

# Packington Newsletter

Issue 66

April 2018



## Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	'Welcome to Spring' To be held at Maxstoke Village Hall. A practical demo with plants by David Howells.	7.30pm
Sunday May 6 <sup>th</sup>	National Garden Scheme – WI Teas	2 pm to 5pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Resolutions Meeting	7.30pm
Saturday June 9th	WI Afternoon Tea at Packington Hall	
Friday June 15th	Estate Cricket Match	6pm
Thursday September 20th	Harvest Supper	7.30pm
Sunday October 6th	Harvest Festival	10.30am
Thursday November 8th	Coffee Morning	10.30am

*Line drawing of the Church by Jonathan Brierley*

# 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 2018 at 10.30am

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

April 1st	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Holy Communion
May 6th	Easter V	Holy Communion
June 3rd	Trinity 1	Holy Communion
July 1st	Trinity V	Holy Communion
August 5th	Trinity X	Holy Communion
September 2nd	Trinity XIV	Holy Communion
October 7th	<b>Trinity XIX</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
November 11th	<b>Trinity XXIV</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
December 2nd	Advent Sunday	Holy Communion
December 15th	Carol Service	4.30pm
December 25th	<b>Christmas Day</b>	Family Communion

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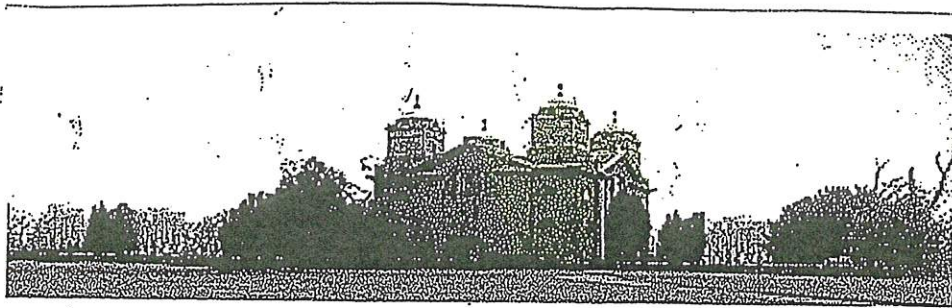
January 13th	<b>Epiphany 1</b>	<b>Plough Sunday</b>
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All are most welcome to these services

Rev. John Bradford  
0121 705 4428

Peter M Gregory, Organist  
0121 704 9895

In the Diocese of Coventry



**THE MISSION**  
**OF THE PRIVATE ESTATE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES**  
**PACKINGTON PARK**  
**GREAT PACKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE CV7 7HF**  
*A Parish Church in the diocese of Coventry until 1994*

*Nurturing the heritage of Christian life and faith since c12th cent AD \**

*Providing a continuing worshipping focus for family and Estate*

*Preserving a unique example of historic Ecclesiastical  
Architecture from 1789 (George III)*

*Prayerfully celebrating and supporting productive farming*

*Encouraging environmental care*

*Valuing Church music and a Handelian organ*

*Offering Christian welcome*

*\*Note: Packington Manor (mentioned in the Domesday Book) and Church were given by Sir Geoffrey de Clinton to Kenilworth Priory (Augustinian) in 1278 ~ until following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1536, when, with the sale of assets, these passed in 1544 to the private hands of John Fisher, 'sitting tenant' and Gentleman Pensioner to four Sovereigns*

*The Earl of Aylesford*

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2017

*Rev'd John Bradford*





THE ESTATE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES, PACKINGTON PARK CV7 7HF

*A Private Chapel Administered by Trustees from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1994*

**Report to the Annual Church Meeting on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**for the period March 2017- March 2018**

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FROM THE REGISTERS:

<i>Welcomed in Holy Baptism:</i>	Wren Emilia Crouch (April 30) Harry Finch Bear Maclean (July 16) May Elizabeth Rose Finch-Knightley (Feb 25)
<i>Confirmed:</i>	No candidates
<i>Holy Matrimony:</i>	Jade Kirkham to Paul Louis Norman (Nov 17)
<i>Confetti Blessing:</i>	Kudzai and Natasha Browne-Marke (Aug 8)
<i>Funerals:</i>	Anon by Canon J Eardley (July 11)
<i>Interment of Ashes:</i>	None recorded
<i>Celebrants/Preachers/Speakers:</i>	Hon Judge Stephen Eyre (Harvest Festival) Rt Rev John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick (Advent S) Cllr Robert Sleigh OBE (Plough Sunday) <i>Deputy Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority</i> Joan Lilburn <i>Registered Midwife</i> (Mothering Sunday)
<i>Special Visitors:</i>	Cllr Stuart Davis, Mayor of Solihull (Carol Service)
<i>Communicants:</i>	

<b>Easter Day</b>	Apr 16	32
Easter III	May 7	12
<b>Whitsunday</b>	June 4	19
Trinity III	July 2	20
Transfiguration,	Aug 6	19
Trinity XII	Sept 3	19
Advent I	Dec 3	28
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Dec 25	41
Sexagesima	Feb 4	18

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### ***From the Chancel steps 2018***

Following Lord Aylesford's thoughtful letter last February about a move to South Warwickshire, 2018-19 for us will be a year in which we ask everyone to do whatever they can to maintain our sound pattern of Church attendances, to welcome others, and to be ready to assist in various practical ways which may arise from time to time.

Lord and Lady Aylesford have been outstanding in their participation in worship at St James's, in their care for the organ, in attention to the fabric and furnishings, and in enthusiasm for the Chapel to be used. In addition, events such as the opening of the Gardens at Packington Hall (this year on Rogation Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>) and the winter Coffee morning, have been for Chapel funds. They cannot be thanked enough, and our gratitude and best wishes go with them for their forthcoming relocation.

Before too long, Lord and Lady Guernsey, with Alfie and May (both of whom have been baptised at St James'), will be welcomed most warmly at the Hall and at the Chapel.

This year we have been greatly privileged to have had several distinguished speakers (listed overleaf) at our Services ~ and we so appreciated the ministry of the Bishop of Warwick on Advent Sunday. As a Private Chapel (since 1994), our link with the mission of the diocese of Coventry, and of Meriden parish, is most desirable.

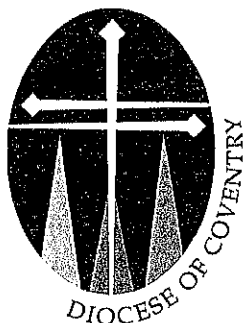
So many have spoken in appreciation of the music at the Chapel. We are much indebted to Peter Gregory, a musician of great experience, for all that he does for us. In particular, his individually invited choir excelled themselves at our Carol Service this Christmas.

In Church order we are particularly fortunate in our 'Chapel Steward', David Mander, whose guidance and assistance is invaluable, and who holds the Bishop's Permission to administer the Chalice at Holy Communion.

This year, our local May marriage will be of Kayleigh Jennings to Aidan Boland (Sun May 13<sup>th</sup>), and on Remembrance/Armistice Sunday (November 11<sup>th</sup>) we will be giving thanks for the ending of WWI and praying for peace throughout God's world.

We extend our thoughts to Ann Beaty who has done so much for us, and who helped with our Mothering Sunday posies this year, and we are mindful of congregation member Bob Jolley, who is convalescent. We have prayerfully remembered Charles Crawley, RIP.

With all the pressures of the possible effects of Brexit on British farming, of the implications for the Estate of HS2, and of other influences of development and change, it is the more important to treasure and to use aright our unique house of prayer and praise ~ to the glory of God, in respect for our heritage, and for the strengthening and refreshment of our souls.



# PRESS RELEASE

<b>To:</b>	News desk	<b>From:</b>	Graeme Pringle Anna Laycock
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## Archbishop of Canterbury Comes Home

Lambeth Palace has today released details of a visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury to Coventry and Warwickshire in May. The Most Reverend Justin Welby will be meeting people throughout the city and county which profoundly shaped his mission and ministry for fifteen years.

Having been ordained in Coventry Cathedral in 1992, Justin Welby was a curate in Nuneaton and then a rector in Southam. He later served at Coventry Cathedral from 2002 to 2007, where he became the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry. A decade later is frequently seen wearing the Coventry Cross of Nails.

Archbishop Justin is returning home to help celebrate the Centenary of the Diocese of Coventry. The diocese, in its current form, was created in 1918. At the same time, the old parish church of St Michael became the cathedral of the new diocese.

He is returning to Coventry and Warwickshire at the invitation of the Bishop of Coventry, who says:

*"It's very exciting to be able to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury back to the Diocese he knows so well as part of our centenary celebrations. There's much that's new that we're looking forward to showing Archbishop Justin but we also want to celebrate the way that we're trying today what our forebears did in the past – to live out the reconciling, transforming, life-affirming love of God and to share it with all the people of Coventry and Warwickshire."*

From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May, Archbishop Justin will be meeting civic and religious leaders, refugees, asylum seekers, farmers, school children, teachers, students, business leaders, performers in the Arts, hospital patients and staff.

The general public will also have an opportunity to hear and meet the archbishop at three events.

- There will be a **hog roast** at Grange Farm, Grandborough (between Rugby and Southam) on Thursday 3 May. The event starts at 6:30 pm.
- **'Ask the Archbishop'** is an event for people in their 20s and 30s at All Saint's Church, Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) on Friday 4 May. It starts at 7:30 pm and includes an opportunity for questions from the audience.
- The main highlight of the archbishop's visit will be a **Centenary Festival** at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 5 May. The festival starts at 10:30 am and includes music, drama and activities for all ages.

Admission to all three events are free of charge, and further information can be found online at [cov100.org](http://cov100.org)

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## 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 Guernsey.....01676 522274 (E-mail..... [georgieguernsey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:georgieguernsey@hotmail.co.uk))

**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 1st - Easter Day	Lady Aylesford
May	Mrs Dalton
June	Mrs Mander
July	Mrs Garnet
August	Mrs Sach
September	Mrs Gow
October - Harvest Festiveal	Farmer's wives
November - Remembrance Sunday	Mrs Smith
December 15th - Carol Service	Lady Guernsey
December 25th - Christmas Day	Lady Guernsey

*Lady Guernsey will organise Easter and all Flowers and the Tree for Christmas*

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# Editor's Pages



## Christening of May Elizabeth Rose Finch – Knightley

On February 25<sup>th</sup> Rev John Bradford christened May Elizabeth Rose at St James. It was a lovely service with all Grand Parents and God Parents present! May behaved impeccably!!

It is with much sadness that we report that Harry Yoxall, who had lived at Beech Lodge on the Estate for almost 50 years, passed away on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.

## Another Sad Moment!

This will be my last Newsletter! I shall hand over to Lady Guernsey and obviously help her all I can. I am sure that she will be very capable of putting it together.

I have enjoyed doing the Newsletter over the years, although frustrating at times!! Thank you to those who have provided me with copy to publish. Please continue with this and also photographs of weddings, christenings and anything else associated with the Estate.

## Coventry & Warwickshire Organists' Society

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – c.10 to 10.30 am, the Coventry & Warwickshire Organists' Society (a group of 10 to 15 active Church Organists) will be at St. James Church to play the organ.

The Society is happy for our Parishioners to be present to hear them play, if you wish.



## **PACKINGTON TROUT FISHERY**

It is with regret that the owners of Packington Estate have decided to close the day ticket operation at the trout fishery. Over the last 12 months a sharp decline in rod numbers has led to the overheads far outweighing the income and with no improvement envisaged we have been forced to make this decision.

Cocks Close pool will close on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April and from then on will form part of the carp syndicate currently on Broadwater and Burnet Iron pools.

Current members of the trout fishery will be able to continue trout fishing on Park Meadow pool until May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our long serving secretary Penny Wigley will take a well deserved retirement after 38 years loyal service and we wish her thanks and happiness.

### **How to call the police when you are old and don't move fast any more**

George Phillips, an elderly gentleman from Meridian, in the county of Mississippi, was going to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she can see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go to turn of the light, but saw there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" . He said "No, but some people have broken into my garden shed and are stealing from me." Then the police dispatcher said, "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be a long when one is available". George said "Okay."

He hung up the phone and slowly counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them", and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six police cars, a SWAT team, a helicopter, two fire engines, a paramedic and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red handed. One of the policeman turned and said to George, "I thought you said that you had shot them".

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING  
HELD IN THE UNDERCROFT OF PACKINGTON HALL  
MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

Present: Lord and Lady Aylesford  
Lord and Lady Guernsey  
Reverend John Bradford  
Nick Barlow  
Libby Mander  
Ros Smith  
Elizabeth Sach

Apologies: Chris Smith

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**ACTION**

**1. MEETING - 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017**

1.1 As the Church Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 was held after the production of the April 2017 Parish Magazine, it was not possible to include the Minutes within that publication and, therefore, the Minutes of the meeting were circulated to those that requested a copy. There being no comments, the Minutes were approved and signed by Lord Aylesford.

1.2 There were no matters arising other than those set out below.

**2.0 CHURCH SERVICES**

2.1 John Bradford presented a report on the preceding year and this shown earlier in this Newsletter, along with forthcoming services and a press release for a forthcoming visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

LA 2.3 Lord Aylesford confirmed that there would be an interregnum between them leaving Packington and Lord and Lady Guernsey arriving. In that interim period David Mander will have a second key for access and preparing the Church. Lord and Lady Aylesford will arrange for the heating to be turned on in May. Any requirements thereafter will be picked up by Neil Thornley until the Autumn when it can be reviewed again.

**3. LEADING OF SERVICES AND ORGAN**

LA 3.1 John Bradford confirmed that he was keen to carry on until Michaelmas 2020 when he will have done 60 years service.

JB 3.2 As far as he knows, Peter Gregory is also happy to carry on although Lord Aylesford will double check. The meeting thanked John for all his help. John believes he may be able to find a replacement in due course and, in the meantime, Lord Aylesford and John Bradford will arrange to meet the Vicar from Meriden to see whether she might be able to provide some cover.

4. **FINANCES**

4.1 Lord Aylesford confirmed that the Church continued to be subsidised by the Charitable Trust.

5. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

5.1 Alison Vining is holding a concert on the 16<sup>th</sup> June and details will be picked up in the newsletter.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

NPB 6.1 Ros Smith read out a note from Chris which firstly thanked John for all his contributions to services and then, secondly, asked if it would be possible to look at improving the hearing by the installation of a hearing loop, possibly linked to microphones on the lectern and the eagle. Lord Aylesford confirmed that would be done.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Charles Aylesford

Date:

**MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF  
GREAT AND LITTLE PACKINGTON PARISHES  
HELD IN THE UNDERCROFT OF PACKINGTON HALL  
MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

Present:	Lord and Lady Aylesford	Nick Barlow
	Lord and Lady Guernsey	Adam and Tom Beaty
	Reverend John Bradford	Paul Skipper
	Libby Mander	Alan Taylor
	Ros Smith	Mrs Gardner
	Elizabeth Sach	Richard Wilde
	Mr and Mrs K Baker	Larry Meakin
	Mr and Mrs Fortey	Margaret Le Fol
	Rachel Platt	Mr and Mrs Dalton
	Paul Brown	Stuart Jennings

Apologies: Chris Smith  
Sam and Jackie Minshull  
PC Craig Marshall 6239

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1.2 Matters Arising are covered in the body of these minutes.

2.0 **CHURCH MATTERS**

Church matters were summarised by Lord Aylesford and are separately covered in the minutes of the Church meeting.

3.0 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH/SECURITY**

3.1 There was no Police presence at the meeting. A summary of a number of minor incidents had been forwarded by Craig Marshall from Warwickshire Police and these were as follows since the start of the year.

3.1.1 One vehicle was stolen from a residential property. No details of location.

3.1.2 There were no reported burglaries to businesses or distraction burglaries.

3.2 **Anti-social behaviour**

3.2.1 One log from the Hotel on 13<sup>th</sup> February but no further details.

3.3 **Robbery**

3.3.1 There was an attempted robbery in a layby, probably on the A45, where an individual was struck over the head whilst the robbers tried to take the vehicle, apparently unsuccessfully.

3.4 **Vehicle Crime**

3.4.1 Four reports.

3.5 **WhatsApp Group**

A Beaty 3.5.1 Adam Beaty offered to set up a WhatsApp group which would provide an early warning system of any events taking place. Those interested in being in the group should provide their details to Adam Beaty whose mobile number is 07775 680099.

4.0 **PROPERTY MARKING EVENT**

NPB 4.1 Lord Aylesford was happy for the Hall to be used in May or June and NPB would write to Craig Marshall suggesting some dates.

5.0 **HS2 UPDATE**

5.1 The majority of the early works contracts are likely to commence early next year. There are a significant number of road schemes which will need to be implemented including:

- a) The widening of the A452 north of Stonebridge to three lanes in either direction.
- b) The elevation of the A45 between Stonebridge and the M42 in order to lift it over the line of HS2 which will cut through Top Hat Kennels.
- c) The alteration to the route of Diddington Lane, also to go over the line of HS2.
- d) The construction of a viaduct by Patrick Farm, across the flood plain.

- e) Works to Stonebridge roundabout including the widening of it, dedicated filter lanes and the possibility of a lane for southbound traffic coming from the A452 through the centre of the roundabout.
- f) The alteration of the A452 between Cornets End roundabout and Lincoln Farm café to lift the A452 over the railway line which crosses at that point.
- g) Construction of a roundabout at the Marsh Lane/Lincoln Farm café junction followed by another one south of this at the Park Lane junction.

## 6.0 **M42 JUNCTION 6 IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

- 6.1 NPB outlined these and handed round a drawing which shows a proposal to construct a new junction around the Catherine de Barnes Lane crossing of the M42, designed to take northbound traffic going to the NEC, Airport and East Birmingham onto the A45 via a new link road. It is hoped that this will alleviate some of the pressure on Junction 6 which will also have some further dedicated slip roads constructed. Catherine de Barnes Lane would be altered and Bickenhill would be linked to that altered road.

## 7.0 **M6 JUNCTION 2 TO JUNCTION 4 - SMART MOTORWAY**

- 7.1 Works to construct this are likely to start shortly.

## 8.0 **A452 BY DIDDINGTON HALL**

- 8.1 Works to protect the A452, by Diddington Hall, from undermining by the River Blythe have been postponed but it is hoped that they will be undertaken later this year. There will be an alteration of traffic for probably a two week period so that the northbound carriageway becomes two way.

## 9.0 **FILLONGLEY ROAD BRIDGE**

The closure of this bridge, to allow resurfacing and strengthening, is also due this year but has been postponed due to funding.

## 10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 10.1 **Litter**

NPB

This continues to be an issue particularly along Shepherds Lane and around the Little Chef. NPB confirmed that there had been a number of complaints made to Environmental Health which, on the recommendation of Margaret le FoL, will be linked to the presence of rats.

NPB remarked that there is a planning application in for the demolition of the old Little Chef and the creation of a tile warehouse. There was a request from the Beatys for the topless burger bar to be returned!

10.2 **A45 Death**

There was no clear news on the recent death on the A45 which appeared to result from somebody falling off the bridge.

10.3 **Cricket Match**

Provisional date for the cricket match - 15 June.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lord Charles Aylesford

Date:

December 2018

## 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 or by e-mail: [laraine.jones@btopenworld.com](mailto:laraine.jones@btopenworld.com)

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	To be held at Maxstoke Village Hall: 'Animals at home house sitters'. Talk by Jeff and Donna Garratty.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	To be held at the Undercroft, Packington Hall'. Annual Resolutions meeting
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	WI Centenary Tea at Packington Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	To be held at the Undercroft, Packington Hall: Guest speaker Jeremy Thornton 'Looking at Antiques'.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	To be held in the Undercroft at Packington Hall. 'Behind the scenes at Birmingham International Airport'. Guest speaker is Gary Root.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Garden Meeting (Venue to be arranged.)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Undercroft at Packington Hall. Pam Surton will give an enlightening talk on 'Troop Aid'.

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



# HS2 Look Ahead

Interchange Station  
Spring 2018

**EWC NORTH**



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## Welcome

Welcome to the first HS2 Look Ahead for the Interchange Station in Solihull.

In early 2018, we began works in and around the new HS2 Interchange Station site which is located within the A452, A45 and M42 triangle (see map on page two). This newsletter will bring you all you need to know about what works are taking place to deliver the station, including the road upgrades in the surrounding area.

The purpose of this quarterly newsletter is to:

- Update you about the works taking place in your area;
- Inform you of our engagement with local communities and businesses; and
- Engage you on the development of the designs for the new station.

## Inside this edition

This first edition will provide you with:

- An overview of where we are now and the journey ahead;
- A high-level construction programme;
- Information about the early works starting in your area;
- Details of the upgrades to roads and junctions starting later in 2018;
- Information on our community and business engagement; and
- A chance to apply for funding for your local community projects.

## The journey starts here

The Interchange Station will be a catalyst for growth in an already thriving economic area of the West Midlands. Its location in Solihull, opposite the M42, will provide a gateway to Birmingham Airport, the NEC and Birmingham International Station, which it will be seamlessly connected to via a people mover.

The station will provide access to and from London and Manchester in under 40 minutes, making it one of the most well connected areas in the country.

As part of HS2 Phase One, which runs from London Euston to Birmingham Curzon Street and up to Handsacre in Staffordshire, the Interchange Station will be open in 2026.

Between now and 2026 there is a lot of work to do to get the station open and the trains rolling, and we want to make sure we take you on that journey with us.



In February this year, HS2 appointed Arup as its Station Design Consultant for the Interchange Station. Arup will be working in conjunction with a team of architectural, planning and construction consultants including RLB, CBRE and Churchman Landscape Architects, supported by Glenn Howells, Wilkinson Eyre Architects, Costain and GWP. This followed the appointment of the Main Work Civils Contractor, Balfour Beatty Vinci (BBV) in summer 2017 and Laing O'Rourke and J. Murphy & Sons Joint Venture (LM) as the Enabling Works Contractor in 2016.

## Building HS2: The journey to 2026

The image below sets out the construction journey for the Interchange Station and the associated works required to deliver it.



# Preparing the route

The first phase of HS2 works, known as the Enabling Works, is being carried out by the Laing O'Rourke and J. Murphy & Sons Joint Venture (LM). The work will involve preparing the Interchange site for construction, diverting utilities, and upgrading roads and junctions around the triangle.

The early enabling works are underway and you will likely see HS2 contractors across the area carrying out survey works. These include:

- Topographical surveys which will help us identify and map the existing features on the land required for the Interchange Station. The majority of these works will take place during normal working hours and will have limited impact on your daily activities;
- Ground investigations on the land and on highways, which involve digging trial pits and boreholes to assess the ground and road conditions. The majority of these works will be carried out during both normal and night-time hours. Some night works may involve temporary lane closures. We will ensure that these works are communicated to you before they begin; and
- Ground investigations, which will also inform land contamination reports and allow LM to develop a land remediation strategy for the station site.

In the coming weeks, there will be multiple engineering surveys in and around the Interchange Station site. These works will commence on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

Further surveys will start in April. Traffic management will be required to facilitate some of these surveys and this will involve temporary lane closures on the roads listed below. The temporary lane closures will be required for a number of nights during the following dates:

- **A452/A446/B4438 Roundabout:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018
- **A452 Northbound & A452 Southbound:** 9<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- **Stonebridge Island (A45 Eastbound & A45 Westbound):** 30<sup>th</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Further communications will be issued once more detail on the specific dates and times of these lane closures is scheduled.

Further works around the M42 will be communicated in due course. Also in the next few months, we will be setting up our construction compounds. Initial work will involve removing existing vegetation from the sites and levelling the ground. LM will be occupying the compounds from July 2018.

## Road upgrades and utility diversions

Starting in summer 2018, works will begin to divert a number of utilities that cross the Interchange Triangle. These include overhead electricity power lines and underground utility mains.

Starting autumn 2018, LM will begin works to upgrade roads and junctions in three areas across the site.



The three main area of works will be:

- Upgrades to the existing A452 and B4438 roundabouts, close to the NEC and Birmingham Business Park;
- Construction of new A452/A446 roundabout as an entrance and exit to the Interchange Station; and
- Widening the A452 Chester Road north of Stonebridge Island.

Designs for each of these upgrades are currently being developed in dialogue with key stakeholders. The next edition of this newsletter will feature full details of these works.

## HS2, communities and businesses



HS2 and its contractors are committed to engaging with our stakeholders throughout the duration of the works.

We will be setting up regular drop-in events for communities and business over the next few years.

These events provide us with a useful opportunity to understand what matters most to our stakeholders and how we can support the local area during the works.

### HS2 support for communities

Following Royal Assent, HS2 has established two community investment funds worth £40 million in total. The funds are now open for applications and are administered by the charity Groundwork. For more information please go to [www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds](http://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds)

### HS2 Commonplace

HS2 has introduced a new digital engagement platform where you can receive updates on the HS2 project and find out what's happening in your area. To register, visit <https://hs2insolihull.commonplace.is/>

If you have any questions or if you would like to find out more, you can get in touch:

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