

THE PACKINGTON NEWSLETTER

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Line drawing of Church by Jon Brierley

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The beady-eyed amongst you will have noticed that I'm a little bit late with this edition of the Parish Newsletter, which is usually out in July, for which I can only apologise!

We are now into our fifth heatwave across the country and there are moments when you look out of the window, see the deer, and could easily imagine yourself on the African savanna rather than in the West Midlands. We can count ourselves as some of the lucky ones, however, in that we can still use our hose pipes. Severn Trent have so far maintained their 30-year record of not having to implement a hose pipe ban since 1995. Let's hope they can keep it going!

We have had a busy few months since the last Parish Mag. The Stables are now in full swing, we've been able to announce our exciting news about Gardener's World Live coming to Packington from next year, the second successful year of the Festival of Sport took place at the end of July and we even snuck in a solar eclipse for good measure!

Looking forward into the Autumn, we have some lovely events coming up. On **Thursday 1st October**, we have a very special recital called Handel's Voices by organist Dr Zsombor Tóth-Vajna and soprano Gabriella Ács. They will be coming to St James' Church to play on our Handel-designed organ and sing his music. Ticket information is in the flyer.

The Social Club will be back at it with their Fish and Chip Quiz Night on **Friday 2nd October**. This will be the first time we are able to hold it in the Stables, so please do book your tickets (details further on) and come and enjoy its new home.

We then have the Estate Harvest Supper on **Thursday 15th October**. Once again, we will be hosting this in the Stables, with the bar being open for a post-dinner drink. I've heard the Farmers are already practising the entertainment!

Hopefully, by then, it will have cooled down a bit and we will have had some rain, so that on **Saturday 7th November** we can have our Estate Bonfire Night. Tickets will be on sale from 1st September by scanning the QR code in the flyer. Alternatively keep your eyes peeled as we will also send out an email nearer the time.

Then we are into December, with our charity concert, Carols by Candlelight, on **Wednesday 9th December** and our Estate Carol Service on **Thursday 17th December**.

Please do put the dates in your diaries. It will be lovely to see everyone and, as the Estate Cricket Match showed, it's always a lot of fun when the Packington community comes together. For those that are new to the Estate, the above events are a great way to meet everyone and get to know your new home a little better.

In the meantime, we hope that you all have a great rest of your summer and let's hope the rain clouds appear at some point!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 9th September	WI - Phillip Yorke 'Dog Eat Dog': Stories from a Life in Journalism	THE SOCIAL THE STABLES 7.30PM
Thursday 1st October	Handel's Voices: Opera, Oratorio and the Organ he Envisioned	ST JAMES' CHURCH PACKINGTON PARK 6.30-8PM
Friday 2nd October	The Social Club Fish & Chip Quiz Night	THE STABLES FROM 7.00PM
Wednesday 14th October	WI - Darran Gough: 'Muck, Crime & Sweat': Life of a Firefighter	THE SOCIAL THE STABLES 7.30PM
Thursday 15th October	The Estate Harvest Supper	THE STABLES 7.30PM
Saturday 7th November	The Estate Bonfire Night	CHURCH FIELD PACKINGTON PARK 5.30PM FIRE LIT 7PM FIREWORKS
Wednesday 11th November	WI - Cym Baseley: 'Self Sufficiency and Life as a Smallholder'	THE SOCIAL THE STABLES 7.30PM
Sunday 29th November	The Meriden Rotary Club Santa Fun Run	PACKINGTON PARK 11AM
Wednesday 9th December	WI - Xmas Party	THE SOCIAL THE STABLES 7.30PM
Wednesday 9th December	Carols by Candlelight Charity Concert	ST JAMES' CHURCH PACKINGTON PARK 7PM
Thursday 17th December	Packington Estate Carol Service	ST JAMES' CHURCH PACKINGTON PARK 6PM

ST JAMES' CHURCH

MESSAGE FROM JIM PERRYMAN

I'm sure that, when (if?!) it ever rains again, we'll very quickly start complaining about the 'bad weather' – especially if it happens to be during our holidays – but for now, we do pray for those who are particularly suffering because of the ongoing drought and the associated wildfires in the UK and other areas of Europe. I'm sure that all our farmers and gardeners are getting desperate for rain – and maybe our fishermen and golfers too. The vast swathes of brown, that used to be green, are a stark reminder of our dependence on nature for so much that impacts our lives and sense of well-being.

The Bible often uses the image of thirst, both that of the land, and of animals and humans, as a yearning for God to bless and refresh. I do pray that you will find times of refreshment and blessing in the weeks to come, and that we can look forward to our 'green and pleasant land' returning in the not too distant future!

Four years ago, I was on a cycling trip in France in a similar heatwave – day after day of unbroken sunshine, temperatures in the high 30s, and shadeless roads and paths. In September, I will be getting back on my bike and heading off to France again, hopefully in somewhat cooler conditions. A lot has happened to me between then and now, including a major operation at the end of 2022 that left me with a permanent stoma. As an act of thanksgiving for the care and support I received, and for having been able to live a full and active life after it, I am picking up my ride where I left off – in Tours – and cycling along part of two of the long-distance cycle routes, back to the Caen Ferry Port at Ouistreham, about 280 miles, with everything I need (hopefully) packed on my bike. This time, I am seeking to raise funds, primarily for the stoma support charity Colostomy UK. Will you please support me in this?

You can find much more information on my website www.youtree.uk/toursdefrance, including the link to the GiveWheel giving page. I'll be setting off on the morning of Monday 7 September and will put regular updates on the website and on Instagram so you can follow my progress.

I would really appreciate the opportunity to make up an address book to help me keep you more fully in my prayers and know who I am meeting when I call round from time to time. To this end, it would be really helpful if you would fill in a short online form, with names, addresses and contact details, and let me know if you would value a personal visit. This is for everyone connected with the Packington Estate or St James' Church.

You will find my online form at **form.jotform.com/260754409825362**

or by scanning the QR code:



or you can email me at **packingtonchaplain@gmail.com**

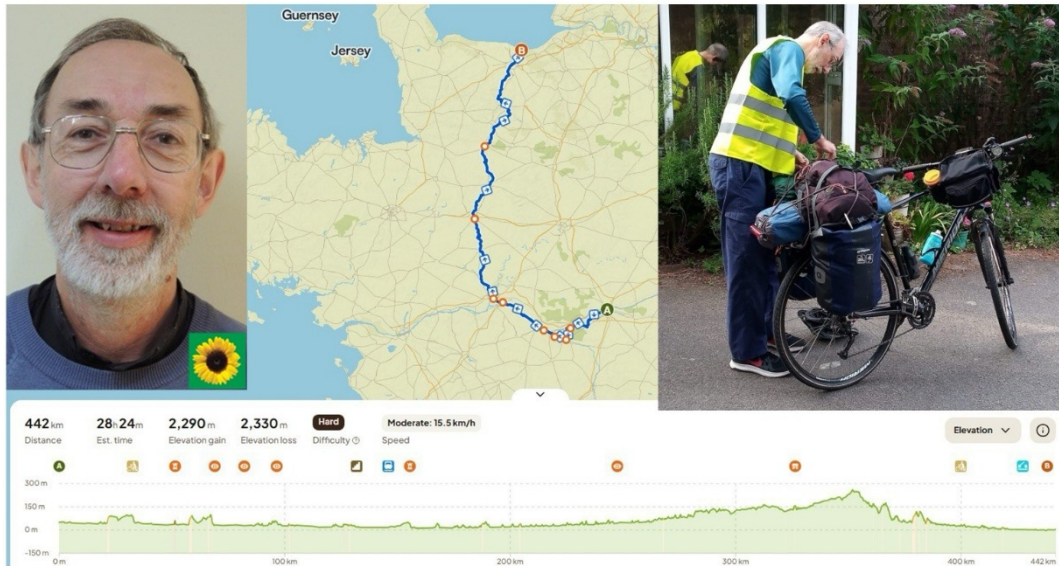
or text me on **07780 987042**.

Jim

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Jim Perryman's **Tours de France** primarily (85%) in aid of **Colostomy UK**

7 - 16 September 2026



As I approach my 70th birthday, I want to give thanks for the care and support I received in 2022 when I needed sudden major abdominal surgery to remove a large section of my 'sigmoid colon'. As a result of this, I now have a Stoma. Recognising the blessing of still being able to live a full and active life despite this 'hidden disability', I am responding by seeking to raise funds, primarily, for the main UK Stoma Support charity, Colostomy UK, and **I ask you to help me in this by sponsoring me on this challenging ride and encouraging others to do the same.** You can read more - including why I am riding from Tours to Ouireham, see the route plan, and follow my progress, at www.youtree.uk/toursdefrance.



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ST JAMES' CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING HELD IN THE GALLERY OF THE STABLES, PACKINGTON ESTATE 11TH MAY 2026

Present:	Lord and Lady Guernsey	Ben Gray
	Reverend Jim Perryman and Nicola Perryman	Sam White
	David and Libby Mander	Ros Smith
	Carol and David Garnett	Margaret Roper
	Kevin and Suzi Evans	Mark Simpson (NWBC)
	Margaret Le Fol du Taillis	Davina Ridley (NWBC)
	Tom and Kate Beaty	Aaron Taylor
	Adam Beaty	Murray Paul
	Matthew Joyce	Paul Brown

Apologies: Steve Allcock

ACTION 1.0 **MEETING – 23RD APRIL 2025**

1.1 The meeting minutes of the 23rd April 2025 were approved by Lady Guernsey and seconded by Sam White as a true record. They had previously been circulated within the summer 2025 edition of the Packington Parish magazine.

1.2 Matters arising from the 23rd April 2025 meeting were as follows:

1.2.1 **Church WC's**

It was confirmed that the WC's refurbishment was now complete and include a new septic tank and soakaway, along with a complete rewiring of the building.

1.2.2 **Church Heaters**

A second heater was to be installed in the Church and would be in situ for autumn / winter 2026.

2.0 **CHURCH REPORTS**

Report of the Chaplain (Jim Perryman)

2.1 Jim Perryman talked through the report that had been circulated and advised that there would be a concerted effort to put the recommendations in respect of the Friends of St James' Great Packington in place and, in particular, the safeguarding requirements as adopted by the Diocesan.

ST JAMES' CHURCH

Report of the Chapel Steward (David Mander)

- 2.2 The attendance report had been attached to the meeting invite.
- 2.3 David Mander thanked the organist who had played over the past year, and in particular, was pleased to report that Dr Peter Luck appeared to have accepted a permanent position as the organist at St James' Church. It was confirmed that he would write to two other organists who had expressed an interest in the position, explaining that the position had been taken, but they would be kept on a reserve list.
- 2.4 Attendance - David reported that there had been one or two members of the congregation who had not attended services recently, and that efforts would be made to re-connect with those members.
- 2.5 Lord Guernsey thanked David Mander for his continued support of the Church.

3.0 FUTURE DATES

- 3.1 Services are to be held on June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd and September 6th all at 10.30am
- 3.2 Peter advised that the services were the first Sunday of each month, with the exception of Remembrance Sunday which is the second Sunday of November.

4.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 4.1 It was confirmed that Tom and Kate Beaty's daughter, Rebecca, would be marrying Adam on the 20th June 2026.
- 4.2 There being no other business, the meeting closed.

Signed: Lord Aylesford
Lord Charles Aylesford

Date: 06 August 2026 | 8:20 AM BST

Prepared by Ben Gray
14th May 2026

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 2025/6

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

September 6th	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion
October 4th	Harvest Festival	-
November 8th	Remembrance Sunday	-
December 6th	Advent Sunday	Holy Communion
December 17th	Carol Service	6pm
December 25th	Christmas Day	Family Communion

All are most welcome to these Services

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.

September 6th 2026	Mrs Hall
October 4th 2026	Farmers' Wives
November 8th 2026	Mrs Gow
December 6th 2026	Mrs Garnet
December 17th 2026	Lady Guernsey
December 25th 2026	Lady Guernsey

Lady Guernsey will organise the flowers over the Christmas and Easter periods.

Packington Hall, Meriden, Nr. Coventry, CV7 7HF

Tel: Estate Office - 01676 522020

Packington & Maxstoke NEWS



Meeting Programme: August 2026 – May 2027

We usually meet at the Stables next to Packington Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

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 Kate Beaty (President) on 01676 523 322 or 07761 826 854 or email k8bt@btinternet.com

Wednesday 9 th September	Phillip Yorke – “Dog Eat Dog”: Stories From a Life in Journalism
Wednesday 14 th October	Darran Gough – Muck Crime and Sweat – Life of a Firefighter including the Windsor Castle Fire
Wednesday 11 th November	Cym Baseley – Self Sufficiency & Life as a Smallholder
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Event with Music & Dance
Wednesday 13 th January	No Meeting
Wednesday 10 th February	Dave Andrews – Royal Pomp
Wednesday 10 th March	75 th Birthday Meeting
Wednesday 14 th April	Rebecca Beaty – First Aid: CPR & Stop the Bleed (Open Meeting)
Wednesday 12 th May	AGM

Save the Date:

- Jigsaw afternoons, Tuesdays 2pm at Yvonne's
- Rummikub – twice monthly
- Lunch Club – once a month

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NGS GARDEN OPENING



What an amazing day we had for the NGS Garden Opening on Saturday 4th July. We broke all records with 659 visitors, raising over £5k! It was lovely to see so many people coming to enjoy the gardens and HUGE thank you to the garden team who worked their socks off to get it all looking even more fabulous than normal. A big thank you also to Jane, Chris, Paul, Stu and Liam for all their help getting everything ready for the day.

A special mention has also got to go to Ginger and Spot, our 2 unsuspecting guinea pigs, who were deployed for the day and raised a whopping £50 for being stroked and fed!

The WI, as always, provided a vast array of delicious teas, cakes and biscuits and for the first time ever, sold out!

Thank you to everyone that came and supported us. The money raised goes into the larger NGS pot which raises millions each year for some brilliant charities such as Marie Curie, Macmillan, Thrive, Maggie's and many more so we are hugely grateful.

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SOME MORE WARM WELCOMES!



We have some warm welcomes to two new members of staff in this edition. Firstly a big welcome to Jacob Eley. Jacob has joined the Environment, Forestry, Farming, and Game team under Aaron. You may recognise the surname because Jacob is Josh's brother who is also in the team. Jacob is the Estate Ranger and has been doing a fine job of helping us look after our English Longhorns.

Our next warm welcome is to Meg McRobert who is our new Events Manager. Originally from Cornwall where she worked for Live Events South West, Meg has also worked in London for The Fendale Group, so has lots of experience under her belt! Meg will be getting the Stables up and running, bringing in new business as well as overseeing all events that take place across the Estate.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

A huge congratulations to Rebecca Beaty and Adam Demetriou on their wedding at St James' Church on 20th June! We wish them both every happiness as they begin this wonderful new chapter together, and hope they enjoyed a truly special day surrounded by family and friends.



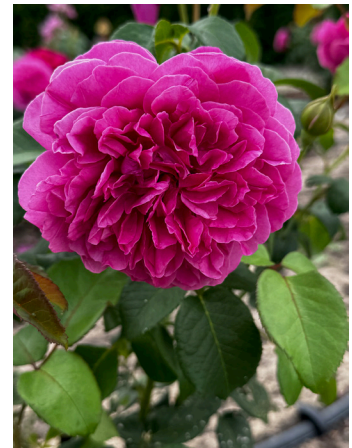
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IN THE GARDEN

As lovely as the sunshine and warmth are, it has been another very dry summer and here we are again with quite a dry and crispy looking garden. It is always amazing how quickly the grass recovers but it's the trees that are the worry. With two hot and dry summers, some of them really aren't looking very happy.

On the plus side the team have been super busy in the garden and we've had lots going on. The Rose Garden is now replanted and, although only babies this year, the roses are still putting on a beautiful display. The vegetables and cutting flowers are looking great and the wild flower meadow in the orchard has been buzzing with life.

We also have our wonderful new table to go under the pergola. Created by James' cousin, Thomas, a very talented carpenter, it is made from a fallen Cedar tree in the Pleasure Grounds. It can sit up to 28 people and once the wisteria has grown over the pergola, it will be a very nice place to sit when it next hits 38 degrees!





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Seasonal produce,
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Extras:

Free Range Eggs:	£2 for 6 / £4 for 12
Fresh Cut Flowers:	£10 per bunch

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please email info@packingtonestate.co.uk

VOLUNTEERING IN THE GARDEN



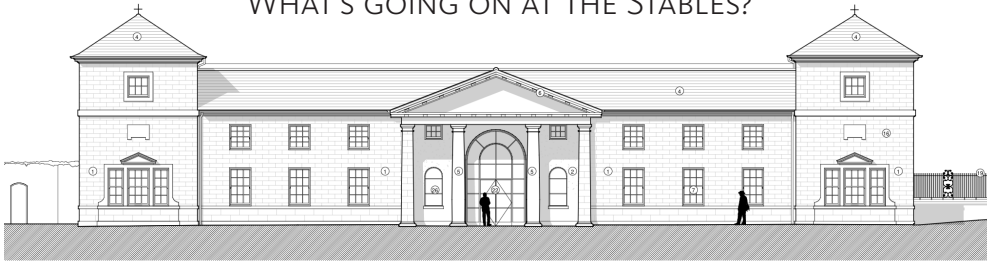
Would you like to become
one of the team?



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING
AND JOINING THE GARDENING TEAM HERE AT
PACKINGTON, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.
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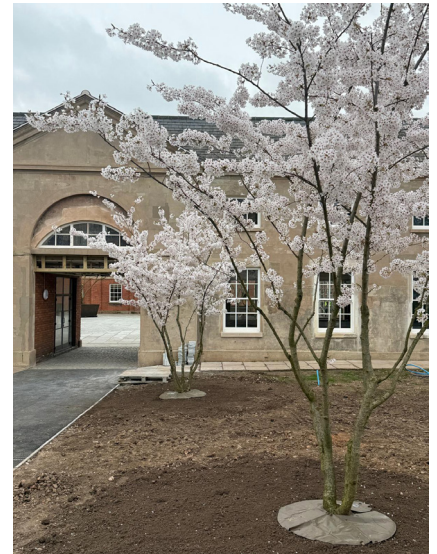
WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE STABLES?



I was about to write that with great excitement this would be the last update on the Stables project. Then I looked out of the window and realised we still have the kitchen space and car park to go!

Nevertheless, we can now proudly say that Phase 1 is complete which is a huge milestone. The office team are comfortably in, the trees are planted and we were able to host our first event in the courtyard in June. We have even been able to christen the new bar!

The car park is well under way and Phase 2 of the build is the commercial kitchen space which we are hoping will start in the next few months. It has been a mammoth project since we started but we think the end result is something really quite special. Please keep an eye out for Social Club events so that you can come and enjoy the bar for yourselves!



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SOME EXCITING NEWS...



Some of you may have heard the news already but we are very excited to announce that from June 2027 Packington will be the new home for the BBC Gardener's World Live and Good Food Show (now to be known as the Good Food Festival)! It's been a labour of love to get it over the line and a huge thank you to the team who have worked so hard to make it a reality.

The show will be from 17th-20th June 2027 and it will all be held in Church Field. A new entrance is being created on Maxstoke Lane to help with the traffic, as well as lots of other measures to make sure the cars flow as seamlessly as possible.

In June Gardener's World held a launch event in the Stables to show their stakeholders where their new home would be. So far the general reaction has been amazing and everyone seems very excited! We will be letting everyone know further details regarding logistics etc nearer the time.

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FARMING, FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT UPDATE - August 2026

By Sam White

I find myself writing this summer update at the start of a week in which we are expecting another hot spell, with it being confirmed that now two-thirds of the country is officially in a drought. I am not playing the role of a politician or activist; however, the heatwaves we have experienced thus far over the summer are expected to be the precedent for future years, and thus greater efforts surrounding environmental stewardship, whether that be the farmed landscape, woodland, or wider countryside, will be key in ensuring resilience to climate change and mitigating its effects.

Since the spring, there has been a great deal of activity across the landscape that we actively farm. We have seen one of the earliest harvests take place in history. I am glad to report that we do now have both our wheat and barley, as well as our straw, in store, and it will be interesting in the coming weeks, when we begin to analyse the crop yields, to see how they fare against others in the County.

Benefit to the environment, and its improvement, remains a key aspect in our decision-making and the stewardship of the land that we are custodians of. The below photograph is a good demonstration of what we are achieving. From left to right, there is:

- A cereal crop which provides food for the nation and is managed in accordance with the core aspects of the regenerative farming principles that the Estate has adopted,
- A species-rich plant mix buffer which will provide habitat during the winter months for farmland birds,
- An access corridor which enables the management of the landscape,
- A grassland margin, which is vital in supporting invertebrates,
- Active hedgerow management which assists in providing a vital wildlife corridor.



Wild Packington, our nature restoration project, has also seen a great deal of activity over the past few months, both from physical works on the ground undertaken by our in-house environment team and contractors, with preparatory works being undertaken ahead of native species-rich grasslands being planted in the autumn, as well as woodland areas being created. There has also been a great deal of activity in the Estate Office, from the administration aspect through to our engagement with the organisations and institutions that are assisting us in being able to achieve this. Our river restoration plan has also now been completed, and the works recommended will ultimately be enacted in due course as part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme agreement that will cover the wider landscape that straddles two and a half miles of the River Blythe, which is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest.

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The management of any landscape must be fluid and dynamic. We have recently seen this put into action regarding the decision-making around our growing herd of Longhorn cattle and having to change planned grazing plans because of the weather we have experienced, as well as the decision to undertake certain works to fields to kick-start natural processes.

Our herd of Longhorn cattle continues to be key in the extensive grazing of the landscape that straddles the River Blythe and the Wild Packington project area. The herd continues to expand, through the assistance of Xploit, our bull, and over the past few weeks we have welcomed the following new arrivals (all named beginning with 'A', as that is the naming standard set by the breed society for this year). We have recently welcomed: Amy, Alfie, Adrienne, Andrew, Atticus, Anita, Arden and Alice. I am pleased to say that all calves are doing well and are assisting in our extensive grazing of the landscape that we are stewarding.

Our herd continues to be managed by a collar-based system that has been developed by a company in Norway. This essentially negates the need for us to fence certain areas and helps with the fluid grazing plan that we are adopting to manage the landscape in accordance with obligations from both an Estate level and Government.

I was fortunate to recently meet down in London with other Land Agents acting on behalf of rural Estates across the Country to discuss with the department heads at Natural England how policy must evolve to meet both national and regional ambitions surrounding wider land management. It was a most interesting discussion, and I would like to think that it may result in a beneficial change to the outlook that the Government has surrounding rural policy.

We are continuing to plant trees across the Estate as part of our active woodland and forestry management strategy, which has seen the thinning of woodland blocks to enable natural regeneration through light reaching the forest floor. This year will see our continued collaboration with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council as part of their 'Planting Our Future' campaign, which has the ambition to plant 250,000 trees across the Borough by 2030. Hedgerow creation and restoration are vital in assisting farmland bird populations and providing habitats for invertebrate species. Later this year, the Estate will be accepting 20,000 native hedgerow trees that will be planted to gap up existing hedgerows and also see the creation of new ones.

Regarding the Park that surrounds the Hall, we are liaising with Natural England and Historic England regarding a Parkland Restoration Plan which, once finalised, will assist in the management of the Park. This may incorporate new tree planting, scrub management, and bracken control.

I look forward to updating you further with our progress in the next update later this year.

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MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE PACKINGTON PARISHES HELD IN THE GALLERY OF THE STABLES, PACKINGTON ESTATE 11TH MAY 2026

Present:	Lord and Lady Guernsey	Ben Gray
	Reverend Jim Perryman and Nicola Perryman	Sam White
	David and Libby Mander	Ros Smith
	Carol and David Garnett	Margaret Roper
	Kevin and Suzi Evans	Mark Simpson (NWBC)
	Margaret Le Fol du Taillis	Davina Ridley (NWBC)
	Tom and Kate Beaty	

Apologies: Steve Allcock

ACTION

1.0 MEETING – 23RD APRIL 2025

1.1 The minutes of the meeting dated 23rd April 2025 were approved for accuracy by Lady Guernsey and seconded by Sam White.

1.2 Matters arising from the 23rd April 2025 meeting were as follows:

1.2.1 Packington Park Cameras

It was advised that automated number plate recognition cameras had now been installed on the main and East gates, and that the functionality of these would be reviewed going forward. If anybody experiences any troubles or has any suggestions, they should make these known to the Estate office.

1.2.2 Estate Wide Vision

Ben Gray	It was confirmed that the Estate's 30-year vision document was in final draft and would be shared with the Parish accordingly.
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2.0 PARISH PRECEPT

Ben Gray	2.1 Ben Gray confirmed that as the Parish/Church has no income or expenditure (as such), it does not require a Precept from the local Council and will make a declaration of no accounts for the period 2025/2026.
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3.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH / SECURITY / CRIME

3.1 There was nothing to report.

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4.0 PACKINGTON ESTATE

4.1 The Stables

4.1.2 It was confirmed that the majority of the phase 1 works, to include offices, gallery space and function space, had now been completed and that the members were invited to view following the meeting.

4.1.3 The second phase of the development includes a commercial kitchen, and a third phase will eventually include bedrooms.

4.2 Wild Packington

4.2.1 Sam White provided a comprehensive update on Wild Packington, and members were asked to be vigilant in terms of any changes, and to take pictures and to submit them to the office recording any changes to flora or fauna that they found interesting.

4.3 Packington Events

4.3.1 Ben Gray confirmed that Festival of Sport had re-signed for 24th – 27th July 2026 and that the Scouts were holding their annual jamboree in September 2026. In addition, the Estate confirmed that it had signed a contract with Gardeners World to host the BBC Gardeners World and Good Food Show in June 2027 and that there would be significant works in preparing for this event.

5.0 IMPORTANT DATES

5.1 The following dates were confirmed:

5 th June	Estate v Farmers Cricket match
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World Cup Matches

17 th June	England v Croatia
23 rd June	England v Ghana
27 th June	England v Panama

It was subsequently noted that the World Cup football matches were likely to be screened in the late evening or early hours of the morning and so they may not be shown live at the Stables.

4 th July	Packington Hall Gardens Open Day
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24 th - 27 th July	Festival of Sport
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7 th November	Estate Bonfire Night
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6.0 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 Sam White report that potholes along Fillongley Road had become an issue and encouraged members to report these via www.fixmystreet.com Sam White reiterated that internal roads were the responsibility of the Estate, but problems with Council roads needed to be reported to the authorities accordingly.

6.2 There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

Signed: Lord Guernsey
Lord James Guernsey

Date: 05 August 2026 | 7:49 AM BST

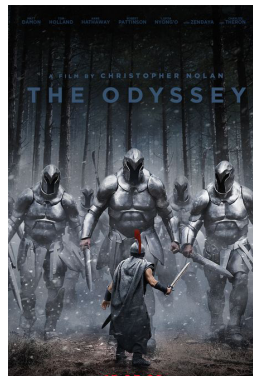
RECOMMENDATIONS

IF ANYONE HAS ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THEY'D LIKE TO ADD WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU,
(GEORGIE@PACKINGTONESTATE.CO.UK).

FILMS



Recommended by Pete, and based on a true story, Sarah's Oil follows a young girl's journey as new-found wealth brings opportunity, danger & the courage to protect what matters most.



We are yet to see this so less of a recommendation and more of a 'don't forget to go!' It's got some brilliant reviews but be ready for the almost 3 hour screen time!



Another brilliant recommendation from Pete and based on another remarkable true story of a German army major's housekeeper that shelters Jews in his house.

T.V.



We laughed & cried in equal measure as we binge watched the first 3 series of this brilliant show about a therapist and the lives around him. Harrison Ford as you never seen him, and he's so good!



Out a while ago but gripping and brilliant. Kiera Knightley leads a double life as a secret agent whilst being a Secretary of State's wife!

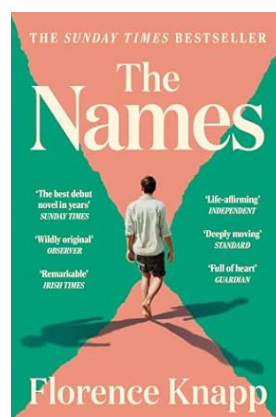


An uncomfortable but eye-opening exploration with Louis Theroux looking at how the digital world is influencing a generation of young men.

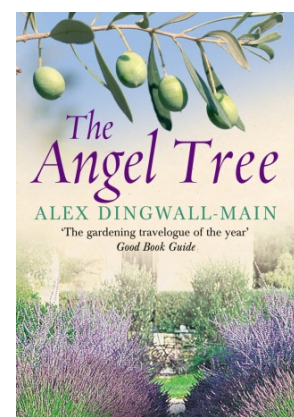
BOOKS



I've just finished and loved this book. Heart-warming and at times, laugh-out-loud funny. Feel good all the way through.



A brilliant and original novel looking at how someone's name affects who they become. A real page turner and great holiday read.



An eccentric commission sparks an extraordinary journey through France, Greece, Spain and Italy in search of buying Europe's oldest olive tree.

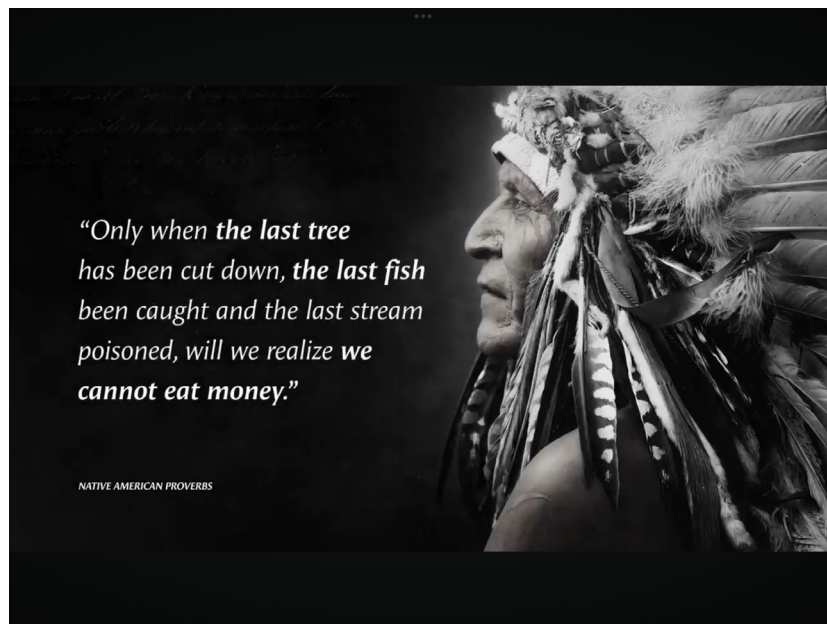


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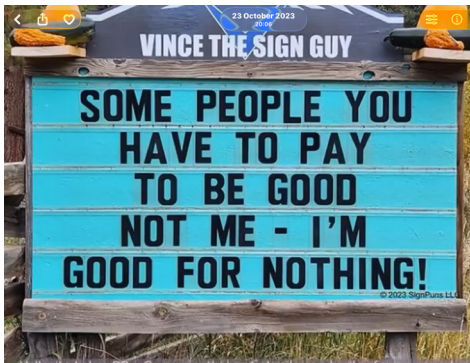
FACTS THAT BLOW YOUR MIND!

1. Cleopatra lived closer in time to the invention of the iPhone than to the construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza.
2. The T-Rex lived closer in time to the invention of the iPhone than it did to the Stegosaurus.
3. King Tutankhamen and the ancient Egyptian Pharaohs likely never saw or used a camel.
4. Sharks have existed for longer than trees and Saturn's rings.
5. There are more trees on Earth than there are stars in our galaxy.
6. Oxford University is older than the Aztec period
7. George Washington never knew dinosaurs existed
8. You cannot hum a tune if you hold your nose shut tight.
9. Every person reading this has just tried out Fact 8!





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Somebodies House Down The Block



It's Made In Where Exactly?



THE SOCIAL CLUB NEWS



The Estate vs Farmers cricket match was once again a heated and highly competitive affair and this year the winners were the well-deserved farmers with a win of 82 runs to 51 ! A huge thank you to Ros and Kate for bravely sitting on the front line and scoring. Thank you also to Steve and Paul for manning the bar and more often than not the majority of the children! It was great to see so many people and may have been the last time we saw the grass green! It was also lovely to see the new Social bar in use.

The next event will be the Fish & Chips Quiz Night on Friday 2nd October from 7.00pm. For the first time this will be held in the Stables. Please order your tickets via Kate Beaty by sending her a message on 07761 826854 if you'd like to book tickets. Please park out the front of the building and walk in through the main glass door.

Can you then believe the next event will be the Estate Bonfire Night on Saturday 7th November. Flyer is below but an email with ticket info will also be sent out a bit nearer the time.



SOCIAL CLUB DATES	
Friday 2nd October	Fish & Chip Quiz Night - The Stables from 7pm
Saturday 7th November	Estate Bonfire Night
Thursday 17th December	Carol Service (6pm)

UPCOMING EVENTS

HANDEL'S VOICES

Opera, Oratorio and the Organ He Envisioned

1st October 2026

St James' Church, Packington Estate,
Coventry, CV7 7HE

6.30pm - 8pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS



PACKINGTON
ESTATE

FISH & CHIPS QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Food at 7pm followed by the quiz

THE STABLES

*For tickets please message
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UPCOMING EVENTS



PACKINGTON
ESTATE

**THE ESTATE AND FARMERS INVITE
YOU TO THE 2026
PACKINGTON PARISH
HARVEST SUPPER
IN
THE STABLES**

**THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER
7.30 PM**

If you would like tickets, please email Lady Guernsey
at georgie@packingtonestate.co.uk indicating the
following:

1. How many tickets you would like
2. Names of guests attending
3. Any dietary requirements
4. If you are kindly able to provide an Apple Pie

**PLEASE REPLY BY THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER AT
THE LATEST!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



PACKINGTON
ESTATE

BONFIRE NIGHT

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Time: Bonfire lit @ 5.30pm / Fireworks @ 7pm

Extras can be bought on the night
such as drinks, chocolate, marshmallows
(cash only).

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a private event and
exclusively for Estate tenants, staff
and their guests only.

TICKET PRICES:

£10

(INCLUDING YOUR CHOICE OF A
BURGER, HOT DOG OR
VEGGIE BURGER)

£5

(FIREWORKS ONLY,
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MONDAY – DORRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

TIME	CLASS	PRICE
12:30 – 13:15	ZUMBA GOLD (Active Older Clients)	£6
13:30 – 14:30	PILATES (Multi-Level)	COURSE

TUESDAY – DOWNING HALL, KNOWLE

TIME	CLASS	PRICE
9:00 – 10:00	PILATES (Multi-Level)	COURSE

WEDNESDAY – DORRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

TIME	CLASS	PRICE
9:00 – 9:45	ZUMBA	£6
10:15 – 11:00	ZUMBA GOLD (Active Older Clients)	£6
11:30 – 12:15	ZUMBA GOLD (Lower Intensity)	£6

THURSDAY – ST PHILIPS CHURCH CENTRE

TIME	CLASS	PRICE
11:00 – 11:45	ZUMBA GOLD (Active Older Clients)	£6

FRIDAY – LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL

TIME	CLASS	PRICE
9:00 – 9:45	ZUMBA	£6

ONLINE CLASSES

DAY	TIME	CLASS	PRICE
WEDNESDAY	18:30 – 19:15	PILATES	COURSE
WEEKDAYS	07:00 – 07:15	FIT IN 15	COURSE

FIT IN 15 – Join on Zoom or Private Fb Group most weekday mornings – Live at 7am or on demand

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M: 07970 042270

E: safehaven@cwmind.org.uk

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those finding life difficult.

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management of mental health
and emotional wellbeing