in accordance with legal advice from the National Association of Local Councils.

GRAFFITI

The Police have been informed regarding the graffiti on the playing field

equipment and recently refurbished bus shelter opposite Worths Garage.

CONSULTATION – PROPOSED 20 mph & 30 mph SPEED LIMITS & COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The consultation process ended on 20th October regarding the proposed 20 mph & 30 mph speed limits within the parish. Enstone Parish Council has had to cease the Community Speedwatch Campaign due to lack of volunteers. Cllr. Glendinning was thanked for all her hard work over the years organising these.

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL & OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

www.westoxon.gov.uk www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

There are grants and consultations for residents to access at the above websites. These include grants for the cost of living crisis (WODC) and the Health & Wellbeing Survey (Oxfordshire County Council)

Dates of Next Meetings – 7.00 pm Enstone Parish Hall

- Thursday 2nd November – Finance Meeting
- Thursday 23rd November
- Thursday 14th December (St. Kenelm’s Church)

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 (<https://enstone-pc.gov.uk>). 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

ENSTONE WI

Last month we celebrated with a delicious Harvest Meal cooked by our members, on a table beautifully adorned with leaves and berries. We attempted

to compose some Autumnal themed limericks with very mixed but amusing results.

Next month's meeting is on Thursday 9th November when PC Chris Cochrane will telling us about Community Policing.

For further information about our group please contact Cathy Rogers on 678136, new members are always welcome.

ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB (FORMERLY ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)

Upcoming events November and beyond

Big discounts on next year's seeds

As in previous years the Garden Club will be placing a bulk order for seeds. We are usually able to secure a discount of 60% off the list prices. Regardless of whether you have taken part previously, this is a great opportunity to get great seeds at a low cost. Seed catalogues and ordering instructions are available for collection from Adams Stores and completed order forms should be returned by 18 November. Or contact the Secretary on 07771 594927. Seeds will be distributed at the AGM on the evening of 15 January. No payment needed until then.

Quiz and curry supper night at The Crown, Church Enstone, 6 November 7.00

A return of this popular evening event, teams of four. The curry supper will be £15.00 a head not £12.00 as mentioned previously). Entry to the quiz will be £1.00. Please reserve a table directly with The Crown specifying whether you prefer vegetarian or chicken curry. Quizzers who prefer not to eat curry will be welcome.

Christmas Wreath making 25 November, 6.45 and Dry Stone Walling Class, March 2024

We are still able to accommodate a few more wreath makers. But please let us know by 10 November. The cost is £25.00 a head, including a drink. All materials will be supplied.

As previously mentioned, the Club is hoping to hold a day's class on dry stone walling in March 2024, exact date to be confirmed. The likely cost would be

£100 for the day with instruction by an experienced waller. We've had a good level of interest so far, but it's not too late to be included if you're keen. If you are interested in either of these events, please contact the club secretary on 07771 594927 as soon as possible.

BURFORD ORCHESTRA CONCERT "FROM THE RIVERS TO THE SEAS"

7.30pm, Saturday 25 November 2023

Smetana Vltava; Britten Four Sea Interludes; Elgar Severn Suite; Smyth Overture to the Wreckers; Mendelssohn Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage
Conductor: Alice Knight

Venue: Burford School, Cheltenham Road, Burford

Tickets: £9, U16s £1, available in advance from TicketSource Email: info@burfordorchestra.org.uk Telephone: 01993 883490 for more information

ENSTONE ECO

Seeds and Fruits of Nature - Have you been collecting seeds from your gardens? Make sure you look closely at the colour and structure of these wonderful creations – purple and black Beans, 'super' Sainfoin seeds, long thin Tagetes Marigold type, Yellow Rattle, Hollyhocks to name a few. Nature is so giving in its beauty! You can dry and store seeds in a paper bag ready for planting next spring. All the plants that grow: provide food for animals, insects and people; produce oxygen for us to breathe; capture and store carbon dioxide; have roots to stabilise our soil; bring colour to the countryside and improve our well-being. That's why all of our habitats matter – gardens, verges, allotments, hedges and crop fields.

Did you know that 2 in 5 wild plants are at risk of extinction? Check out Plantlife.org.uk for further information on how you could help rebuild a world rich in wild plants and fungi (subscribe to the newsletter for free wild flower seed offer).

The Fruiting bodies of fungi are emerging in lawns, on trees, in our fields showing us that there are fungal connections below ground. They are important decomposers in our ecosystems. Amazing Earth Stars have been seen at Harcourt Arboretum. Maybe you have spotted some Parasol Fungi around the village! Send us a picture.

A book for the dark evenings – Tapestries of Life – where Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson explains how closely we are all linked with the natural world highlighting the link between nature's finely knit system and our everyday lives. Enstone Eco enstoneeco@gmail.com

SHARED LIVES OXFORDSHIRE

"I wanted to be able to work from home and care for people. I wanted it to be flexible and to fit in with my own life, and so providing short breaks seemed ideal," - Mary Clarke, Shared Lives Carer.^[1]_[SEP]

Shared Lives is a scheme where people offer a spare room and support at home to someone for the occasional day, a short break, or longer term. This role can fit around your current work and home life commitments. Shared Lives carers are paid up to £500 a week and it is a wonderful way of providing a stable environment, and person-centred support to people in our community who need support to live independently. It offers a sense of purpose to the brilliant people who choose to join the team and transforms the lives of all involved. If you are interested in learning more about being a shared lives carer, then please get in touch: sharedlives@oxfordshire.gov.uk 01865 897971

CHARITY FUNDRAISING CONCERT IN ENSTONE ON 16TH DECEMBER

You may have seen some posters around for the charity event taking place in Enstone on 16th December in aid of schools in Nepal. This is the first time we have organised the concert in Enstone but we have run it successfully in Islip for a few years. We are hoping to raise money to support two or three schools in Nepal. We have been supporting these schools for a few years in the Pokhara region of Nepal and each year we take the money we have raised and pay for pens and paper, uniforms, health and dental check-ups, and occasionally furniture. The schools we support are government primary schools who receive virtually no money to pay for supplies. In addition, many of the parents cannot afford a school uniform for their child. This year we have also been asked to pay for some mosquito nets in a very poor area of Nepal affected badly by malaria.

We have been visiting this region of Nepal now for 5 years. We go each year armed with school supplies and second hand warm clothes and teach English. The warmth, love, and appreciation we receive from the children, teachers and

parents at the schools is incredible and we plan on returning as often as possible.

The charity concert is a way to raise money and have fun at the same time. Both of the bands (the Blue Cats and Dirty Horse) will be playing for free so all of the money raised from the ticket sales and the bar will go straight to the charity. There are no admin fees so all of the money raised will be taken to Nepal and spent on supplies and uniforms etc.

The evening promises some good music with opportunities for dancing. Nepali street food will be available to buy.

The link to buy tickets (£15 each) is www.wegottickets.com/event/590813

For more information or to book a table contact Freda on 07780337778 or Sue on 07824872683.

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

An 'ELFY way to kick off Christmas

Get festive, have fun and support our community this Christmas by signing up for our Santa Fun Run on Sunday 3 December. Join hundreds of stylish Santas taking part in our 1.5km or 5km fun run at Spiceball Park, Banbury. We hope you can join us! Tickets are available to buy on our website now!

www.khh.org.uk/santa

Remember a loved one

We will be holding our annual Lights of Love event on Thursday 7 December at St Mary's Church, Banbury. We'd love you to join us for a special gathering where we come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. Find out more www.khh.org.uk/lights.

That's tree-mendous

We're bringing our brilliant Tree-cycle scheme back once again! So instead of worrying about how to environmentally dispose of your tree after all the festivities are over, you can make a donation to Katharine House Hospice and, in return, we will send one of our elves to collect and recycle your tree. Head to our website to find out more and check if your postcode is included in the scheme. www.khh.org.uk/christmastree

Talking shop

As well as raising vital funds for our hospice, our seven charity shops across the area help people to shop more sustainably. But we couldn't run our shops without a brilliant team of volunteers. Could you spare some time to volunteer at one of our shops? We desperately need help across all of our stores to make sure we can keep offering the same great service people have come to know and love. If you'd like to find out more about how you could volunteer in one of our shops, visit our website here: www.khh.org.uk/volunteer-shops

How does your garden grow?

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Open Garden this year and for helping to raise nearly £6,000! We're already starting to think about our Open Gardens for next year... Could you help us grow our scheme and sign up to host your own event? Why not encourage your neighbours to take part in a whole village event? If you'd like to find out more, visit www.khh.org.uk/gardens.

Enstone Sports & Social Club



New members welcome

Premier League Live on Sky, plus other sports too.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823

The club would like to thank the Ditchley foundation for the snooker/ pool table donation. The club is open every Friday 7pm-11pm, Saturday 3pm till close and Sundays from 12pm to 3pm. Sky sports on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday 3rd December - Christmas bingo, doors open 5pm, eyes down 6.30pm

Friday 22nd December - kids Christmas party 6pm - 9pm

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

Committee Meetings:- November 13th 7pm

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November	6	Enstone Garden Club Quiz and Curry supper night at The Crown, Church Enstone, 7.00pm
	9	W.I. meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall
	23	Parish Council meeting 7.00pm Parish Hall
	25	Enstone Garden Club Christmas Wreathmaking 6.45pm
	25	Burford Orchestra Concert, 7.30pm Burford School
	25	Final date for copy
December	16	Charity Fundraising concert, Parish Hall