

THE PACKINGTON NEWSLETTER

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Line drawing of Church by Jon Brierley

NHS doodle by Lord G

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday 13th June	NGS Garden Open Day	PLEASURE GROUNDS PACKINGTON HALL 2-5PM
Friday 18th June	Estate Cricket Match Estate vs Farmers	PACKINGTON HALL 6-9PM

I can't quite believe that we have almost been under some form of lockdown for almost a year. However, there now does seem to be a light at the end of the tunnel and a few tentative dates to set our sights on are hopefully all giving you the optimistic boost we've been waiting for. Vaccinations seem to be rolling out at speed, I do hope many of you have now had yours. Speaking to a nurse at Balsall Common last week, she said that they were already onto the next tier and that they were galloping along which was great news.

We have provisionally set Friday 18th June for the Estate Cricket Match, if you can't make it then please could you let either myself or Kay know so that if it's a large number of people we can rearrange it ASAP. June will also see the gardens open for the NGS so please do come and say hello. Hopefully the Social Club will be up and running as soon as possible as well so keep your eyes peeled and ears to the ground for news on that.

One final note is that you may have noticed this edition (which is usually in February) is now being sent out in March. This is so the final one before Christmas is in November and not October where it feels a bit too early to be chatting about Christmas dates / housekeeping etc!

In the meantime we hope you all keep safe and enjoy the excitement and new starts that Spring can bring with it.

ST JAMES' CHURCH

**THE ESTATE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES, PACKINGTON PARK,
Great Packington, Nr Meriden CV7 7HF**
In the Diocese of Coventry

Visitors enter via automated Park Gates from the A45 Eastbound c.400 yds after the Stonebridge roundabout.

SERVICES for 2021

Sunday Services held monthly (usually on the first Sunday) at 10.30 a.m. unless stated otherwise

March 14th	Lent IV	Mothering Sunday Service
April 2nd	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Devotion by the Cross 2.30-3pm</i>
April 4th	EASTER SUNDAY	Holy Communion
May 2nd	Easter III	Ascension-tide Reflections and Praise
June 6th	Trinity Sunday	Holy Communion
July 4th	Trinity IV	Holy Communion remembering James the Apostle (July 25th)
August 1st	Trinity VIII (<i>& Lammastide</i>)	Morning Prayer

All are most welcome to these Services - so that we adhere to regulations, please contact Kate Beaty on 01676 523 322 or k8tbt@btinternet.com if you would like to come along.

ST JAMES' CHURCH

SPRINGTIME THOUGHTS

Revd John Bradford

Having had twelve months of virus-time, let's look on and look up for a change! The crocuses and daffodils are already well in flower.

First, though, we do have to think so gratefully of all that the vaccine developers, medical staff and others have done and are doing to bring us through this pandemic. At the same time it is very necessary that we remember with much sympathy those who have passed on having suffered from Covid-19, and that we keep mindful of those who have been unwell and are yet still recovering.

Hopefully, a gradually easing year now lies ahead. How do we use it?

First, we should be inspired by the 21-year old Jasmine Harrison from Thirsk who very recently completed a crossing of the Atlantic by the power of her own rowing. Having a project and keeping to it as much as we possibly can through calm and storm is a special challenge and has its own reward.

Second, although currently normal socialising is out, we should co-operate with others and keep connected. A wonderful example of this was the teamwork behind Nasa's successful Perseverance mission to the planet Mars and the subsequent follow-up study that this will involve. Although we want to protect others by not breathing all over them 'just in case': this does not mean that we have to disconnect from society altogether. Keeping connected can be managed in other, safer, ways.

Third, in a year when new attention is to be given to national and international action for the reduction of climate change and the protection of biodiversity, we should be mindful of the little things which we can do to prevent pollution and to bring these levels down.

Fourth, we can keep ourselves fit. The postponed Olympics in Japan this Summer will present a platform for human performance. We wish our competitors well and we ourselves, in our own way, can keep fresh and invigorated for a full and healthy life.

Of course, I could make a sermon out of each of these points and even comment about the protection of Church land ~ but I won't here! Instead, may these four priorities be a Packington contribution to issues surrounding Coventry's City of Culture celebration this year.

God bless.

ST JAMES' CHURCH

FIVE TOPICS FOR REFLECTION TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH DURING LENT 2021

As we prepare for the great Christian celebration of Easter next month, the weeks beforehand give us opportunity to examine the health and fitness of our soul. Too often we can overlook the great benefits which we receive through belief and trust in Jesus Christ. The thoughts below upon the benefits of faith are offered to assist us in these "lockdown" times. The Scripture references are far from exhaustive, but rather "starters" to our own contemplation.

Lent I	Feb 21	Having an inner calm from the practice of prayer <i>Psalm 46.10a, St Matthew 11.28-30 & St John 14.27</i>
Lent II	Feb 28	Having a sense of metaphysical connectedness <i>Genesis 1.1, Psalm 24.1 & Revelation 1.8</i>
Lent III	Mar 7	Having a positive attitude to the circumstances of life <i>Job 13.15, Isaiah 35.3,4 & Romans 8.28</i>
Lent IV	Mar 14	Having an approach of benevolence towards others <i>Matthew 5.43-48. & 22.37-40; I John 4.11</i>
Lent V	Mar 21	Having a sincerity of devotion to Jesus Christ <i>St John 10.10b,15.4 & Colossians 3.15-17; Jude vv 24, 25</i>

My valued friend, the late Philip Goodrich, latterly Bishop of Worcester, had a favourite collect from the 1662 Prayer Book ~ namely that for Trinity VII, and I commend it:

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Jude vv 24, 25

Revd John Bradford, 2021

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..... georgie@packingtonestate.co.uk)

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. Thank you.

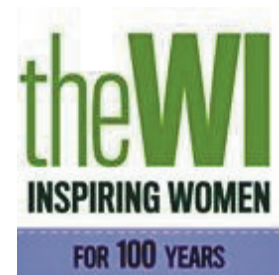
March 14th 2021	Mrs Garnet
April 2nd 2021 - Good Friday	Lady Guernsey
April 4th 2021 - Easter Day	Lady Guernsey
May 2nd 2021	Mrs Smith
June 6th 2021	Mrs Mander
July 4th 2021	Mrs Dalton
August 1st 2021	Mrs Hall

Lady Guernsey will organise the flowers over the Easter period.

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Packington & Maxstoke NEWS



Meeting Programme: March 2021 – July 2021

After what has been a challenging year we are so pleased to announce our programme so far for 2021. Our meetings will be on Zoom while restrictions are still in place but we have included walks where we can meet up outside. Fingers crossed we will be able to meet in person from Summer. We usually meet in the Undercroft at the Hall on the 2nd 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 Mags Roper, 01676 523816 or 07521 483 435 or email packmaxwi@gmail.com

Wednesday 10 th March	Annual General Meeting via Zoom
Saturday 10 th April	Local Ramble and Lunch
Wednesday 14 th April	Unknown Iran -presented by Javad Hashemi (via Zoom)
Saturday 8 th May	A Bluebell Walk and light lunch
Wednesday 12 th May	Resolutions Meeting followed 'The Terrible Tales of Jack the Ripper' -presented Dr Kate Vigurs (Zoom)
Saturday 5 th June	A walk followed by tea and cake at Whitacre Hall Tea Rooms. Dogs welcome
Wednesday 9 th June	Spring Flowers and posy making -presented by Christine Ramsey
Wednesday 14 th July	Tales from a Dairy Farmers' Wife -presented by Jane Barnes

President – Yvonne Trivett

Secretary - Mags Roper

PACKINGTON NEWS

LORD AND LADY A CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!!

There is another wedding anniversary to celebrate in this month's Parish Mag and this time it is for Lord and Lady A! They were married 50 years ago on 18th February 1971 at Holy Trinity Brompton, London. I think there may even be a couple of farmers who remember...or perhaps not by all accounts!!

We wish them a huge congratulations on a wonderful achievement - 5 children and 14 grandchildren is quite impressive!

Below is an illustration drawn by Lord G and given to them to celebrate their 50 years together.



PACKINGTON NEWS

In the Garden

Winter definitely descended at the start of February with our kids very over-excited that there was actual snowman building snow on the ground! Now that the temperatures have started to warm up, signs that Spring is on it's way have started to appear...the crocuses are showing their faces, the nights are getting longer and seeds are being sown for the Walled Garden veg and flower patches. I am hoping to start selling mixed bouquets this summer so if anyone is at all interested then do please let me know....!



PACKINGTON NEWS

Mouflon Musings...

If any of you follow Charlie Beaty on Instagram you will know that Old Bill has been up to no good! Not content with the attention from Carol or Horny Janet, or with razzing up Sam Minshull's ewes through the fence, Bill decided to escape (Steve McQueen style) and ran off to befriend the Beaty's sheep instead...not once but twice!

As a result the Mouflon were herded (semi-successfully by Lord G) into a section of the Walled Garden to give Bill some time to calm down. We are afraid to say there may also have been a small operation which means Bill's wanton wanderings will hopefully come to an end.

The Sika and Lechwe on the other hand have all been very well behaved!

If you thought we had gone a bit mad with the continuous additions to the Park, it's nothing compared to the 9th Lord Guernsey who kept Siberian wolves here! Legend has it that when he went up to London, he took them with him and kept them at the Savoy!



RECOMMENDATIONS

Having watched what feels like a lifetime's worth of television and with Lord G actually having read a book during the last year we thought we'd share some of the things we've enjoyed.

FILMS



Disney & Pixar's newest film. It's one for the whole family. Streaming on Disney +.

T.V.



A lot better than a TV show about chess might seem! Great acting. Available on Netflix.



A very easy watching film about the discovery of Sutton Hoo. Streaming on Netflix.



You might have to watch this one twice! A real mind boggling action film. Available of Amazon Prime.

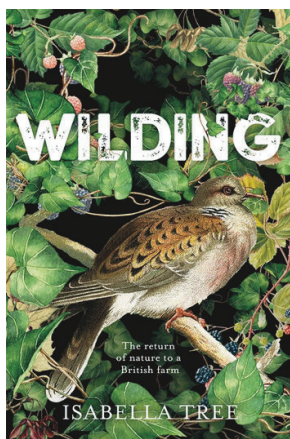


Pretty creepy but very gripping true story! Available on iPlayer.

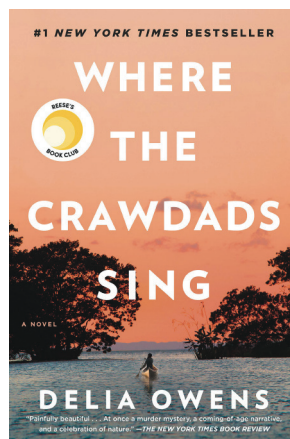


Really funny, historically incorrect, period drama about Catherine the Great. Channel 4.

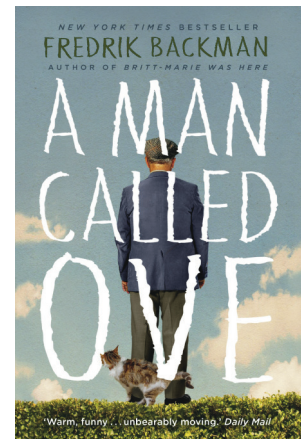
BOOKS



Fascinating insight into the re-wilding project carried out at Knepp Castle. Beautifully written.



Pure escapism! For those who love murder mysteries and nature!



Heart-warming and so funny. A real feel-good book about a grumpy old man!

THE SOCIAL CLUB NEWS



Hang tight we will be back soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ESTATE VS FARMERS CRICKET MATCH

FRIDAY 18TH JUNE
6-9PM

BRING FRIENDS & FAMILY



UPCOMING EVENTS



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Garden Open For Charity



**THE GARDENS AT PACKINGTON HALL
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ON SUNDAY 13TH JUNE 2021
FROM 2-5PM**

ADMISSION: ADULTS £6.00 / CHILDREN FREE

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Slow Roast Joint
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x2 8oz Sirloin Steaks
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x2 Stewing Steak (500g/pack)
Braising Steak (500g)

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x2 8oz Rump Steaks
Mince (500g)
Stewing Steak (500g)

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Roasting Joint
Mince (500g)
Stewing Steak (500g)

LAMB

Whole Lamb Box - £150

x2 Leg of Lamb
x2 Shoulder of Lamb
x10-12 Lamb Chops
x2 Rack of Lamb
x2 Neck Chops
x2 Rolled Breast

Half Lamb Box - £80

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