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NEW TEAM AT THE BULL AND LION

The lease for the Bull & Lion has been transferred (subject to final legalities) to Stuart & Sue Andrews of Mill Street. The pub will be managed on a day to day basis by Joseph McLean who was formerly in charge of the bar and entertainment at the Royal Hotel in Ashby. With 10 years experience in the licence trade, 28 year old Joe will be living on the premises.

The first priority is a full modernisation of the kitchens which is underway and should be completed by mid July. Initially bar food will then be served whilst the restaurant undergoes extension and complete refurbishment which could take a couple of months and will maintain the atmosphere of a traditional country pub. During the interim period regular barbecues will be held on Saturday Evenings. There will be no dramatic changes to the style but, as Joe says, the main aim will be improvements in service, quality and value for money. They will be revisiting the comments made in the 2002 Village Appraisal with a view to ensuring that the issues raised are addressed.

Already new cast iron tables with granite tops and wooden chairs are evident outside to replace the plastic ones and the brewery, The Union Pub Co., have refurbished elements of the beer lines to improve the beer quality.

Stuart emphasised that the Bull & Lion is a local pub for local people and he would welcome your ideas and comments. He is anxious to gather together any historical information on the pub together with old photos of the village which will form an integral part of the internal decoration. If you can help he would be delighted to hear from you.

Contact Stuart on 413882

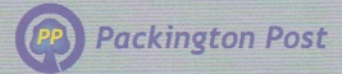


UK COAL APPEAL SUCCESSFUL

UK Coal has successfully appealed against the decision of Leicestershire County Council to refuse planning permission on 30th July 2004 for the development of the proposed Long Moor Surface Mine Site between the villages of Ravenstone, Heather and Normanton.

Following the public enquiry held between 13th September and 11th October 2005, the Inspector, Mary O'Rourke has recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a set of conditions and this decision has been upheld by the Secretary of State.

If you made representations at the appeal you should have received details of the reasons for the decision from the Dept for Communities and Local Government (0207 9448721). The proposal is subject to 69 conditions and must be started within 12 months and completed within 5 years from commencement with the land re-instated in accordance with the proposals. Chairman of FOIL, Virge Richichi of Packington House, Spring Lane who has been opposing open cast since 1989 is reluctant to give up now and is working with the County Council who are waiting for Barristers view as to whether they have a case to appeal to the high court. Contact Virge on 411433



'LOVE' North West Leicestershire

NWLDC have launched a 100 day campaign to encourage local people to take a pride in their district, not just for the duration of the campaign but forever. Throughout the 100 days, the council will be travelling around the district clearing up 'grot spots' and challenging everyone to take pride in the areas where they live and work.

New enforcement measures will be introduced to take action against people who drop litter, allow their dogs to foul public places (a reoccurring problem in Packington over recent times!!!!) or commit other anti-social acts. They have set up a Hotline 0800 56 100 50 or can be e-mailed on lovemydistrict@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

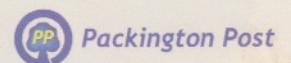
In Packington it is true to say that we do pretty well overall in these areas but there is always scope to improve so why not take a fresh look at your frontage, hide away those wheelie bins if necessary in between collections and ring in incidences of dog fouling to the hotline.

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STOP PRESS

Packington Post Photo Competition. Enjoy Photography?
Help record village scenes for future generations. (See Page3)

June 2006



Junior Packington Entertainments Group (JPEG) 2006 Events



Pool Party and BBQ
Date: Saturday 8th July
Contact: Belinda on 416675
Catherine on 224657



Halloween Party
Date: 31st October
Contact: Helena and Vince on 272080



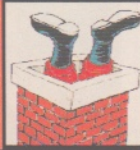
Packington Summer Playscheme
Date: Mon July 24th to Fri 28th
Contact: Wesley on 411899
Anna on 412997



Packington Craft Day
Date: Saturday 11th November
Contact: Mandy 260129, Jackie 412659 or Alison 411899



Make an Entry for Hortic Show
Date: Saturday 2nd September
Contact: Wesley on 411899
Anna on 412997



Packington Christmas Party
Date: Saturday 23rd December
Contact: Mandy 260129, or Rachel 560764



Peak District YHA weekend
Date: Friday 6th October
Contact: Alison on 411899



Family New Years Eve Party
Date: Day 31st December
Contact: Vince on 272080



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Bring Your Own Picnic and

Half Time Refreshments

Packington School PSA

Tickets £7.50 from Belinda Beynon 416675
Sara Smith 07971809201 or Sarah Charleton 414644

**Packington Annual
Horticultural Show
Saturday
September 2nd
"A fun family day"**

Packington International Golf Society (PIGS)



When I first started drafting this article, my prediction in the last edition regarding playing in shirt sleeves appeared to be accurate. April lived up to its reputation and now the second half of May is following suit.

This part of the PIGS golfing year is dominated by the annual team event with members of Breedon Golf Club. Last year was the first time we had won the event and so, naturally, this was the first time we had to defend it, so the pressure was on. It was nip and tuck right to the end but I have to regretfully report that we lost by 1 point. Considering there were around 650 points scored that day, it could not have been closer!

We also found the time to take our long suffering golf widows out for a Sunday lunch. After a comparatively early start for a competition at Breedon Academy course, about 20 golfers and wives had a buffet lunch at the Melbourne Arms. The competition was won by Mr Keith Percival with a score of 47 points and he is now sporting a rather fetching golf shirt as can be seen in the photograph. I was second and David Goacher was third.



We have also been donating more of the proceeds from our fund raising activities. The other photograph shows our Secretary, Chris Belfield, presenting a cheque to the Trinity Playgroup in Ashby. It is their 40th birthday this year and they are laying safety tiles in the outside play area. We have donated £260, to purchase 40 tiles, one for each year of their existence.

Contact Ian Peterson 07971 614041

PACKINGTON OPEN GARDENS



**Bank Holiday Monday
August 28th**

**Interested in making your
garden available to help raise
funds for Holy Rood church?
Please contact
Geoff Gasson 412012**

Packington Post Picture Competition

Enjoy Photography?

Why not enter your village pictures into our new picture competition to be judged at the Annual Horticultural Society Show on September 2nd.

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What we are looking for?

Simply some great pictures of village scenes in Packington. The winning pictures will be used in future Packington promotional items eg Packington Post Calendar or village postcard.

What next?

Hunt through past pictures or get out and about with your camera and capture those scenes.

How to enter.

Simply get your entries printed at 10 x 8" and bring on the day Sat 2nd Sept before 1.00pm at the Memorial Hall.

Alternatively send your entry in advance to the editor of the Post Steve Plummer at 29 Babelake Street. Tel 412963.

The cost of entry is 25p per picture (proceeds to the Horticultural Society) and all pictures will be available for collection on the day.

Who will be judging the competition?

We are pleased that Hilary Shedel from Staunton Harold will be judging the event. She is a leading professional photographer with a studio in the Ferriers Centre.

We will either require a digital version of the pictures for use in the Calendar or we can scan prints.

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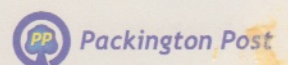
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Packington and Normanton Church Ladies Group

Members of The Ladies Group took part in evening worship in Packington Church last month. Jill Abell from 'The Peru Children's Trust' spoke of her work with the charity.

Their aim is to give 'a hand up not a hand out' to the 'poorest of the poor' in that country.

The photo shows members of the congregation purchasing items made by some of the families helped.



PACKINGTON & NORMANTON CHURCH LADIES GROUP

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Diamond Wedding for Packington Couple: 25th October 1934 Royal message for Packington couple

On Saturday, Mr and Mrs George Hines of Packington, Ashby-de-la-Zouch celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The marriage it took place on 20th October, 1874 and was performed by the vicar of Packington, Rev. C Pratt. There was no honeymoon for the young couple, both 20 years of age "For" said Mr Hines, "the next day I was at work on the farm".

Mr Hines took his bride to a cottage opposite the old Wesleyan chapel and they have lived there ever since.

There were 10 children of the marriage, seven of whom are living, four sons and three daughters, while the grandchildren number 36 and the great grandchildren 14.

Mr Hines who has been a farmhand all his life, learnt to plough and to reap at a very early age.

"I started work at 7 years old and only left off a year ago", he said.

His wife, too, has been a great worker and as a young girl was hired at Ashby Stature Fair by a farmer's wife.

As a lad, Mr Hines was paid 6d a week to scare crows and as a man he earned a sum of 16s a week.

Blessed with wonderful health, Mr Hines is a cheerful octogenarian who can walk with any man much his junior.

The combined income of the old couple £1 a week from the state, but as Mr Hines said, almost wistfully, "an extra 10s would make all the difference".

Both are very highly respected in the village.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr and Mrs Hines received the following telegram from the King and Queen:-

From Sandringham O.H.M.S. to Mr and Mrs George Hines, Packington.

The King and Queen send you hearty congratulations on your Diamond Wedding Day.

Their Majesties thank you for your loyal assurances and wish you a very happy anniversary.

The vicar, Rev. Mr Cambridge, who happened to arrive as the telegram came, read the message to Mr and Mrs Hines who were surrounded by their family. The vicar, who spoke congratulatory words himself, made a toast to the old couple and Mrs Hines also received a present from her family. Mr Hines said he was delighted that their Majesty's should have so honoured them with the telegram and it was very gracious on their part. Many people of the village joined in congratulating Mr and Mrs Hines.

Thanks to John Muggleton of Measham Road who came across this fascinating insight of life in the early 20th century in Packington. Do you have any interesting snippets like this one connected with the village. If so we would be delighted to hear from you as would the History Society.

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Packington School Road Safety Travel Plan

During 2005 the Governing body supported the school to compile a 'Road Safety School Travel Plan' and submit it to the Leicestershire County Council for approval. This process involved widespread consultation of the pupils and their parents in order to identify any 'road safety & travel issues' at the school. The following priorities and respective initiatives were identified:

Promote alternative modes of transport

- Promote walking to school & examine the feasibility of a walking-bus (underway & up to 20% of pupils using walking bus)
- Curriculum development to include alternative modes of transport (underway)
- Promote cycling to school (notice-board, website, newsletters) (underway)
- Cycling Proficiency Training (underway)
- Cycle safe-storage project (cycle shelter purchased & installed)
- School locker project
- Examine the feasibility of cycle-lanes

Improve road safety on Mill Street

- Consider a one-way system and introduction of a 'dropping off' zone
- Promote use of the recreation ground car park & improve the recreation ground car park (underway)
- Curriculum development to include road-safety issues (underway)
- Examine methods to slow the speed of vehicles (Travel Calming etc)
- Pavement Project (width and extending current network)

A number of these excellent initiatives have already come to fruition with the support of the staff, governors, pupils, parents, Parish Council, County Council and local community. We are now seeking support for the introduction of a voluntary 'one-way' scheme outside the school at key times.

The main issue identified in our parent/pupil surveys highlighted the number of pupils travelling to school by car and the resultant road safety concerns outside the school entrance on Mill Street. The highway is just wide enough for a vehicle to pass in either direction. This is fine during the majority of

the day but causes significant road safety dangers when nearly 60 vehicles are involved in dropping off and picking up children at school opening and closing times. The real danger is created by cars approaching and leaving the front of the school from two directions. This causes a bottleneck as vehicles pull in and out of parking spaces with around 100 young children in the same confined area and inevitable damage to the grass verges.

The primary suggestion was to improve road safety near to the school by the introduction of a voluntary 'one-way system' or 'part-time directional traffic flow system' as the County Highways Department likes to refer to it. Similar schemes have been successfully introduced in Ashby, Whitwick and Melton. The head teachers involved with these schemes are highly positive about the improvements they have witnessed. Officers from the Leicestershire Constabulary's Traffic Management section have surveyed the site and believe that Mill Street would benefit from a 'part-time directional traffic flow system'. Their recommendations are supported by the County Council and Packington Parish Council.

It would run between: 0830 hrs and 0930 hrs and 1400 hrs and 1600 hrs - Monday to Friday

The traffic flow would run from the Measham Road end of Mill Street towards Ashby Road. This direction would ensure that vehicles could park easily on the school side of the road without having to cross the carriageway & should also reduce the incidences of damage to the verges. The scheme would be supported by a number of signs of a type approved by County Highways. The scheme would rely on voluntary compliance as there would be no statutory instrument introduced. The school would like your support with this venture as we believe that it would fundamentally compliment our other road safety improvement initiatives. If you have any comments or questions about this initiative I would be delighted to receive correspondence from you at the school by 28th June 2006.

Andrew Lee, School Governor,
Packington Church of England

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HOUSE KEYS and CAR KEYS
by the bridge in Hall Lane
Contact Marjorie Canner at
2 Hall Lane (413951).

DIARY DATES

Sunday 25th June

10.45am Holy Rood guest speaker Janet Ingram

Friday 30th June

PSA "Ball in the Hall" at Memorial Hall with live band and quiz

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd July

JPEG overnight camp with games and barbecue in the village

Thursday 6th July

WI meeting at Memorial Hall

Friday 21st July

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Sunday 23rd July

10.45am Holy Rood celebration with Birmingham City Mission

Monday 24th – Friday 28th July

Packington Summer Play Scheme

Wednesday 9th August

9.15am Ladies Group depart Memorial Hall for visit to Sudeley Castle

Sunday 27th August

6.30pm Holy Rood Open Gardens celebration

Monday 28th August

2pm Packington Open Gardens

Saturday 2nd September

Packington Horticultural Society Annual Show at Memorial Hall

Wednesday 20th September

Ann Widdecombe guest speaker at the Pump rooms

Friday 6th October

JPEG Peak District YHA weekend

Tuesday 31st October

JPEG Halloween party

Saturday 11th November

Packington Craft Day

Saturday 23rd December

JPEG Christmas Party

Sunday 31st December

Family New Year Party



