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Annual May Queen celebrations at the Bull and Lion. 1st May 2003

## Village Newsletters

..... are being produced up and down the country – hundreds of them, as an internet search shows. So why not one for Packington? The Communications Group, which was formed following the publication last year of the Village Appraisal, concludes that there is absolutely no reason why not, given the support of residents. Since 70 per cent of those who responded to the query "Would you like an independently produced village newsletter?" put to them in the appraisal questionnaire said "yes", there is every reason to suppose that such support will be forthcoming.

This copy of Packington Post is the first tentative step towards a publication that it is hoped will be interesting, newsy, colourful and useful. Its success will depend largely on everyone's co-operation, and it should perhaps be stressed that there is no intention to try to rival the long established Parish News but to complement it.

The aim is to produce the newsletter monthly and distribute it free to every household. Depending on costs, it may be necessary eventually to make a small charge, but for the

time being it will be gratis – although if anyone feels disposed to make a financial contribution this will be gratefully received. In every issue there will be, hopefully, a profile piece about a local personality – this month it's Pete from the shop – news from clubs and organisations reporting on what they have been doing and what they are going to do, School and Church news, Neighbourhood Watch and Parish Council information, reports on village events, a contact list, advertisements (both display and classified) and pictures. There could be a "volunteers wanted" column, a "newcomers welcome" spot, letters from readers, a recipe of the month – you name it. Weddings are always great to read about, and in the event of a death it would be nice, if relatives concur, to print an appreciation. Methodist church minister the Rev David Haywood is willing to contribute a "Thought for the Month".

Alongside the newsletter there is to be a Packington website which Wesley Ewing of Charity Farm is putting together.

See page 8 for further information.



Logo Winner: See Story column 3



### LOGO COMPETITION

A COMPETITION for a logo to illustrate Packington Post's title was organised by Communications Group member Richard Gregory, and judged by the group. Pupils from Ivanhoe Community College and Packington C of E Primary school took part and the overall winner, who received a £30 WH Smith voucher (kindly donated by Rev David Haywood) and a certificate, was 13-year-old Natalie Moreland, a year 8 student at Ivanhoe. Her design, perhaps with slight modification, will appear on the village website, [www.packington.info](http://www.packington.info), and will feature at the top of the newsletter.

The joint runners-up, each receiving a certificate and a box of sweets, were Anna-Lisa Daley (year 5) of Packington Primary School, and Luke Hogg, aged 13 and a year 8 pupil at Ivanhoe. Highly Commended were Harriet Taylor, who is in year 5 at Packington and Alexandra (Alex) McMEnamin, year 7 at Ivanhoe.

Picture left. The Packington Communications Group Logo competition winner Natalie Moreland pictured with runner-up Luke Hogg after the two were presented with their certificates by head teacher Mr Hutchinson at a school assembly. Natalie's winning design was picked from more than 50 entries.

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The Parish Council has agreed to fund the purchase of a bench to start off the development project on the recreation ground.

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## WI Visit York

A visit to York and to The Manor House at Heslington, home of internationally famous horticulturist and flower arranger George Smith, was organised by Packington W.I. in June and thoroughly enjoyed by the 32 people – members, friends and a sprinkling of husbands – who went.

The coach departed from the village at 8.30am and arrived in York a couple of hours later after an uneventful journey – none of the hold-ups associated with motorways! The group then dispersed to explore the city in their own way, the Minster being a particular attraction.

At 2.30 the coach left for Heslington, a beautifully preserved village about 20 minutes drive away. Here they spent the afternoon, a warm and sunny one, walking round the magnificent three acre garden, watching two interesting videos expertly presented by George Smith himself, having tea and, finally, buying plants from the nursery.

The Manor House Gardens attracts visitors from all over the world as well as many well known gardeners, among them Beth Chatto, Christopher Lloyd and Rachel de Thame. A little foot-sore and tired, the group arrived home just after 8pm, unanimous in declaring the day out an excellent one.

Contact Brenda Moorhouse 412975

## Packington Playgroup

..... which meets at the Memorial Hall each weekday, from 9.15am until 11.45, caters for children from two and a half years to four years, and is OFSTED inspected. It also offers a four-plus group on four mornings a week.

This long established playgroup has been caring for children for more than 30 years, and all members of its staff are fully experienced.

The youngsters are cared for in a friendly and structured environment and the DofEE early years curriculum is followed. The aim is to provide every child with a sound basis for the beginning of his or her school career.

Contact Ann March on 411003

## The Packington And Normanton Parish News

The Packington Parochial Church Council recently discussed issues raised by the village Communications Group in relation to the PARISH NEWS.

The PCC were happy to support the concept of an independent newsletter for Packington and would be willing to provide information and articles for publication. It was felt however that the new publication should not replace the existing PARISH NEWS but that the two should continue separately and in effect complement each other.

Geoff Gasson

## Packington and Normanton Church Ladies Group

.....has issued an invitation to anyone interested to join members at 9am on August 2 for a visit to Longhope, a village in Gloucestershire on the edge of the Forest of Dean.

The day will start at 11am with coffee, followed by flower demonstrations by Bob Harris and Beryl Griffiths. Afterwards, a three-course lunch, with a glass of wine, will be served in the nearby Latchem Room, and the coach will leave for home at 4pm, following a visit to, a craft centre close by.

The total cost of what promises to be a very pleasant day out is approximately £20. Names and money to go to Doreen Gasson.

Phone her on 412012 for more details.

## Packington Rainbows

For girls aged 5-7years with Monday evening meetings (5.30-6.30pm) at Packington School. Games, activities, lots of fun and laughter and sharing time together. There is a waiting list but if you would like to join why not come and see what we do for yourself!

Contact Rachel 467806

## Packington Mens Group

In December 1992 the inaugural meeting, of what is now the "Mens Group", met to determine if there was a place in the village make-up for men to meet on a social basis. The village at that time had Mothers Union and "Young Wives" for the ladies but no similar forum for men given that Toc H, which had been meeting in Ashby, had folded some years previously.

Ten men attended the first exploratory meeting with a further five sending their apologies but supporting the proposal that a group be formalised to "Encourage fellowship between menfolk of the Church and the wider village community".

By definition this group would not be restricted to Church members, even though the nucleus of the original support had some church connection. It was proposed that the group would meet monthly with a variety of activities envisaged, all aimed at establishing a rapport over and above that which would occur in normal daily contact. Consequently, meetings commenced from January 1993 and have continued on a monthly basis ever since.

We now have approximately 30 men on our invitation list with activities covering a wide range of interests such as factory visits, guest speakers, guided walks in the area, and, in particular, meals backed again by a guest speaker, all proving popular. Interested!?

Contact Rick Melville 412558



Jockeys race for the line at PEG Race Night, Memorial Hall. (Money raised was donated £300 to School Building and £300 to Packington development partnership)

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JPEG.... Junior Packington Entertainments Group has been formed. Events to be announced. Ideas welcome contact Wes 411899

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## Packington's annual carnival

Or Picnic Party as it was called this year – was a great success and made £150 for the Memorial Hall funds. The afternoon was sunny and warm, with a pleasant breeze, and the Recreation Ground proved an ideal location.

The event started with the usual parade of children, parents and grandparents, some in fancy dress, from High Street to the field. In the lead was piper John Dungavell from Newhall. A true Scot, Mr Dungavell was playing pipes that had been handed down through his family over a number of years – a family which includes 11 or more pipers. Next came the Dogs of War, a group of enthusiasts, mainly from Nottingham, who re-enact scenes and battles from the 11th to the 13th century. They looked most impressive in their medieval garb, and their archery demonstrations were keenly watched. The group has a website – [www.the-dogs-of-war.com](http://www.the-dogs-of-war.com) and anyone interested in hiring them for a function should ring Dave on 01159 220131

The fancy dress winners were five year old Ollie Bassett, who made an impressive knight, and his two and a half year old sister Ciara, a pretty pink fairy.

Chris Miles did his usual fine job of persuading children and adults alike to run races, and the tug-of-war was won, but only just, by the men. There were rounders, mini target golf and several stalls, including one manned by members of the History Group.

Music at the picnic party was provided by Ashby Grammar School's band FNUK, and the festivities continued until mid-evening.

The Ladies' Group cake stall made £53, half of which will be donated to church funds, and the Horticultural Society's ever popular plant stall raised a magnificent £108 for local charities. The society's annual show is being held on September 6th this year and they are looking for more sponsors to help with the ever increasing costs involved. If you can help, contact Paul Parry 412918.

## Quizmaster

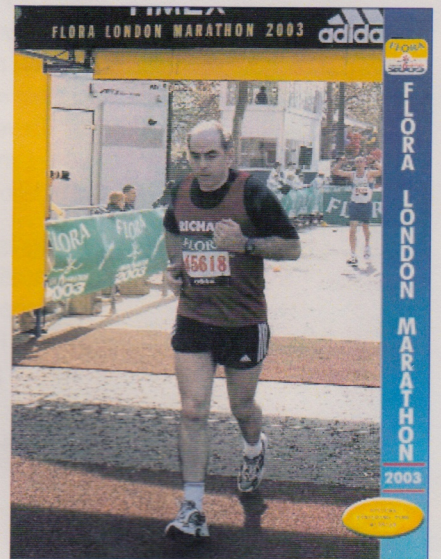
Mike Powell reports that this year's Packington Village Quiz held in the Memorial Hall raised just over £700 for the three chosen charities, the Motor Neurone Society, L.O.R.O.S and Rainbows. This ever-successful annual event in the village calendar has always attracted a good turn-out and this year was no exception, with a near maximum of 23 teams, each with four members, competing. The quiz has established itself as something which allows villagers the opportunity to raise money for worthy causes beyond our local horizons. The organisers see it primarily as a great night out for everyone, but its reputation has spread to serious quiz addicts from Ashby and further afield. As usual the competition was close but it is pleasing to report that a village-based team won. The popular Picture Quiz held on the night was also won by a local team. As usual, great food and waiter/waitress bar service.



A big thankyou to all the Packington Picnic organisers for another great day!



## Richard Evans goes the distance for Charity!



After years of watching the London Marathon on the television, I decided to give it a go myself this year. I had never run anything like 26.2 miles before, and to give me the necessary motivation to complete the training, I decided that I'd run for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, an excellent charity which funds research into finding a cure for insulin dependant diabetes and its complications.

Training started in December, and over the next 15 weeks, my mileage increased slowly from 20 miles per week to over 50 miles per week. I had set myself a target of raising £1,500 for the charity, but other than using sponsorship forms, had no idea of how to raise the money.

But, with the help of many friends, the ideas started to flow, and I am very pleased to be able to say that the target was easily exceeded and I actually raised £3,000 for JDRF. Several events contributed to this :- Over £600 was raised at the Bull & Lion (over £500 in sponsorship, with the remainder being raised at a quiz night organised by Ray and Eve), and a further £500 was raised at a 60's night organised by friends and held at the Village hall.

Running the Marathon was one of the hardest things I have ever done (just look at my face as I cross the finishing line), but it was also one of the most rewarding. Will I do it again? NO (well... maybe!)

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Please send us all the village news, events, contacts and stories to help us make Packington Post complete. Email Steve at [hms@historicmodelships.co.uk](mailto:hms@historicmodelships.co.uk) or Tel 412963 by 15th September for the next edition.

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## Packington Village Appraisal

In November 2000 the people of Packington responded well to a comprehensive questionnaire on a whole range of factors relevant to the enhancement and enjoyment of their village. This resulted in a well received report and analysis of views expressed and concluded with a series of recommendation.

Whilst an overall review of progress towards implementing these recommendations will shortly be made by the village appraisal committee it is felt that the people of Packington deserve at least a brief update on progress made.

Action on the principle recommendations, contained in the report, fell to the following bodies:

- Parish Council,
- Memorial Hall Development Committee
- Recreational Ground Working Party

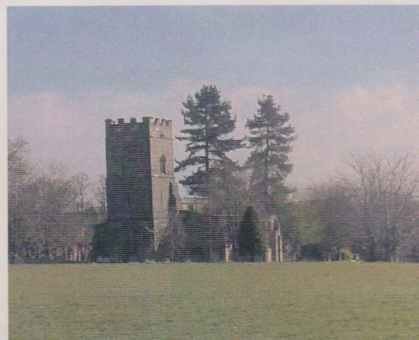
This trial run newsletter is the result of the working group set up to improve communications within the village and once a format has been finalised it will become an important asset for every member of the community.

## Packington Memorial Hall Fund Raising Initiative Launched

At the June meeting of the Hall's management committee, it was decided to move into overdrive to obtain funds to secure the future of the Hall. Whatever is decided as to it's future, the next few years will see greater efforts on the committee's part to realise funds which it is hoped will be matched by grant bodies. The funds will be used to bring the Hall into the 21st century and enable the inhabitants of Packington to have an improved facility to last well into the next century and beyond.

With this in mind the Hall will be holding a mammoth Prize Draw. Tickets will be available in September with the draw taking place at Christmas. We hope that with your help this will be the kick-start to funding success which is essential to secure the Memorial Hall's future.

To help contact Chris Miles 414378 or Mike Powell 411383



View of Holy Rood Church across the Recreation Ground.

## Recreation Ground Working Party

After the village appraisal, Packington Parish Council asked for volunteers to form a working party to develop the playing field. This group was formed and has been meeting since October 2002.

One of the main tasks for the group is to develop facilities for the village community using the data provided by the appraisal as its starting point.

The 20 members each bring to the group their different skills abilities and knowledge in their fields of expertise - from finance, funding, charitable trustees experience to education, local sports management and organisation. Members of the group have researched different areas of development ranging from planting schemes, landscaping, sports pavilions, street furniture, sports equipment and play areas. Some of the members have taken their children to other local schemes such as Moira Furnace, Sarah's Wood, Measham and Osgathorpe to get feedback about which schemes are working best with regard to safety, design, play equipment and surface durability. Other members have been to local cricket and football clubs to view their facilities regarding hard surfaces, changing areas and lighting.

At present design plans are being drawn up taking in to account the original data from the appraisal to try to include facilities that when completed will be an asset that will benefit the community as a whole.

## Holy Rood Church Packington Funding Programme

There has been a church on the hill overlooking Packington for more than 900 years. It has stood like a sentinel guarding the village through times of peace and war, and if only those thick walls could talk, what a tale they could tell.

But like all such monuments, we are only able to appreciate its true splendour because of the dedication and loving care spent on its upkeep in the years of our ancestors, well before the days of electricity and other modern amenities that we take so much for granted today.

During those years, there will have been times of trial and tribulation in the village, which with the Church still standing prominently almost as evidence, shows us that we must leave all that we have to those still to come. Over these last few years, the Church has foreseen a financial crisis looming large, which despite measures being taken to improve the situation have not had the success hoped for. Consequently in the early part of this year, the whole village was approached by personal letter explaining the crisis and encouraging many to think again just what the village Church meant to them, and what if it was not there on the hill.....

We were given a realistic target of £30,000 as being necessary in what is known as 'regular giving' to enable us to just about hold our own in terms of the Ministry expected from the Church, its support to parishioners, a place to worship, or just be there in times of want, not forgetting Christenings, Weddings and Funerals.

The result of this approach was very commendable in that the final regular giving figure reached was almost £29,000 with several one-off donations helping the cause. A very grateful thank-you to all those who responded so well.

The new figure above was only possible by people giving by 'Gift Aid', which is the method of the Church being able to recover income tax from the taxman, given the donor is the tax payer.

The tax recovery, given the promised amounts will be over £6,000 in the year ahead. Should more details of anything connected with the Church be required.

Contact the Revd. Sheila Walters 832267 or Church Wardens, Carole Melville: 412558 or Ivan Bowers: 271152.

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Footballer's watch out...New Posts imminent! After almost 20 years of village ownerships improvements are being investigated.

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Most people in Packington know Pete – Peter Swift, the 47-year-old hands-on proprietor of the invaluable village shop. Aptly named Daybreak Services, since its opening hours are from 7.30am until 6.30pm (5.30 on Saturdays), the shop is probably the best stocked one of its kind in the whole country.

From fresh fruit, vegetables, and flowers, to everything a self-respecting person needs for their store cupboard, plus frozen food items, milk, cream, a variety of cheeses, home made cakes, a daily supply of filled rolls for those who need a quick lunch, sweets, all types of hardware, garden supplies – there is little that Pete can't provide. *And if he hasn't got what you want, he'll do his level best to get it for you.*

Daybreak Services came into being about five and a half years ago – before that Pete's father Wilf ran, for 20 odd years, a smaller version further along High Street in what subsequently became a hair-dresser's and is now a private house. When Pete acquired the present premises Daphne Bates was catering for the village's needs in part of them, and this continued for a while. Gradually Pete extended the stock, Daphne retired, and the shop in its current form evolved. At this time Pete was greatly helped by Denis and Bill, who have both now passed away. Although Packington residents support it well, it is probable that the shop couldn't survive without the wholesale business that Pete runs in con-

junction with it. This supplies around 60 hotels, nursing homes and pubs in the local area on a daily basis. In this Pete has the help of Frank, Pauline, Peter, Trevor and Kevin, without whom, he says, he simply could not manage. Another valued member of staff until he recently had to give up through ill health was Derek, who worked in the office. In the shop itself blonde Sue reigns supreme, helped by Karl. Then there are Saturday girls Amy and Emma, and young Matt. And after school and in the holidays he has the whole-hearted assistance of his eight year old son Joseph.

Pete's day starts early – every day. He rises at 3.30 and makes his way to the wholesale markets in Birmingham, and Leicester for fruit, vegetables and flowers. On Wednesdays he collects the general groceries, and searches out items customers have specially requested. Loading up orders occupies a significant part of the morning, but Pete is usually available to pass the time of day.

Does he ever think it's all too much? Sometimes, especially when something goes really wrong – like this January, when a loaded van, was stolen. He lost all the stock, the van was never recovered, and his insurance people declined to pay out for the contents on the grounds that the van should have been locked. Since deliveries were in progress at the time this seems a little arbitrary, but insurance companies usually have the last word.

On the whole, though, Pete enjoys what he does and isn't thinking of selling up just yet – luckily for Packington!.



## DIARY DATES:

Saturday 19th July  
WI Ploughman's lunch Memorial Hall... contact Brenda 412975

Saturday 2nd August  
Ladies Group visit to Forest of Dean... contact Doreen 412012

Monday 25th August Bank Holiday  
Packington Open Gardens 2-7pm  
.contact Geoff 412012

Monday 25th August Bank Holiday  
Packington Duck Races 6.30 pm  
Mill Street contact Andy 411147

Friday 5th September  
Packington Cricket Club Quiz  
Night 7.30pm Memorial Hall con-  
tact Chris Miles 414378

Saturday 6th September  
Packington Annual Horticultural  
Show Memorial Hall... contact  
Paul 412918

Saturday 13th September  
PEG presents a live broadcast of  
the "Last Night of the Proms"  
7.30pm Memorial Hall... contact  
Steve Plummer 412963

Tuesday 16th September  
'A story telling night' 7.30pm at  
the Bull and Lion contact David  
Haywood 469315

Saturday 4th October  
Harvest Supper at Memorial Hall  
contact Peter 411566

Saturday 1st November  
PEG "Mediaeval Banquet" at the  
Sheriff's Lodge, Nottingham-  
Transport included... contact Steve  
Plummer 412963

Wednesday 5th November  
Bonfire Night Display on the  
Recreation Ground (to be con-  
firmed)

Sunday 21st December  
Carol Service Holy Rood Church  
6.30pm

Friday 23rd April  
St. Georges Day Celebration and  
sing-a-long 9pm Bull & Lion Pub

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This months special offers at Daybreak Services include  
Retractable Hose Pipes, Desktop Oscillating Fans and Toolkits.  
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## New School Room

THE building of the two new classrooms at Packington C of E Primary School is on schedule and they should be ready for use by the end of September – possibly before. Funds for the project - £110,000 to date - have been raised in a number of ways. A third has come from capital grant directly from the government and saved by the school over a period of three years. The LEA contributed the cost of replacing the old mobile classroom which had been in situ for 31 years.

But a large percentage has been provided by outside organisations;

- the Parents' Association raised £6,000 in 18 months, and this was match funded by a Seed grant from the county council
- PEG (Packington Entertainments Group) and PIG (Packington International Golf Society) contributed, and
- an 80 year old village resident asked for money instead of birthday presents and raised £900.
- The earth moving firm Caterpillar which cleared the site, did it for free and will probably be returning to help make an outside creative play area.

The project was put together by the school's governing body, with the building being designed by David Granger and built by local firm Lychgate. The rooms will accommodate the Foundation class of four and five year olds, and five to seven year olds in Key Stage One – 42 pupils in all. Toilets and storage are included in the building. What is now needed, says head teacher Stuart Renshaw, is help with furnishing the classrooms, and a letter asking for donations, in cash or kind, will be going out soon. Urgently required are computers and tables, cupboards, curtains, desks and chairs (although as many as possible of the latter will be "recycled" from existing stocks). Outdoor equipment is required also. Mr Renshaw is deeply grateful to all the people who have helped make this long awaited dream come true, and the children themselves are eagerly anticipating the move. So too are the teachers, who gave up their staff room to temporarily house some

of the pupils from the mobile when it was removed!

Packington School has 104 pupils who come not only from Packington but from a number of surrounding villages. Its popularity is proved by the fact that there are always more would-be entrants than places available.

## Headmaster- "highly commended"

Stuart Renshaw, our school headmaster, came a well deserved 'highly commended' runner up in the regional finals of The National Teacher Of The Year Awards 2003.

## Parish Council News

After the local elections on May 1st the Parish Council is made up of councillors:-  
Chris Miles (Chairman) contact 414378  
Ian Dring (Vice Chairman) contact 413520  
Richard Roberts contact 515045  
Carole Mattley contact 412484  
plus newly elected:-  
John Mugglestone contact 414964  
Sue Wiggett contact 417092.

Chris, Richard, Sue and now Ian also serve on the Packington Development Partnership (PDP) made up of representatives of the Parish Council, Memorial Hall, Parochial Church Council, Primary School and Recreation Ground Working Party. Following the Appraisal in 2002 this body was set up to look at improving, developing and maintaining community facilities in the village. A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes. Watch this space for news of developments in hand.

## Packington Sewage Works

The disposal of effluent, both residential and industrial, for the Ashby-de-la-Zouch area is dealt with on the very fringe of your village, its effect on the environment and enjoyment of our village has been significant in recent times but there has been much improvement as of late.

Severn Trent Water, the body responsible for the sewage works management, have recently obtained planning consent for a major extension of the works in order that efficiency can be maintained in time with the ever increasing output of effluent from Ashby.

The planning consent allows for the erection of two substantial new structures to the rear of the site and the creation of a spoil bank that will effectively only screen the site from the elevated section of the A42. The question of further landscaping is, it is understood, left to the North West Leicestershire District Council Planning Department.

The sewage works is presently very apparent on the main approach to the village. With this proposed new development there would appear to be the opportunity for more effective screening, using tree and shrub planting.

If anyone feels the approach to the village can be improved they should contact their Parish councillors and ask them to raise the issue with the planning authority.

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An evening of Celebration at Packington Church of England Primary School. July 2003

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Give us some feedback on the first issue on the enclosed form and return it via the boxes located in the information racks in the Bull and Lion and Daybreak Services.

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## Beat the Thieves

SEVERAL really worth-while home security appliances are for sale through the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. These include dusk-to-dawn light bulbs (£5), mains shed alarms (£40), battery shed alarms (£12), personal alarms (£4) and tamper-proof tax disc holders (£1).

Organiser Marjorie Canner says that, apart from anything else, since January more than 600 of the battery shed alarms have been sold. They are proving particularly popular because they are being used also to protect patios, garages, boats and caravans. They can be ordered through Mrs Canner, whose telephone number is 413951.

From the Crime Alert people comes this tip – destroy any junk mail that bears your name and address. Apparently those intent on fraud examine the contents of wheelie bins etc and can glean valuable information from these missives. Best to burn or shred them. And it goes without saying that credit card receipts, cheque stubs, bills etc should be got rid of the same way when they are no longer needed.

IF it's possible to secure your hanging baskets in some way, it might be wise to do so, because there are thieves about. A particularly lovely one was stolen overnight from a High Street house recently, much to the owner's annoyance.

"I worked hard on that basket" she said, "and it looked very pretty. It will probably turn up at a boot sale. I have taken down the one they didn't steal and now the wall



Ready, Aim, Fire!! John Rushton practises his archery at Packington Picnic Party 2003

looks very bare.

Similarly, building materials left lying outside houses are a target. A householder disturbed a prowler moving bricks around outside his home in the early hours of the morning a week or so ago. The would-be thief ran to a car parked further down the lane and drove off at speed, and was followed by the irate householder in his own vehicle as far as Swadlincote. The police attended but could only advise that building materials were kept under cover.

## Packington's Neighbourhood Watch

Co-ordinator Marjorie Canner has the details numbers of cars which the police would like villagers to look out for. They are a red Ford Fiesta, a red Citroen and a blue VW Golf, all three of which are sought in connection with "distraction burglaries", plus a green Citroen ZX, the occupants of which are said to be two ginger haired youths. If you see any of these cars ring 999 and report the sighting, not forgetting to say exactly where and when they were seen. Then contact Marjorie on 01530 413 951

The Post Office has confirmed that it is NOT conducting any post code surveys, so if you receive a phone call purporting to be from the Post Office asking you to confirm your post code, beware. When this information is given, you may be told that you have become eligible for some gift vouchers for your co-operation, and asked for your home address. Ninety per cent of the people (mostly women) who have obliged have subsequently been burgled.

A Help the Aged Handy Van scheme is available to anyone over 60 with less than £16,000 disposable capital. Locks, chains, smoke alarms will be fitted free of charge.

Contact 01255 473999

**Advertise Here!**  
**Contact Ruth Wilde**  
**on 563884**

## Volunteers for Transport Helpline required

One problem identified by the Packington 2002 Village Appraisal was that some residents had difficulty in getting to a Doctor's surgery. The appraisal also showed that a number of people in the village would consider going on a helpline to transport anyone who had problems in getting to see a local Doctor.

The Packington Communication Group, formed earlier this year, is planning to look at the possibility of setting up a transport scheme to co-ordinate and meet this need and also to consider whether this could be extended to include hospital visits. It would be useful at this stage to have a current list of people willing to be included on a helpline. If you are able to help or would like further information:-

Contact Geoff 412012

## SMALL ADVERTS

### Bicycles

Raleigh Ladies racing bicycle 5-speed. Excellent condition. £35. Contact Steve 412963

### Household items

Mirrors with polished edges. 54" x 39", 38" x 36". £20 each. Also 20" x 12". £5. All in excellent condition. Contact Steve 412963

### Cards

Sharon Gregory makes high quality individually hand-crafted cards for all occasions. Batch production or single cards made to order. Prices and samples available. Email sgreg2000@aol.com Contact Sharon 414708

### Personal email address

Want a yourname@packington.net email address? Email wesley@packington.net Contact Wes Ewing 411337

### Wanted

Cleaner wanted 3-4 hours per week. Times to suit. Email wesley@packington.net Contact Wes Ewing 411899

To advertise next month contact Ruth 563884

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Wanted a cleaner! Toys for sale! Kids do you want to wash cars for a small fee? Why not advertise here. £1 advert (15 words of description). Contact Ruth Wilde 563884.

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## Packington Village Communications Group

### WHY?

The Packington Village Appraisal Report, based on scientifically analysed comprehensive views of Packington residents, launched in May 2002, identified several areas linked to "Communication" and Recommendations No.1 and No. 15 specifically suggested that a special interest group be formed to address the issues.

### WHO?

Following the launch of the Appraisal report, the Parish Council organised an open meeting to follow up on the recommendations contained in the report and the members of the group volunteered to follow up on issues related to Communications. At initial meetings, tasks were identified and roles and responsibilities allocated.

### WHAT is happening?

The Group is addressing three key areas:-

1. Provision of an independent Village Newsletter taking full advantage of up to date technology and production techniques to provide a medium to disseminate a wide range of information of interest to all age ranges and including opportunities for Groups in the Village to access residents (800+) efficiently. ( The Appraisal identified 26 groups/organisations in Packington!!!)
2. Provision of well managed Notice Board facilities.
3. Creation of an up to date Web Site which will enable information to be accessed on demand and updated on a 24 hours and 7 day basis.

### WHEN will it be done?

**The Packington Post-** You are reading the first newsletter, which is our first foray into the field of publishing. We felt it was important to inform everyone of the PLANS and over the coming months the style, con-

tent and presentation will be developed.

**Notice Board-** Investigations are underway to put forward proposals on the style, location and costs of an effective Notice Board- not only the physical aspects but the ongoing maintenance and administration.

**Web site-** Packington.info domain name has been registered and the web site is in the process of being constructed.

### HOW?

The project will only succeed with your help and support. We will need:

#### 1. Help

If you would like to help in any of the areas listed above, please contact any member of the management team. Any contribution no matter how large or small will be greatly appreciated. REMEMBER the Packington Post is "about PACKINGTON for PACKINGTON"

#### 2. Articles

Good and prompt liaison with all Packington residents, groups and organisations is essential with the provision of articles and details of forthcoming meetings and events dates. To help efficiency it would be greatly appreciated if information is sent by email or on disc.

#### 3. Funding

Initial funding has been guaranteed by the Parish Council. Approaches are being made to funding organisations for help with the initial setting up costs. However it is our hope that, after an initial introductory period, the project will become self financing through subscriptions and advertising revenue.

#### 4. Advertising

Why not support your village magazine with advertising. Private Adverts from £1 for 15 words. Trade adverts negotiable.

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We need good pictures for Packington Post. Get your camera out .....village photo competition details in the next issue!

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