

Easter Egg Throwing Competition at the Pub

Packington's Bull and Lion Pub held their "Eggciting Egg Throwing Event" on Easter Monday afternoon in the bitter, Eastertide weather.



The Bull and Lion's Landlady, Lindsay, had hard-boiled some eggs (donated kindly by Tesco's), whilst others were left raw! All eggs were thrown, by one half of a couple, over the restaurant roof to be caught by the second member of the pair in the car park. Everyone had a fun time, despite the cold weather! All money raised is being donated to the local charity, Hospice Hope.

Packington May Queen Announced



Over the years the Packington Morris Men have asked the school to provide a May Queen to be crowned Queen of the May at a celebration at the village pub. The May Queen also attends the school May Fayre to help with proceedings. Tradition has it that the girl should live in the village and each year pupils have helped select the Queen. This year only two girls were eligible to take on the role and it is of great testament to the girls that they decided to share the role. So, on 1st May Emma Woodward was crowned May Queen with her attendants Olivia Shelton Smith and Holly Powell, and then at the school May Fayre Olivia will take over the duties of May Queen with her attendant Laura Meadows.

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News from the School



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES:

*Thankfulness; Peace; Patience;
Endurance; Justice; Friendship;
Trust; Compassion*

The Christian ethos of our school is underpinned by Christian values but are also shared with human values. This term the staff and pupils have identified eight key Christian values that they will explore over the coming months. The work will be presented in a 'working wall' in the entrance hall. The first activity for each class was to discuss each value and to rate them in order of importance. So far each Class has displayed their list with their reasons for how they have ranked the key values. They are now exploring one value in greater depth and each class will present their work to the rest of the school. Do take a look at the values we have chosen. How would you rank them in order of importance? Do you think some have equal importance? And how important are they to you in your daily life?

PACKINGTON WIN RAY STONE MEMORIAL CUP

Our sporting success has continued with our Year 5/6 Football Team winning the Ray Stone Memorial Cup at the annual tournament held at Measham. The competition takes place over one evening and our team had to play six matches virtually back to back against other local school teams so it is quite an achievement to become overall winners requiring both skill and stamina. Mr Emery praised the whole team for demonstrating a superb sporting attitude. Well done!

CROSS COUNTRY – FINAL SUCCESS



It was a super Saturday morning for Packington at the Cross Country Final at Albert Village on 13th April. The weather was good and our runners were fantastic, all putting in a superb effort. Our team came away with a haul of medals and trophies:

Yr1/2 Boys – 1st Harrison Eaton
Yr3/4 Girls – 3rd Ania Tebbett
Yr5/6 Girls – 3rd Holly Powell
Yr 5/6 Boys – 1st Lewis Eaton, 2nd Louis Bassett, 3rd Sam Tebbett
Yr1/2 Boys Team Event – 1st Packington
Yr 5/6 Boys Team Event – 1st Packington

UNITY SWIMMING GALA SUCCESS

It was one of our most successful nights in the pool for Packington at the annual Unity Partnership Swimming Gala. Mr Emery said everybody in the team put in a great effort and the results were stunning with Packington getting four golds and three bronzes – well done to everyone who swam. The results are as follows:

Boys 2 lengths:
Gold - Lewis Eaton
Boys Front Crawl:
Gold - Sam Tebbett
Girls Front Crawl:
Gold - Holly Powell
Boys Team Relay:
Gold – Packington
Girls 2 lengths:
Bronze - Emma Woodward
Boys Breast Stroke:
Bronze - Will Field
Girls Team Relay:
Bronze - Packington
Girls Breast Stroke:
5th place - Laura Meadows
Boys Back Crawl:
5th place - Jack Roe
Girls Back Crawl:
6th place - Lizzie Uzzell

CLARINET CONCERT



Last Friday the Owls entertained their families to a wonderful clarinet concert to show off their musical skills. They have only been learning the instrument since January but we have been delighted to learn that they have been asked to work with Sinfonia Viva and perform at De Montfort Hall in July.

ASHBY ARTS FESTIVAL

Packington are taking part in the Ashby Arts Festival. This year the theme is 'Strike up the Band!' We hope to get our board designed, painted and on display by half term – quite a task! We plan to put the art work on the fence so the village can see so please take a look. We would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted tins or part tins of emulsion paint (any colour) so please get in touch if you can help.

SCIENCE FAIR

We have a real buzz happening in school at the moment as we stage our very own Science Fair. Pupils have been asked to work in pairs to plan a science experiment which they will demonstrate at the fair on 20th May. The five best experiments will be selected by a panel of judges to go through to the Ashby Learning Community on Thursday 6th June.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Over the last term some hard work has taken place to re vamp the school website and solve a problem with the domain name and just after Easter we re- launched the site to our pupils and families. Do take a look if you want to find out more about the school at www.packington.leics.sch.uk.



W.I.'s April Meeting

The President began with a report by the Vice-president Ann Keast of the Annual Council Meeting held in Leicester and Heather Webster gave a report on the darts team. The speaker, Geoffrey Smith, brought a clipboard of ideas for patios, courtyards and gardens using scented plants, water features and various trees to encourage wildlife. He also explained that the word Patio was Arabic for beautiful place. The talk was illustrated by a series of slides of lovely gardens. The competition of a bowl of spring bulbs was won by Heather Webster. The next meeting will be on May 2nd in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Packington W.I are hosting a **CHARITY EVENING** on **Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm** at the Memorial Hall, supporting Hospice Hope and featuring Gresley Male Voice choir. For tickets (£8 each) contact **Sandra Hawley on 412 693**

Packington Cricket Club

The cricket season has started, cold, wet, windy, typical for the start of a new season. As I go to press the first game has been and gone, although the day on 20th April was sunny, the temperature could have been higher. A closely contested game which Packington somehow contrived to lose by 4 runs, the result was always in doubt until the last man was out. It was, however, great to be donning the "whites" again. As I have said before, we are always looking for new players to strengthen the club. Anyone interested can contact me on the details given below or come down to the Bull & Lion where there is always someone to help you get in touch.

Contact Roger on 07833445422

Traditional Afternoon Tea At Packington Memorial Hall Saturday June 15th 2:30pm

A selection of finger sandwiches
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Booking Essential! Contact **Sharron Miller on 413 946** or **Rachael Miles on 413 795**
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For adults only with any proceeds to Memorial Hall.

Packington Memorial Hall – A Newcomer's View

"I've really enjoyed being on the committee for the Memorial Hall, It has been quite different to my expectations. The meetings are monthly and usually last an hour and a half. The committee doesn't spend endless time discussing things – we actually make decisions: last year the committee decided to buy a dishwasher and a new storage container unit for the hall and by the next meeting both were up and running! We've just made the decision to purchase 100 new comfortable chairs and purchase 10 new small round tables. As many of you know the hall had major refurbishments 3 years ago.

It is a great venue for events. The new meeting room is a real asset because it means two user groups can use the hall at the same time and the kitchen is modern and spacious.

Thank you to our chairman Chris Miles, who does over and above, our secretary Adrian Mongredien, our booking secretary Kate Mongredien, Rachel, Dean and Alan for their caretaking and cleaning and all our committee members, who together as a group keep the hall maintained to such a high standard.

At the AGM in March a few roles became vacant, notably the roles of secretary & vice chair. The chairman and booking secretary both announced plans to retire from their roles next year but stay on the committee. The chair mentioned several times that we need more 'youngsters' on the committee. (I hope I count as one of those!!) So if you think you might like to help, we would like to invite you to come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 23rd May in the meeting room of Packington Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm (It will finish before 9pm as members go to quiz night!) And join us to help keep our hall as something the village can be justifiably proud of.

Judith Wilson, Treasurer.
Contact Judith on 412 658

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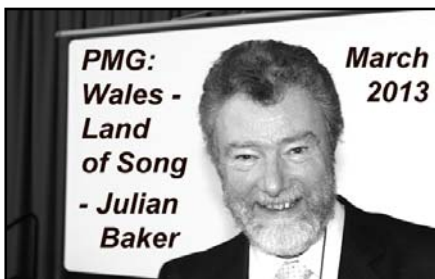
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PMG News

The theme "**Wales - Land of Song**" guided **PMG's March Musical Party Evening**, with an introduction to Wales and Welsh language; **Packington's Choral Supremo Julian Baker**, *pictured*, led us to sing in Welsh two stirring songs, "Myfanwy" and "Mae Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" (the National Anthem), ably assisted by an authentic **Welsh-speaking couple, Marian and Peter Davies**, both former choristers of the famous Rhos choirs.



We ate an excellent meal, by **Geoff Gasson**, of Welsh Lamb stew; **Peter Last** gave a satisfying presentation on St David; **Philip Whitworth** as compère kept us on schedule, with some great touches of humour; **Marian** gave a moving poetry reading from Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood". To end the evening, **Julian** played the gentle harmony of "Eli Jenkins Prayer".



In April, our **PMG Evening visit** gave us an insight into **Champney's Springs**, the health spa which is almost on our doorsteps at the far end of Babelake Street. Welcomed by **Operations Manager Carol Harvey** (*pictured*) with an informal talk and refreshments, we were shown round the superb fitness facilities. We can reveal now one of our village's best-kept secrets: this upmarket luxury health club is both available with no waiting-list, and surprisingly affordable. Exercise is vital in creating a

healthy mind and body and Champney's fitness facilities are second to none, with a vast range of activities on offer and something to suit everyone, at whatever level of fitness!

In **May** we held our **PMG Annual Lunch** at the **Donington Manor Hotel**, with exclusive use of their white-linen Gun Room. We enjoyed a fine meal, and long-standing PMG member **Arthur Morris** gave us a short talk. **For more on PMG**, see the village website www.packington.info or contact **Robert**



Dilworth (PMG Secretary) on 411 673 or e-mail on rd.i@virgin.net



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News from the Packington Village History Group

INFORMATION ON PHOTOGRAPH REQUIRED

The Packington Village History Group would like the village's help in answering their questions about the photograph below. The event was a competition for all North West Leicestershire schools to design, procure, make a model of a waterproof tent in school, then transport it to a Hall in Leicester and rebuild for the judges to decide on the best entry. Packington C of E Primary School entered five teams named by themselves: ALEC; APOLLO; HIKER 2; ORIGINALITY; and MACECA. Each team consisted of four, five or six students, with a total of 26 students taking part. The team we are showing is the MACECA group, but if you have any information on the other groups then please let us know. We would like to know the names of the children pictures, confirmation of the date we have on our records (2001) and the significance behind the name Maceca.

ADVANCED NOTICE OF OPEN AFTERNOON

The Packington Village History Group (PVHG) plan to hold an "Open Afternoon" in the Memorial Hall on 14th September 2013. The intension is to show the villagers the type of information available of the area, eg. photographs going back to 1882 and earlier lithographs and plans together with texts and newspaper articles back to 1598. Also a new book of list of the gravestones together with photographs will be available. There is so much more information we have which we would like to make available to all of the villagers and in turn would like to ask them of their experiences. Entrance will be free and tea will be available. **Please make a note of the date.**

HOLY ROOD CHURCHYARD

Two members of the PVHG, David Fill and Paula Page, have for some considerable time been carrying



out a research project in the Churchyard; the intention being to log as many as possible of the legible gravestones; to list, register, photograph and enter them into a book which would be placed in the Church and available for all. This would be of particular value in identifying and locating graves. Further proposals include depositing a copy of the book in the Public Record Office, along with other church records and putting the contents on a website for wider access. The project is not yet complete; however, the work so far has been assembled into a book which will be available at the Packington Village History Group Open Afternoon.

Contact Peter Cooper on 412 723 or Wally Instrall on 416 786

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Coming to the Memorial Hall: Gordon Giltrap



In concert at Packington Memorial Hall on Saturday June 8th starting at 7.30pm. Tickets just £12.50. Bar and refreshments available, with doors opening at 7pm.

Gordon Giltrap is one of our country's best guitarists and Concert organiser, Joan Inchley, is hoping for a sell out audience. Please book your tickets early. Joan is hoping to raise sufficient funds with this concert to provide a public use defibrillator in her village. Many outlying villages are now providing this vital emergency facility and it is one which Packington should also be thinking of, so if you would like to do more about this by organising an event in Packington please come forward! For tickets contact **Joan on 224494** or **Chris on 414378** or christopher.miles@sky.com



Dear All,

Most of us pray at one time or another. I'm convinced that there are loads more faithful pray-ers out there than ever attend church or other faith institutions. Some of us are more sure who we're praying to, others uncertain. We're moved to prayer sometimes by joy and wonder – simply have to give thanks to someone bigger than ourselves; or it's those 'life-belt' prayers when we cry 'Help!' and know we need to appeal to someone beyond ourselves.

Prayer is perhaps the most wonderful gift that God gives us – a place where we can acknowledge that we don't have all the answers, and where we can come to Him as we are. It does mean acknowledging that we're not as in control as we might like to be and that can be uncomfortable.

I'm going to give a little suggestion on prayer but I've been wondering – are there any of you who would like to explore prayer outside the context of church services. If so, get in touch on 01530 270354 or vivien.elphick@btinternet.com

My suggestion here is to use the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray. It's a very little suggestion but I hope it helps. Pray it slowly, and taking time to ponder each part of the prayer:

- "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name": thank you that we can call you Father and a Father who loves us. That's amazing. Thanks and praise for who you are.

- "your kingdom come, your will be done": so much war, so much greed – Lord may your peace and kingdom come in all the troubled areas of our world
- "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us": Lord, you know where I've messed up better than I do myself, forgive me and as you give me the gift of forgiveness, help me to forgive others who done me wrong – so that bitterness and resentment don't take hold
- "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil": you know how often we want to do just what we want to do and forget you and disregard others, help us to follow you and your way.

My prayer is that we all know God's blessing on us and are more of a blessing to each other. Get in touch if you'd like to explore further.

Yours, Vivien

Services: May – July 2013

May 19th: Pentecost

11 am Holy Communion

May 26th Trinity Sunday

8 am Holy Communion

11am 4th Sunday

June 2nd

11am Morning worship

6pm Evening Prayer

June 9th

8 am Holy Communion

11am All age service

June 16th

11 am Morning Prayer

June 23rd

8am Holy Communion

11am Holy Communion

June 30th

United service for the Woodfield Team of churches at

July 7th

11am All age service and Sunday club followed by BBQ

July 14th

8am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship

July 21st

11am Holy Communion

On the 1st Wednesday of each month there is a service of Holy Communion at 10am. Our all age services on the 2nd Sunday of the month have a special theme and we aim to engage those of all ages in a simple service lasting about 45 minutes. They are a mixture of singing, prayers and a Bible reading with a talk and there is the opportunity to have some reflective time or do craft activities.

Ready Steady Stick: 29th May at 2 – 4 pm in Holy Rood Church

Look out for the next children's Ready Steady Stick club in Packington Church on 29th May. There will be songs, games, story and craft activities. Contact Linda Cox for more details on 01530 411642 (lindac40@btinternet.com) or Lesley Birtwistle on lbwistle@googlemail.com

Fun and Food 4 Everyone – BBQ, Games, Sunday 7th July Holy Rood Church Packington.

All age Service with Sunday Club prize giving 11.00 – 11.45. Please gather outside church at 12.15pm. Games will be ongoing from then until eating time. Food will be available from 1pm. BBQ food & soft drinks provided. Please bring a pudding or cake to share. Bring your picnic rug or folding chair.

Coffee and Chat at Holy Rood Church

Everyone is welcome to drop in at the Holy Rood Church for freshly brewed coffee, cookies and, most importantly, a friendly chat! Coffee and Chat takes place at the Church on every 3rd Wednesday of the month, between 9:30am and 11:30am. The next meeting dates are as follows:

- Wednesday 19th June
- Wednesday 17th July
- Wednesday 21st August

We look forward to seeing you very soon! For any information on the Coffee and Chat event, contact:

Anne Wathes – 414 621

anne.wathes@live.co.uk

Packington Parish Council

Chris Miles, Chairman of Packington Parish Council called the Annual Parish Meeting which took place on Thursday 18th April at 7pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting was an ideal opportunity for residents to find out more about HS2 and Councillors had leafleted all households in the village to encourage attendance. Around 50 to 60 residents were able to view full-sized drawings of the proposed route and the meeting was used to gauge opinion. County Councillor, Nick Rushton and District Councillor, Nigel Smith attended and answered many of the questions raised.

The meeting was opened with a brief resume of Parish Council activity over the previous twelve months and unaudited accounts up to 31st March 2013 were on display. Questions on issues other than HS2 were taken initially and it was clear that dog fouling was a topic that concerns many residents. The Parish Council will therefore make this an agenda item for the next meeting. In addition, the matter of restricted visibility for drivers leaving Homecroft Drive was raised and this matter will also be discussed in May.

The meeting then moved on to the matter of HS2. Councillors advised residents of information such the proposed route, proposed stations, regularity of trains and the potential impact that this will have on Packington.

An HS2 meeting had taken place at County Hall earlier that day which Nick Rushton had chaired. Chris Miles and Vice-Chairman, Ian Dring had attended. A question and answer session ensued when many concerns were raised. It is Cllr Nick Rushton's feeling that HS2 will go ahead and therefore it would be in Packington's interest to oppose it but to work with HS2 Limited to request amelioration measures in

order to minimise the impact on the village.

After the discussions had ended, a vote was taken and residents opted to oppose HS2 but to look towards amelioration measures. A vote was also carried that some of the precept monies would be spent on gaining a professional opinion and report on ways to minimise the impact on Packington which could then be submitted at the appropriate time.

HS2 will remain on the agenda for some time to come and any resident is welcome to attend the Parish Council's monthly meetings to ask questions on this issue or any other matter of concern.

The Parish Clerk, Victoria Roe, can be contacted on 01530 414287 or via email on clerk@packingtonpc.org.uk.





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18th May – W.I. Charity Evening, Memorial Hall, 19:30
20th May – Packington School Science Fair
22nd May – Book Group, Memorial Hall, 19:30
23rd May – Memorial Hall Committee Meeting, 19:30
29th May – Ready, Steady, Stick at Holy Rood, 14:00

8th June – Gordon Giltrap, Memorial Hall, 19:30
13th June – PMG Pub Evening with stroll, Bull & Lion
15th June – Afternoon Tea, Memorial Hall, 14:30pm
19th June – CoffeandChat, Holy Rood, 9:30am
26th June - Book Group, Memorial Hall, 19:30

7th July – Fun & Food 4 Everyone, Holy Rood, 12:15
11th July – PMG Outdoor Pub Games, Bull & Lion
17th July - CoffeandChat, Holy Rood, 9:30

21st Aug – CoffeandChat, Holy Rood, 9:30

14th September – Packington Village History Group
Open Afternoon, Memorial Hall

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A new and exciting social role with the Packington Comms Group. Main duty would be to communicate and sustain relations with a selection of village groups and teams, mainly through e-mail. The role would require no more than a couple of hours spread over the month to suit your own time schedule.

Distribution Co-ordinator

Our current distributor, Kate, has decided to retire from her role as co-ordinator. The role involves distributing packs of the Packington Post to around 8 different distributors around the village every other month. Perfect for those who enjoy a stroll round the village and enjoy meeting new people. For more information on either role, contact Natalie on 589453 or editor@packington.info

Village Welcome Pack

As exhibited at the Breakfast morning, High Street resident Rachael Wozywoda has created a brilliant welcome pack for new residents. If you are aware of any new neighbours joining our Packington community, then please contact Rachael at rachaeldyer@yahoo.co.uk or telephone the editor (details above).