

# ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 465 October 2023

Newsletter for Enstone Parishioners

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## THE CHASE BENEFICE – OCTOBER

Sunday 8 October	8am	Chadlington (BCP)
	10am	Ascott
Sunday 15 October	8am	Spelsbury (BCP)
	10am	Enstone
Sunday 22 October	8am	Ascott (BCP)
	10am	Chadlington
Sunday 29 October	10am	Enstone
Sunday 5 November	8am	Enstone (BCP)
	10am	Spelsbury
	4pm	Enstone – All Souls Memorial Service

From the Registers:-

### Baptisms:-

Ludo James Magnus Apollo Wild	1 <sup>st</sup> September	Enstone
Xander Julian Hardy Atlas Wild	1 <sup>st</sup> September	Enstone
Skyla Adriana Langford	10 <sup>th</sup> September	Enstone
Zara Ellie Langford	10 <sup>th</sup> September	Enstone

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**All items for the November Ensign in by 28<sup>th</sup> October (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](mailto:info@andreabates.co.uk)**

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## THE ST KENELM'S CONCERTS PRESENT: THE REBECCA POOLE QUARTET

On: Sunday 8th October at 6pm

One hour of classic jazz songs, old and new.

At: St Kenelm's Church, Church Enstone, OX7 4NN

As part of the Dean and Chadlington Summer Music Festival

Tickets: £20, to include a glass of wine

£5 to Under 21's

Available online at: [www.chadlingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.chadlingtonfestival.org.uk) or at the door.

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS- SEPTEMBER**

**Telephone number to contact Enstone Parish Clerk**

**Tel: 07776 534584**

### **Planning Applications:-**

- **Broad Close, Little Tew Road, Church Enstone, 23/02309/S73** – Variation of condition 2 of permission 19/01398/HHD to allow alterations to approved fenestration and fenestration design along with changes to extent of timber boarding and stone. Removal of roof light and south elevation doors and new windows and doors to north elevation – No objection
- **Old Chalford Estate, Chalford Grange, Oxford Road, 23/02310/S73** – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of PP 22/01486/FUL to change the size and shape of the three units – No objection

### **Decisions Received:-**

- Land South West of Radford Farm Buildings, Radford, 23/01227/FUL – Withdrawn
- Whiteways Technical Centre, Enstone, (Alpine Racing), 23/01714/FUL – Approved
- Glyme Bank, Lidstone, OX7 4HL, Approved
- The Driving Centre, Enstone Airfield, 22/034154/FUL - Approved subject to legal agreement

### **Open Morning – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Up to twenty residents attended the Open Morning. A questionnaire will be posted onto the website ([enstoneparish.org](http://enstoneparish.org)) within the next two weeks asking for your views on important issues and also questions from The Parish Hall Management Committee concerning the Parish Hall.

### **The Harrow Inn**

Enstone Parish Council is aware of residents' concerns regarding The Harrow Inn. The Planning Officer at WODC has confirmed that no breaches to the planning application have occurred.

### **100 Homes – Land East of Burford Road, Chipping Norton**

A new development is being proposed which would create a further increase in traffic in the area. For further information and to make comments please visit [www.landeastofburfordroad.co.uk](http://www.landeastofburfordroad.co.uk)

### **One Way System – Village Shop**

Some residents are concerned that the one way system is for the whole of Chapel Lane – this is incorrect. It is for traffic entering/exiting the area of the village shop.

### **Traffic Calming/20s Plenty Campaign for Enstone Parish**

Decision from Oxfordshire County Council is still awaited.

### **West Oxfordshire District Council – Local Plan 2041 – Open Day Glyme Hall, Chipping Norton, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

Everyone invited to attend this Open Day to look at the future plans for West Oxfordshire.

### **New Noticeboards and Bench**

The Parish Council is organising for the two existing noticeboards and the bench at the top of Cleveley Road to be removed and replaced.

### **Dates of Next Meetings – 7.00 pm Enstone Parish Hall**

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Finance Meeting
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 (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](mailto:enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com) Website address for the Parish = [enstoneparish.org](http://enstoneparish.org); Facebook Page = Enstone Parish

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### **FRIENDS OF ENSTONE SCHOOL**

Harvest Prize Bingo Friday 13th October, eyes down at 6 pm at Enstone School Hall. Bar and Refreshments from 5.30 pm. Cash only. Everyone welcome. (From Friends of Enstone School - FOES)

### **ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

The new school year has got off to a great start, and we have been delighted to welcome many new families to our Enstone Primary School community. Our new Reception pupils are definitely finding their feet and enjoying their learning spaces, both inside and out, whilst our Year 6's are enjoying their promotion to Prefects, House Captains, and (of course) the honour of sitting on the benches in assembly. We expanded our wrap around care this year and were pleased to welcome Lisa Thompson to our staff team, to run the "Busy Bees" and "Chill Zone" clubs after school. We are now able to offer wrap-around care from 8:00am until 5:15pm, which has been welcomed by our busy families.

The autumn term is always one of great change. We started with the September heatwave, which enabled us to continue enjoying the school garden and field, but already autumn is all around us and before we know it, we'll be starting rehearsals for the Nativity plays! Before that, we have a Harvest Festival assembly to look forward to, with collections for the North Oxfordshire Food Bank and "Farm Africa" an important part of our plans. No doubt, we will have much to report on, celebrate and share with you as another busy academic year unfolds.

Sarah Mann,  
Headteacher

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**ENSTONE WI**

Last month Ian Cave presented his fascinating and informative talk 'Humanity in Action', his first-hand experience of life under Israeli military occupation in the West Bank of Palestine, to a packed room of WI members and visitors.

On Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall we will be celebrating this year's harvest with an autumnal themed supper.

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

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Carol Hicks for gaining the Gold Medal "Better"<sup>[SEP]</sup> Legacy Award from the Chipping Norton Annual Sports Awards for a<sup>[SEP]</sup> lifetime of service to teaching hockey. Well done Carol!

## ENSTONE GARDEN CLUB (FORMERLY ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)

### Upcoming events October and beyond

**Just Announced: A talk by Avril Hughes on: 'A Brighter Side of Winter, plants to give pleasure in the most miserable months' 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Avril Hughes is a plant expert and keen gardener who opens up her garden 'Hollyhocks' in Islip for visitors to enjoy her incredible collection of snowdrops. With over 140 varieties she is most definitely a "Galanthophile" (an enthusiastic collector and identifier of snowdrop species). We are hoping to arrange a follow-on visit to Avril's garden early in 2024.

### 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 seeds at a low cost. Seed catalogues and ordering instructions will be available for collection from Adams stores in the second half of October. Or contact the Secretary on 07771 594927

**Quiz and supper night at The Crown, 6 November 7.30**

A return of this popular evening event, teams of four. The supper will be £12.00 a head. Please reserve a table directly with The Crown.

### **Christmas Wreathmaking 25 November and Dry Stone Walling Classes**

We have had a positive response regarding the wreath making workshop. The confirmed date is Saturday 25 November at 6.45pm. We are still able to accommodate a few more enthusiasts. The cost would be £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 2024. The likely cost would be £100 for the day with instruction by 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.

### **ENSTONE ECO**

How many of us have thought it would be nice to see more wild flowers on the verges around our village? In the Parish Council Survey this autumn, there's a question about reducing the cutting of grass verges in parts of the village. Road junctions will always be cut to maintain visibility and safety, but if we allowed some other verges to grow, it would let the natural wildflowers come through, encourage butterflies and improve overall biodiversity. In the first year of the new approach to mowing in the old churchyard, over 40 plant species including bee orchids have been identified, and seven types of butterflies have been recorded. When the grass was cut every month, there were almost no flowers in the summer and no butterflies. It's currently the same for the grass verges around the village.

Please watch out for the Parish Survey and respond to the question about verge cutting. Every response counts.

Enstone Eco [enstoneeco@gmail.com](mailto:enstoneeco@gmail.com)

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## **NATURE NEWS - BRITISH WILDLIFE REPORT JUST RELEASED**

The State of Nature Report came out this week. The report is a health check of British wildlife using data collected by over 60 conservation organisations, and the science is alarming:

1 in 6 species faces national extinction including 43% of British birds and 54% of flowering plants.

To read the full report google 'State of Nature Report 2023'.

The good news is that the report highlights that conservation actions do deliver results for nature – everything from planting bumblebee-friendly plants (such as lavender and sedum like the plants in the bumblebee boarder at the village hall) to not mowing our lawns as much following Plantlife's campaign 'No Mow May' and 'Let It Bloom June'. The West Oxon and Oxfordshire Councils have also changed their approach in reaction to biodiversity loss such as cutting road verges fewer times a year (about 5). We as a parish, could do the same.

If this is something you care about, then you can also become part of the Nature 2030 campaign created by Wildlife and Countryside Link (which is the largest environment and wildlife coalition in England) by signing the open letter to all political party leaders, asking them to pledge 5 things for nature (such as a pay rise for farmers, and the creation of green jobs) as part of their manifestos. For more information and to sign the letter go to <https://www.wcl.org.uk/nature2030.asp>

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## **Enstone Sports & Social Club**



**New members welcome**

**Premier League Live on Sky, plus other sports too.**

**TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823**

**The club open every Friday 7pm-11pm, Saturday 3pm till close and Sundays from 12pm to 3pm**

**28th October - kids Halloween party 6-9pm**

**22nd December - kids Christmas party, times t.b.c**

**December - Christmas bingo date t.b.c**

**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**

### **ENSTONE PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION**

Many thanks to Chris Reeve and his business Electoolsaway for funding two new goals for the playing field. Please enjoy and look after them.

Lynn Jenkins has now stepped down as chair of the playing field association after many years of service to the charity. The new committee wish her well.

A reminder to take litter home from the park and dogs are not permitted on the playing field or park. New committee members required please contact Pete

cox [pcox552@gmail.com](mailto:pcox552@gmail.com)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

October	8	St Kenelm's Concert 6pm
	12	W.I. meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall
	13	Harvest Prize Bingo 5.30 for 6pm School Hall
	16	Garden Club Talk
	26	Parish Council meeting 7.00pm Parish Hall
	28	Final date for copy
November	6	Garden Club Quiz 7.30pm The Crown



Enstone The Avenue

