

# Packington Newsletter

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## Dates for Your Diary

April 12 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting - Maxstoke Village Hall Speaker: Dianne Slocombe	Fun with fabrics / fashion'
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	National Garden Scheme Garden opening	WI doing Teas
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. James Church and Parish Meetings	Packington Hall Undercroft 6.15 p.m. (Church) 6.45 p.m. (Parish)
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting - Annual Resolution Meeting	
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Farmers Estate Cricket match	From 6 p.m. in front of Packington Hall
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting - Speaker Mary Bloxham	Our Lives as Twins'
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting - Speaker David Berry	'Life in the 50's and Quiz'
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Supper	Packington Hall 7.30 pm
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service	4.30 pm

*Line drawing of the Church by by Jon Brierley of Forest Ground Cottage*

# THE ESTATE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES, GREAT PACKINGTON

*(Entry via automatic Packington Park Gates on the A45, Eastbound, some 500 yds on left after Stonebridge roundabout*

## SERVICES for 2017 at 10.30am

(Holy Communion services follow the Book of Common Prayer / Common Worship order 2)

April 16th	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Holy Communion
May 7th	Easter III	Holy Communion
June 4th	<b>Whitsunday</b>	Holy Communion
July 2nd	Trinity III	Holy Communion
August 6th	Transfiguration of our Lord	
September 3rd	Trinity XII	Trinity III Holy Communion
October 1st	Harvest Festival	
November 12th	Remembrance Sunday	
December 3rd	Advent Sunday	
December 16th	Carol Service	4.30pm
December 25th	<b>Christmas Day</b>	

All are most welcome to these services

Rev. John Bradford  
0121 705 4428

Peter M Gregory, Organist  
0121 704 9895

**In the Diocese of Coventry**

## Lend a Flower Rota!

We have set up a rota to do flowers for the once a month service. If it is your turn, please take them home after the service to enjoy them, otherwise they would be wasted!

If you cannot do the month allocated please let me know:

Lady Aylesford.....01676 522274 (E-mail..... pg@packingtonhall.com)

**We really need more volunteers for the flower rota so that everyone need only do it once a year?! If someone has mentioned to me that they would like to do a Sunday and your name is not down, my apologies but please could you write / phone in and then it will be remembered!!!! Equally, if someone is down that would rather not do it, please can you email or drop me a line as my memory is not so good when told at a Church service or Coffee morning!!!**

April 16th Easter Sunday	Lady Aylesford
May 7th	Mrs Beaty
June 4th	Mrs Mander
July 2nd	Mrs Garnet
August 6th	Mrs Dalton
September 3rd	Mrs Gow
October 1st Harvest Festival	Farmer's Wives
November 12th	Mrs Smith
December 3rd	Mrs Jolly
December 16th - Carol Service	Lady Aylesford
December 25th - Christmas Day	Lady Aylesford

*Lady Aylesford will do Easter and all Flowers and the Tree for Christmas*

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## THE BISHOP OF COVENTRY

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The

29<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope that Lent is going well for you. It will be very good to see many of you at the **Chrism Eucharist** on Maundy Thursday at 10.30am. I am also hoping that there will be a good number of candidates for the Easter baptisms and confirmations in the **Cathedral** for our **Dawn Celebration** beginning at **5.30am**.

You will have seen in my address at Diocesan Synod (<http://bit.ly/2oh0WkU>) I said I would be writing with further details about **Thy Kingdom Come**, which is a wonderful way of encouraging deeper journeys of prayer amongst our congregations. The Archbishops are asking every Christian to join in prayer with the whole family of God the Father, to pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit, that each of us may be an effective witness to God the Son, Jesus Christ. It is an excellent opportunity to be open to praying as one Church, across churches and traditions, in the days before Pentecost: 'Thy Kingdom Come' also has the firm backing of the Roman Catholic Church in England, the Methodist Church Council; and other Churches in Coventry will be involved. This is a movement of great hope for our land.

There are, I am sure you are aware, brilliant resources and ideas free to download, or available to order, on <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>. Please make use of these as inspiration for prayer in your parish, across your group or deanery, or as resources for families during the week.


As I said at Synod, it is a particularly pertinent call from Archbishop Justin for us as a Diocese this year, as next May Archbishop Justin will be visiting the Diocese (**2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018**) for our Centenary year. His focus for those few days with us will be on sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those who have yet to know him. This year, as we pray during 'Thy Kingdom Come' for our witness to Christ's love, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will make us bold in sharing that love and proclaiming the Kingdom, so that many might have their hearts prepared to hear and respond to the gospel, particularly during the Archbishop's visit.

You will be aware that, as in previous years, we are holding a service of **Baptism and Confirmation**, informal in style, in the Cathedral ruins on **Pentecost Sunday**. This will begin at **4pm**, preceded by a festival of events around the Cathedral during the afternoon.

**Ascension Day** this year is also the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral, and we will be marking this with an ecumenical service at **7.30pm** with His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham. This will be an important occasion in our marking of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, too. We hope the service will involve a mini-Pilgrimage through the remains of the original St. Mary's Priory and Cathedral, the ruins of St. Michael's Cathedral and through the new Cathedral, including the Chapel of Unity. I would be so pleased if many of you, and your people, could come to celebrate Ascension in this way.

With every blessing for the rest of Lent

Yours



## Editors Pages

### Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> - National Garden Scheme Opening

We have decided to keep the garden opening early this year with the hope that the Rhododendrons will be showing and maybe the last of the Bluebells. This means that the garden beds will not be at their best, but a change is always good. Again, the W.I. will be producing wonderful teas in the Pompeian Room. Do pass the word around and come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

### Parish and Church Meetings – 8<sup>th</sup> May from 6.15 pm

Members of the Parish and Church should have received a Notice for the informal Parish and Church Meetings to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017, in the Undercroft of Packington Hall.

Please note, as these meetings are taking place after the issuance of this Newsletter, it is not possible, as we would normally do, to include the Minutes herein. Therefore, following the meetings, the Minutes will be available on the Estate web-site ([www.packingtonestate.co.uk](http://www.packingtonestate.co.uk)) (within the “Community” and Latest News tab). However, if anyone wishes to receive a paper copy of the Minutes, or a copy by E-mail, please provide Kay Gleeson (at the Estate Office) with either an E-mail address or an A4, stamped (98p), addressed envelope.

### The Farmers v The Estate Cricket match - June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm

Please join us in front of the Hall for this nerve jangling match!!  
Pork Baps will be available and the bar will be open afterwards!

### Harvest Supper - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm !

I make no apology for including the Harvest Supper details in this April newsletter as I do not want people to say....” I didn’t know the date etc”!!!!  
A lot of hard work goes into making this a great evening so PLEASE help to make it one! Hall and Estate Office turn for the entertainment!

### Carol Service - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm

Last year was the first early Carol Service and it was very well attended so we will continue with it at this time. Please come and enjoy it with us.

Packington Estate Social Club  
Chairman : Paul Brown : 07855 047606

The Social Club meets on the last Friday of every month in the Undercroft (7.30 pm onwards) and welcomes everyone on the Estate with their families and friends to meet each other and hold events to raise money for local Charities. Please join us – We need your support!

**The Estate and Farmers invite you  
to the 2017  
Packington Parish Harvest Supper  
at  
Packington Hall - Pompeian Room  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm**

**Tickets £7 each**

**Wine and Beer provided by the Estate  
Please bring and take away cutlery  
Raffle (please bring a prize)  
Some Form of Entertainment!!!**

Tickets will be restricted to Past and present staff, residents, congregation and immediate (ie wives/husbands and children) families of the above!

Tickets are very limited and we really want Estate members and their families to attend .This is an Estate Party first and foremost.

**Ticket request form on last page of Newsletter**



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## COMING MEETINGS ....

Our WI usually meet in the Undercroft at the Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm with occasional meetings at Maxstoke Village Hall. We are a friendly group of women and visitors are always welcome to come to our meetings without any obligation to join the WI. Anyone wishing to find out more can contact Laraine Jones on 01676 540693 email [laraine.jones@btopenworld.com](mailto:laraine.jones@btopenworld.com)

Wednesday April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting held Maxstoke Village Hall Speaker: Dianne Slocombe 'Fun with Fabrics and Fashions'
Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Member will be providing homemade cakes and serving refreshments at Packington Hall for the NGS Garden opening.
Wednesday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Resolutions Meeting
Wednesday June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker: Mary Bloxham 'Our Lives as Triplets'
Wednesday July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker: David Berry 'Life in the 50's and Quiz'

If you fancy coming to any of these evening please do get in touch –you will be made very welcome

Laraine Jones on 01676 540693 or email [laraine.jones@btopenworld.com](mailto:laraine.jones@btopenworld.com)



## Eating in the UK in the fifties

Pasta had not been invented.

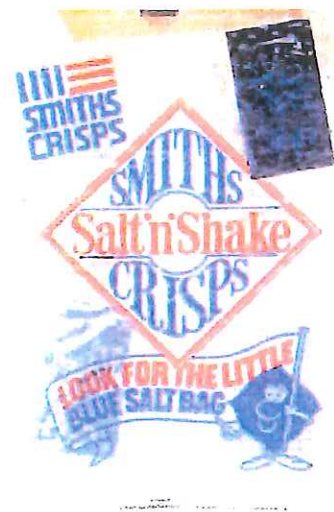
Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not. Salt was provided in a small blue bag.



Rice was a milk pudding, and never ever part of our dinner.

A Big Mac was what you wore when it was raining.

A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter.

Brown bread was something only poor people ate.



Oil was lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Coffee was Camp, and came in a bottle.



Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Only Heinz made beans.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.



People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

Indian restaurants were only found in India.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognisable food.



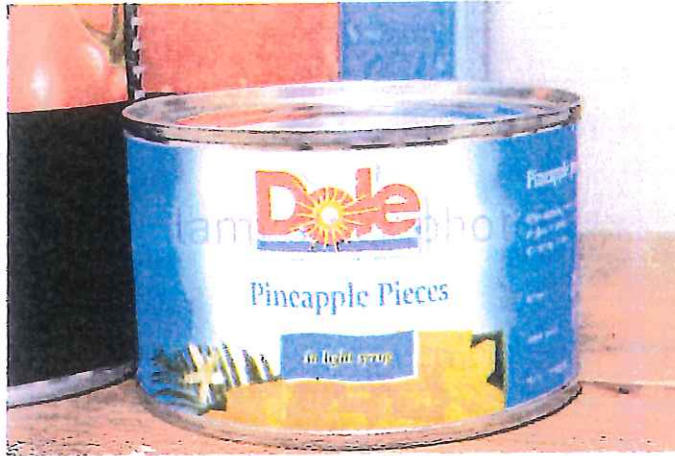
(Unless you were Welsh, when it was turned in to laver-bread - and, yes, it is as disgusting as it looks!)

'Kebab' was not even a word never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly, muesli was widely available, it was called cattle feed.



Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen pictures of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing we never had on the table in the fifties - was elbows.

## **Tackling the Menace of Rogue Traders! New Trading Standards Approved Trader Scheme Partnership Launched**

Worried about rogue traders? Not sure where to go to find a fully vetted Trading Standards approved trader? Warwickshire Trading Standards can help!

Warwickshire Trading Standards has entered in to a new partnership with 'No Rogue Traders Here'.

'No Rogue Traders Here' is an approved trader scheme with a difference, putting consumers in touch with traders who have been **fully vetted**.

All traders are:

- **Approved by Trading Standards**
- Bankruptcy and identity checked
- Home and business addresses verified
- Licences and insurance verified
- Monitored on both quality & price
- Interviewed before being admitted to the scheme

'No Rogue Traders Here' vetted traders include:  
Builders; Roofers; Plumbers; Double Glazing;  
Central Heating & Boilers; Electricians; Carpenters;  
Decorators; Bathrooms; Kitchens; Driveways and  
small jobs handyman.

Consumers: to find out more and register, visit:  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders) or  
phone 0800 233 5000.



In order to register you need to complete an electoral registration form. These can be downloaded from [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) or a printed form can be acquired from your electoral office.



Once you have registered you will be sent a polling card. This will tell you the date of the election (polling day) and the polling station where you can cast your vote.

You can **vote by post** by registering for a postal vote. You can do this by: selecting '**voting by post**' when filling out the electoral registration form.

OR

If you are already registered you can download a postal vote form from [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) or requesting one from your local electoral office.

You can nominate someone to vote on your behalf; this is called **voting by proxy**. You can register for this type of vote by: selecting '**voting by proxy**' when filling out the electoral registration form.

OR

If you are already registered you can download a proxy vote form from [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) or requesting one from your local electoral office.

**IMPORTANT! There are three deadlines you need to know:**

In order to **vote in the elections** you must be registered by:

**Thursday  
13 April**

In order to **vote by post** you must be registered by:

**Tuesday  
18 April, 5pm**

In order to **vote by proxy** you must be registered by:

**Tuesday  
25 April, 5pm**

## Electoral Offices

Here are the details of the five electoral offices in Warwickshire. You can contact your local electoral office for voting forms and guidance:

### North Warwickshire

T: 01827 719221

E: [elections@northwaricks.gov.uk](mailto:elections@northwaricks.gov.uk)

### Nuneaton & Bedworth

T: 02476 376230

E: [electoralreg@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk](mailto:electoralreg@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk)

### Rugby

T: 01788 533595

E: [elections@rugby.gov.uk](mailto:elections@rugby.gov.uk)

### Stratford on Avon

T: 01789 260208

E: [elections@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

### Warwick

T: 01926 456107

E: [elections@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:elections@warwickdc.gov.uk)

For more information on Warwickshire County Council, councillors or the elections in May, please contact the Democratic Services team:

E: [democraticservices@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@warwickshire.gov.uk)

T: 01926 413747

W: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/elections](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/elections)

Twitter: @MarksDemocracy



Warwickshire County  
Council Elections 2017 



TAKE YOUR  
CHANCE  
TO HAVE  
YOUR SAY  
on Thursday 4 May





# TAKE YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Warwickshire County Council elections are happening this year on Thursday 4 May.



Residents across the county can vote for their local councillor to represent them.



Once elected the councillors will serve a four year term.



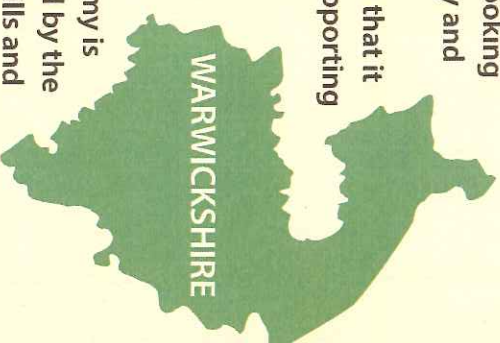
The election is your opportunity to select your representative who will decide on matters including health services, education, highway matters and social care.

In order to be eligible to vote you must be:

- ☒ 18 years or over.
- ☒ A British citizen, EU citizen or a qualifying commonwealth citizen.
- ☒ Be on the electoral register.

Further details: [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

Warwickshire County Council is your local authority, looking after the whole county and working to make Warwickshire the best that it can be. This means supporting communities and individuals to be safe, healthy and independent, and ensuring Warwickshire's economy is vibrant and supported by the right jobs, training, skills and infrastructure.



Please note that this year your vote is for your representative on the **county council** only. The elections for the five district and borough councils (*Warwick, North Warwickshire, Nuneaton and Bedworth, Stratford and Rugby*) are held in different years.

## How does it affect me?



By voting for your local councillor you are exercising your democratic right to have a say over who represents your area on the local issues that affect you.



As a Warwickshire resident you are entitled to many of the services that the county council provides.



Once elected, councillors are there to serve you and can be contacted about any issues or problems that you think need addressing.



This vote only takes place every four years. After this year you won't get another chance to vote until 2021. Don't miss out!





HM Government

# The Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme

[basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk](http://basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk)

## ABOUT THE SCHEME

The UK government is committed to providing every home and business across the country with access to a basic broadband service

If you can't get a broadband speed of at least 2Mb per second, you could qualify for a subsidised connection **worth up to £350** to boost your internet speed

The scheme is delivered in partnership with Local Broadband Projects across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland

## FIND OUT IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE

- Visit [basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk](http://basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk) to find out if you are eligible for a subsidy
- Fill out a simple application form
- If you qualify you will be emailed a unique code
- Use the code with selected service providers to get a subsidised broadband service



[basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk](http://basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk)



# Community Links Mental Health Service

**KeyRing offers short term mental health support for up to 6 weeks.**

We can offer personalised support during difficult times of life that could cause deterioration of mental health.



You can access the service if you are aged 17 or over and either live in Warwickshire or are registered with a GP in Warwickshire.



For more information contact

**Michelle Lloyd**

07974 673 154

or email [michelle.lloyd@keyring.org](mailto:michelle.lloyd@keyring.org)



**KeyRing**  
unlocking potential



# Community Links Mental Health Service

**KeyRing offers short term mental health support for up to 6 weeks.**

Our Community Links Mental Health Service can provide:

- Advice
- Guidance
- Signposting
- Making connections with people and communities
- Focussed emotional support
- Personalised support during specific periods of life that could cause deterioration of mental health.



Support will be provided through a combination of 1:1 support, group work and peer support.

It will link in with carers, health and social care professionals and other organisations delivering support in local communities in Warwickshire.



To be eligible for this service, the customer must:

- Have a mental health need (inclusive of undiagnosed needs)
- Be aged 17 or older
- Live in Warwickshire, or be registered with a GP in Warwickshire
- Not be entitled to social care services



For more information call:

**Michelle Lloyd**

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or email [michelle.lloyd@keyring.org](mailto:michelle.lloyd@keyring.org)



# HARVEST SUPPER - 2017

Thursday **28<sup>th</sup>** September at 7.30 pm

If you would like tickets, please complete the reply slip below, and return to  
The Estate Office,

c/o Kay Gleeson, Packington Hall, Meriden, Coventry, CV7 7HF

You will hear if you have been successful in getting tickets by one of the 3  
methods below, so **PLEASE** provide!

If you could provide an Apple Pie or 2, or Table Flowers, please indicate.

Please reply by **Monday 18th September** so we can contact everyone. We will  
not be chasing anyone by telephone as this is time consuming and expensive!

**PLEASE CAN YOU CUT OUT THIS INVITATION AND FORM AND PUT ON  
YOUR NOTICE BOARDS OR IN YOUR DIARIES SO THAT WE DO NOT  
HAVE TO WASTE TIME IN CHASING YOU FOR YOUR FORMS!**

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**NAME:**.....

**email:** .....

**Home Phone:**.....

**Mobile:**.....

**TICKETS REQUIRED AT £7.....**

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED:    £.....**

**Cheques made payable to Lady Aylesford**

**I can provide        .....**

**Apple Pie**

**I can Provide        .....**

**Flower Arrangements**

**Family Members :**