

ENSTONE ENSIGN
Number 412 May 2019
Newsletter for Enstone Parish

Services from May to mid-June

5th May	Enstone	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Spelsbury	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]
12th May	Ascott	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Chadlington	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]
19th May	Spelsbury	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Enstone	10.00 am	Shared Communion
26th May	Enstone	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Ascott	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]
2nd June	Chadlington	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Spelsbury	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]
9th June	Chadlington	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Enstone	10.00 am	Shared Communion
16th June	Spelsbury	8.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
	Ascott	10.00 am	Holy Communion [CW]

From the Registers:-

Deaths:-

Ian Ackland-Snow	7th April	Enstone
Robert Parsons	19th April	Enstone

Wedding:

Christopher Campbell & Jennifer Clay	13th April	Enstone
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ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, FISHERS LANE, CHARLBURY

By kindness of the Vicar and Church Wardens of St Kenelm's Church, Church Enstone, our Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 12th May at **9.00am** at St Kenelm's Church. Mass at St Teresa's is 9.15 on Sundays and 9.30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The Parish Priest is Fr Tony Joyce, at Holy Trinity Rectory, London Rd, Chipping Norton OX7 5AX.

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All items for the June Ensign in by 30th 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@andreibates.co.uk

LETTER FROM THE CURATE -IN-TRAINING

Isn't it lovely to see the days getting longer and to feel that we are emerging from the slow days of winter? That sense of moving from greyness to colour, from darkness to light, is particularly relevant to this part of the Christian year. Lent was a period of preparation and waiting, followed by the Passion story of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. But then we moved into the joy of Christ's resurrection on Easter Day and the hope that it gives us all. In the words of Pope John Paul II: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song". And everywhere I look, nature is also saying 'hallelujah'! Like many people, however, I don't spend nearly enough time enjoying this burst of new life and all the promise it brings. I don't always take the opportunity to watch as the buds on the cherry tree open up, or the leaves unfurl and bathe in the sunlight. I don't often stand still to listen to the birds singing their hearts out. And this is a shame because Spring reminds us that there is always hope even when we feel that the world has become a grim place and the future is uncertain. I thought of this in the light of the disaster that struck Notre Dame Cathedral recently. The sight of the flames engulfing the building was terrible, but hope never died. The courage and skill of the firefighters preserved the integrity of the building's structure. Despite the danger of being burned by molten lead, many people formed a human chain to rescue precious artefacts. Yes, much was destroyed, but much will be rebuilt. Much was lost, but much was saved. Victor Hugo's great novel 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' contains a description of a pair of bellows engraved with "Spira, Spera" – "where there is breath, there is hope". And that is a message which is entirely fitting in this Easter season. In the midst of bad news such as the horrific events in Sri Lanka, when it is difficult to comprehend news even when it is good, Jesus tells us that all will be well. Even when everything seemed lost on the cross, hope remained and that is God's enduring Easter gift to us.

With my best wishes. Ilona Cheyne

[Ilona is a member of the Benefice congregation who has been training for ministry in the Church of England. She will be ordained Deacon on 29 June 2019 at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford and will serve as Assistant Curate in the Benefice.]

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – APRIL 2019

Land South of Oxford Rd, Enstone, 19/00991/RES - Erection of 29 dwellings along with the associated infrastructure – You are invited to attend a Planning Meeting of Enstone Parish Council on Thursday 23rd

May at 6.30 pm at St. Kenelm's Church, Church Enstone, to discuss this planning application. The meeting is being held in the Church due to the Parish Hall being booked as a polling station for the European Elections.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

Barnmead, Church Enstone, 19/00500/OUT – Outline Planning Application for Retirement Dwellings, Community Building and Communal Recreational Facilities; Access Roads and Pedestrian/cycle links; hard and soft landscaping; foul and surface water drainage systems and other works.

Response from Enstone Parish Council on the Barnmead Outline Planning Application – 25th April 2019 6.30 pm – Enstone Parish Hall

The Parish Council recognises that loneliness in old age is an issue which the proposed development of the retirement community at Barnmead, Church Enstone, seeks to address. In addition, it could free up some family homes in the village for young families. However, the proposed location for this type of development is remote from the services which would be required by an elderly community, such as access to healthcare services and shops. The village shop is over a mile away and the nearest health centre is in Chipping Norton over three miles away. There is no public transport near the development, the nearest bus stop being almost a mile away on the Oxford Road. It is also an unlikely place for a retirement community with steep slopes and narrow roads which are not easy to navigate on foot or mobility vehicles.

There are a number of specific concerns raised by the Parish Council regarding this development:

1. The Developer has failed to establish the need for this development in the Parish. The planning application is predicated on meeting a need for “purpose built housing for those aged 55 and over in Enstone Parish” (Planning Statement Para 1.12). An open morning was held at the Parish Hall in December 2018, at which some parishioners expressed an interest, but the Parish Council is not aware that demand approaches the scale envisioned by this development. In a survey conducted at the event and subsequently online, 16 parishioners responded that the development met the needs of older people in the parish (out of a total of 26 who replied). Hence, the 33 dwellings proposed are unlikely to be occupied by many existing parishioners and will need to attract buyers from a much wider area in the District and beyond.
2. Community transport - this is a key part of the development proposal to transport the residents to the village shop and Chipping Norton to access services they will need as none are available at this location. The Developer has stated that this service would be run in perpetuity -

this relies upon funding from the residents' annual service charge and it is possible that costs could rise to uneconomical levels, thus rendering the service unviable.

3. Church Enstone is an historic village of around forty dwellings within a larger parish, some dating back to the 17th century. It is a small village within a large parish and the development would change the nature of the village through the proposed number of properties.
4. Surface water drainage to a proposed lake at the bottom of the site could lead to increased flooding on Cling Clang lane (the sunken lane to the south of the site). Flooding is already a regular occurrence during heavy rainfall.
5. Landfill site contamination and emissions from the neighbouring site need properly investigating by the Environment Agency / Oxfordshire County Council. This was in use more recently than the date indicated by the Developer. There are concerns that such a development should be considered so close to a contaminated site.

Comments from Enstone Parishioners in the public meeting on 25th April

The key points raised were as follows:

1. The scale of Development is out of proportion to the existing community in Church Enstone. Church Enstone is a historic and unique village. It has a Norman Church and homes from the 17th, 18th & 19th Century. The development would result in a large increase and would change the historic nature and character of the village.
2. Is this an appropriate location for a retirement community or would it be better located in a larger town such as Chipping Norton? There are very limited services in Church Enstone.
3. There is minimal support for the development from anyone in the Parish. There are two comments from people in favour within the Parish and two from people outside of the Parish.
4. Concern about contamination in the landfill site next door which may still pose a hazard to any development nearby.
5. Concerns about the access to the site, and the additional volume of traffic that this development would generate.
6. Pedestrian access would be difficult for the elderly and infirm - the use of a mobility scooter cannot even be considered – owing to steep banks with an almost impossible vehicle access from the blind road junction. Pedestrian access, crossing the B4030 from the site entrance and at the Heythrop Park entrance is dangerous - proven by the residents' traffic speed surveys.

7. Comments regarding the trees planted in conjunction with the Woodland Trust and what would happen to them. The agreement with the Woodland Trust runs until 2025.
8. Concern that the development would grow beyond the 33 dwellings proposed once outline planning had been agreed or would become just a general housing development if the retirement homes scheme was proven to be not economically viable.
9. Developer consultation – as part of the submission, the developer claims that extensive consultation has taken place with the local community, including sending out letters to the parishioners and consulting the local village stores owner. This was challenged at the meeting, including the village store owner who had not been consulted. However, there was some support recognising loneliness amongst older people.
10. There were comments made in favour, including the need to provide housing for older people and the importance of developing our communities so that they do not remain too small to be relevant.

Parish Council Consultation

Every household in the parish receives a monthly copy of the parish magazine - The Ensign. This included an invitation to attend the public meeting on 25th April. Seventy-three members of the public did attend; two parishioners were in support of the development; three parishioners abstained. The remaining parishioners voted against the application.

Glyme Bank, Lidstone, 19/01066/FUL - Erection of dwelling and garages ancillary to Glyme Bank – Enstone Parish Council has raised concern regarding over-development at this site.

Dates of next meetings:-

- **Thursday 9th May – Annual Council Meeting – 7.15 pm**
- **Thursday 9th May – Annual Parish Meeting following Annual Council Meeting at 7.30 pm**
- **Thursday 23rd May 6.30 pm – ST. KENELM’S CHURCH, ENSTONE**

Mrs Beth Sinclair, Enstone Parish Clerk, Briery Cottage, 9 Alexandra Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5HL.Tel: 01608 641051: Email:- enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com

Website address for the Parish = enstoneparish.org which includes all agendas and minutes from Parish Council meetings.

Website address for the Parish Hall = enstoneparishhall.org

Facebook Page = Enstone Parish

ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW RESULTS
13 APRIL 2019

Class	First	Second	Third
1 Trumpet Daffodils	M.Parker	P.Shaw	A.Williams
2 Large Cup	P.Shaw	A.Hornung	-
3 Small Cup	B.Zan	P.Shaw	E.Lewis
4 Double Flowered	H.Prower	P.Shaw	-
5 Multiheaded	H.McGee	J.Boardman	S.Waterer
6 Miniature	P.Shaw	H.Prower	S.Parris
7 Different Varieties	J.Boardman	P.Shaw	M.Parker
8 Darwin type	A.Hornung	P.Shaw	J.Boardman
10 Different Varieties	A.Hornung	P.Shaw	S.Waterer
11 Other types	B.Zan	-	-
12 Muscari	S.Waterer	P.Shaw	B.Zan
13 Hyacinth	M.Parker	S.Parris	A.Bates
16 Any other Bulbs	H.Prower	-	-
17 Aquilegia	H.Prower	-	-
18 Clematis	A.Williams	A.Hornung	-
20 Hellebores	M.Parker	A.Hornung	J.Boardman
22 Pansies	A.Williams	P.Shaw	-
23 Polyanthus	C.Glendenning	S.Parris	A.Hornung
24 Wallflowers	B.Zan	H.Prower	A.Bates
25 Flowering Shrub	E.Birchall	H.Prower	A.Williams
26 What is best in my garden today	L.Birchall	A.Hornung	A.Williams
27 Bowl Flowering Bulbs	S.Waterer	P.Shaw	-
28 Bowl of Spring Flowers	B.Zan	M.Parker	A.Bates
29 Potted flowering plant	S.Parris	H.Prower	C.Prower

Adrian Sutherland Cup for Best in Show: A.Hornung

ENSTONE SHOW August 10th 2019 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION
 Organised by Enstone WI. Photographs Max size 7"X 5". Black and white or colour. Only one photograph per class except class 5. Classes open to all ages. Class 1 Sky; Class 2 Enstone (Object, building or view.); Class 3 Flower or Flowers; Class 4 Water; Class 5 Family Album maximum of 6 photos mounted to fit on A3 size background. Cash Prizes for winners.

ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 2019 FORTHCOMING EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our competition this year is 'Most Attractive Climbing Display' and will run from May to July. Please contact Helen Prower on 677419 or Anthea on 678103 when your garden is at its best to arrange a viewing with the judges. The Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 18 May at 10.00am. Donations accepted from 9.30am onwards. Get there early to avoid disappointment!! Garden visits: Saturday 15 June 2.00 – 4.00pm, 4 local gardens in Church Enstone. Wednesday 10 July: Visit to be announced – so hold the date in your diary. As readers may know the Show this year will take place on Saturday 10th August, look out for the schedule in the June Ensign.

ENSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

On May 9 we are celebrating our seventieth anniversary. As many members are away on that date we will not be holding the dinner in St Kenelm's church but will have a champagne reception in Church Enstone.

The talk by Ffiona Perigrinor on Freud and Jung; great minds that changed the world, planned for Tuesday May 21, 7 for 7 30pm at The Thatch, Church Enstone, has had to be postponed due to speaker availability. The talk will be rescheduled for June, full details will be in the June Ensign.

Carol Geare, Chairman, 01608 677246/ carolawt@gmail.com

Anne Francis, Hon.Secretary, 01608 678820 / annefrancis1@gmail.com

ENSTONE PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Preschool Committee would firstly like to thank all the support we received for the Bunny Hop Disco. A highlight was a visit from the Easter Bunny courtesy of Fairy Tale Farm. We raised a fantastic £390, much needed funds to keep our Preschool running. We are planning lots more exciting events for the rest of the year and welcome volunteers.

Residents may have seen the children out and about in the village recently learning about road safety. They have also been very busy learning a new Makaton sign each week. For the new term the Children are looking forward to a trip to Birdland where we hope to feed their imagination on the "Jurassic Journey". Following the trip the children will spend the term learning all about dinosaurs. The Preschool garden has been looking well, the children are hoping to plant strawberries, herbs and other sensory plants, if you have any surplus plants you may think are suitable they would be gratefully received.

Preschool Committee

ARTWEEKS EXHIBITIONS

Oxford Artweeks, the longest running, most successful visual arts festival in the country, begins May 4th. In our area, North Oxfordshire, it begins May 18th and runs through till the bank holiday Monday, May 27th. Brochures are widely available, including our local shop, Adams Stores. Locally, Andrea Bates will be exhibiting paintings in pastels and oils at Hillside, Oxford Road (blue door opposite the Artyard) May 19-19 and 24-27, open 11 am-6pm. There will also be a variety of artwork on show in the Artyard by various artists during May.

ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS – ECO SPECIAL

Our Eco Warriors – led by Mrs Briggs – are a very busy group, who keep us on our toes with the three R's (REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE) as well as updating us on environmental issues. As we approach our Green Flag re-evaluation, we thought we would bring you some news of our recent initiatives. We held an *Earth Hour* Assembly and showed our support by turning off all our lights for one hour on 27th March. We also discussed other small changes that we could all make which together would make a BIG difference. Ideas included:

- Buy a big pot of yoghurt and bring a small portion in a re-usable pot to school.
- Keep going with plastic free lunch.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Wash clothes at 30°C.
- Recycle crisp packets, glasses, batteries and stamps in school.

We are the last generation who can stop catastrophic climate change. Can you help too? We took part in *Waste month March*, challenging the whole school to take part in our waste-free and plastic-free lunch. The results from this were very encouraging; since the last data collection the whole school reduced their packaging waste by 42% and food waste by 61%.

Our communication with *Wild is Life* and *Zimbabwe Elephant Nursery* has been very interesting and rewarding. Mr Garden, our Eco Governor, showed us some super videos of the elephants and pangolins. Did you know that pangolins have a tongue the length of their body: about 1m long! We have been planting potatoes in our raised beds and creating sensory beds with new flowers to stimulate our senses. Thank you very much to those in the community that have made kind donations to enable this to happen.

We are looking forward to our summer wildlife exploring, litter pick and continuing to keep on track with Eco news and activities.

The Eco Warriors

ENSTONE WI

We held our Annual Meeting in April, all the members thanked Angela Taylor for being a fantastic President and unanimously re-elected her for the coming year. We followed the business part of the meeting with a lively and keenly fought Beetle Drive. Our next meeting will be on 9th May in the Parish Hall. The national WI Resolutions will be discussed followed by a talk on 'Australia yesterday and today', the experiences of two of our members. If you are interested in joining our group please come along at 7.30pm.

ENSTONE PARISH HALL – WHAT'S ON

Enstone Summer Party Friday June 14th, watch this space!

There are activities for all ages throughout the week for you to take part in:

MONDAYS: Yoga Hatha Flow, Ladies Badminton, Glow Exercise & Diet Class, Yoga Focus

TUESDAYS: Pilates, Mixed Badminton, Dance School

WEDNESDAYS: Tumble Tots, Adults Badminton, Dancepeep

THURSDAYS: Art Class, Seniors Badminton

FRIDAYS: Low Impact Aerobics

SATURDAYS: Martial Arts - Jado Kuin Do - Kids & Adults

Regular meetings may be held in the Litchfield room, which can hold up to 30 seated people. The Hall has also been used very successfully for wedding receptions, private and children's parties, so if you would like to book the facilities call or email: **07391 231 304 / admin@enstoneparishhall.org**

Dates for your diary: Enstone Show Saturday 10th August, Craft Fair Sunday 3rd Nov, Christmas event Friday 13th Dec

Main Hall: The main hall which is large with a high ceiling can seat 100 people in comfort and is perfect for that special occasion, in fact a myriad of activities. It is particularly popular with mums and dads for their children's parties. There are tables and chairs a plenty, a well equipped kitchen and a public entertainments license covering most activities.

Litchfield Room: For that club/business meeting or small gathering. There is free WiFi and an audio visual suite with projector and screen.

What a regular user said – "Everything about the hall is fantastic. I have held 4 birthday parties there and I attend fitness classes as well as using the Toddler Group" The Parish Hall was built for the Enstone community – come along and join in the fun. For more information and activities calendar go to:

www.enstoneparishhall.org

VILLAGE COACH TRIP

Join us on a coach trip to Hatton Shopping Village at Hatton Country World on Wednesday June 12th, fare £14. Everybody welcome.

Ring Jill on 01608 677649 or Sandra on 01608 677427 for more details.

ENSTONE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB FACILITIES FOR HIRE GROUND AND CLUB



ENSTONE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

New members welcome

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

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823

The club would like to thank all members and volunteers who give up their time to help keep the club running.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP RUN THE CLUB BAR ON A FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY AFTERNOONS.

Next events:

May – Saturday May 18th Live music with the returning The 2Tone All ska's – Free entry

May – Sunday 26th Bingo!

June - Saturday 1st Aunt Sally Competition (Please note this date could change, any change of date will be posted on Facebook and at the club)

June – Saturday 15th Six a-side Cricket – Again in aid of Enstone Brownies & Guides – Team forms now available via the club or contact Richard Allen via the Facebook page. Events will be posted on our Facebook page, put up at the club and in the Ensign.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE FOR THE YEAR 2018/19 - Adults £10, O.A.P's £5, Young Person (14 – 17) £5, Under 14 no fee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- May 9 Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 pm Parish Hall
9 WI 7.30 pm Parish Hall
18 Plant sale 10 am Parish Hall
23 Planning meeting and Parish Council 6.30 pm St. Kenelm's
30 FINAL DATE FOR COPY
- June 5 Golden Stones 2 pm Parish Hall
12 Coach trip
14 Enstone Summer Party 7pm Parish Hall
15 Garden Visit Church Enstone 2-4 pm