

Volunteers Desperately Needed for the Post to Continue

The Packington Post is in need of a new Editor and several other crucial roles if it is to continue.

The Packington Post strives to be interesting and informative, letting local people know about the wonderful events and vibrant happenings in our small village!

Our current editor, Natalie, has been living outside the village for a year and feels that it is now time to pass the torch on to a local member of the Packington community.

The role of editor is a very social one, talking and e-mailing various people and groups in the village and receiving updates on news every two months to create the Post. They are supported by a wonderful team of local volunteers who provide content and support, but who are also struggling in numbers.

The financial position of the Post is secure, thanks to Parish Council contributions and advertising, but a lack of volunteers now would mean that publication would have to cease.

If you feel that you could give a couple of hours a month to support the Packington Post, then we'd like to hear from you! Big or small, any job that you could do to aid the Post would be much appreciated (*no experience is needed at all!*)!

If you are interested in volunteering with the Post or would like more information on what we do and how we do it, then please contact the editor, **Natalie Moreland**, on **01530 589 453 or 07515 713 083**.

We hope to hear from you soon!

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Plus much, much more!



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Mark Page Reports



Attack of the Duck

Recently one of the ducks on Mill Street has taken to chasing anyone who refuses to feed him.



Whether on a bike or walking, this duck is able to keep up with even the most athletic of people. However, as 'spring' is coming to an end, such attacks from the devil-like duck should become much less common, and people will once more be able to walk, without fearing being pecked on the foot!

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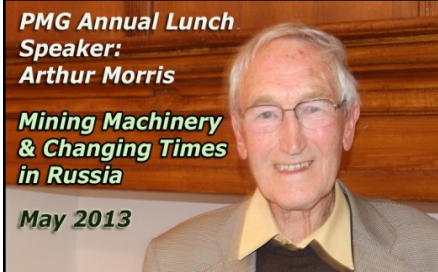


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PMG News

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 nice meal, after which long-standing **PMG member Arthur Morris** gave a talk on his career as a Mining Engineer, with some fascinating references to his visits to see cold-war-era Russian mining systems during years of huge change both in the Soviet Union and in our own country.



In June our **Evening Social Stroll** was led by **PMG Veteran Geoff Gasson**, from the Sutton Wharf visitor centre car park, pictured, to a topical area of historic England - the Bosworth Battlefield.



Famous for the defeat there in 1485 of King Richard III, and brought into prominence by the recent 2012 discovery in Leicester of the actual bodily remains of Richard III, this quiet

English countryside site was very impressive on a mild June evening.

In July our **PMG Outdoor Pub Games Evening** was held with ladies at the Belper Arms in nearby Newton Burgoland, and good competitive fun was had.

Dates for your diary: Thursday 8th August, our **PMG Annual Breakfast** is to be held at our favourite village restaurant, the Bull and Lion, **starting at 8am sharp**. This firm PMG favourite again offers full breakfast at £6.50 or a healthy option at £5, payable in advance, please, before Monday 5th August to treasurer Wally Instrall on 416 786.

Also, on Thursday afternoon 12th September 2013, look out for our conducted tour and wine-tasting at **Eglantine Vineyard - price £5**. Please contact **Mike Taylor on 414862** if you can come and say whether you need or can offer transport.

For more on PMG, contact **Robert Dilworth, PMG Secretary, on 411 673 or e-mail at rd.i@virgin.net**



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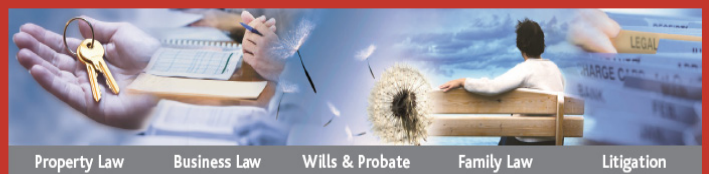
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A tribute to 'Madge' by Packington Parish Council

Even before I became involved with the Parish Council some nineteen years ago, I knew that someone who lived in Hall Lane was the 'controller' of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Packington. That person was Marjorie Canner and as far as I know Marjorie was the one person who, with great energy, began bringing people together to set up this organisation. Her strong personality, sense of justice and commitment to the community meant that Packington was being looked after. Her determination in her role has meant that Packington was always alerted to prospects of crime and her contact with the Police was of the highest standing. Marjorie will be greatly missed for all sorts of reasons, her leadership and dedication in connection with Neighbourhood Watch being among them. Packington Parish Council on behalf of the people of Packington would like to express their gratitude for Marjorie's work and offer their condolences to her family.

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Dear All,

Saturday 29th June saw a contingent of us driving into Leicester to the Cathedral, not to see Richard III's bones, but to support our curate, Revd Linda Cox as she was ordained priest. In practical terms, this means that Linda can now celebrate Holy Communion, and give the blessing and absolution. It also means that when she finishes her curacy with us in 2 or 3 years' time, she can be in charge of a parish herself. However, I know that becoming a priest means much more than this to Linda – I leave you to speak to her about that when you see her in the village.

Anyway, it made me think back to my own ordination many moons ago now (23 years to be precise) and what it all means to me. It's easy as life rushes by to forget and simply go on from day to day. Ordination brings us into a very strange way of life – no set hours, on call 24/7 and little structure compared to most jobs these days. I can be rejoicing with a family one minute at the birth of a child and then next be mourning with someone who's had bad news; I can go from taking a school assembly to visiting an old people's home.

It's an enormous privilege to do this work. We are still invited into people's lives at crucial times; we get to meet a wide variety of people in different settings. And for me, the greatest privilege (and one that frightens me because of the responsibility) is to seek to bring

God's love into a situation, when I know that I am a fallible human being like anyone else.

As I pondered at Linda's ordination, I remembered why I felt called into this role. And it was good to remember.

Firstly, all those years ago, I had become aware of God's love for me in Jesus: that figure on the cross who said, and says to me still, "I love you this much. Come to me and I will never drive you away. My word to you is always 'come' and never 'go' ". I wanted to follow him and his call on my life.

Secondly, as a solicitor, I had been seeing a client, who had come to me for her 3rd divorce. Listening to her, I sensed she was just looking for a love that worked. I longed to be part of helping the church, the Christian community, to demonstrate a love that works. At its best, that is what the church is here for (and I know we often fall short) and I long to be part of showing a love that truly works. For I think that most human beings are seeking that love that works.

Will you be part of helping to model a love that works along with me?

Yours,
Vivien

Services: July – September 2013

July 21st
11am Holy Communion

July 28th
8 am Holy Communion
11am 4th Sunday service

August 4th
11am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

August 11th
8 am Holy Communion
11am Morning Prayer
4pm Songs of Praise at Stretton-en-le-Field

August 18th
11am Holy Communion

August 25th
8am Holy Communion
11am 4th Sunday

September 1st
11am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

September 8th
8am Holy Communion
11am All age service

On the 1st Wednesday of each month there is a service of Holy Communion at 10am. Our Sunday Club for the children doesn't meet again now until 1st September – new members are welcome then!

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David Granger News – School Design Project

Throughout June, Years 5 and 6 at Packington C of E Primary School took part in a design project in conjunction with David Granger Architectural Design Ltd. Children in Mr Emery's 'Eagles' class spent a morning with Sophie Paul discussing what architecture is and the role of designers. They also learnt a little about the company, which was started by David Granger 28 years ago, the variety of buildings designed and some of the challenges faced by designers.

The children discovered that in order to become successful designers, they would need to work hard and develop their skills in Art and Design Technology, Maths, Science, English and ICT!

The Eagles class then had a go at measuring the dimensions of their classroom using professional survey equipment, including a laser measuring device. They were also shown how to draw a floor plan and had chance to try on some site clothing!

The children were invited to take part in the 'My Dream Design' competition, where they used their design skills to transform the classroom into a room of their dreams, submitting floor plans and a written description of the design.

David Granger was impressed with the standard of entries and is excited about the prospect of so many budding designers for the future! Choosing the winners was no easy task, with a wide variety of imaginative and unique entries being submitted; everything from swimming pools and go kart tracks to a sky diving centre, a theatre and even an indoor farm! The winners were presented with prizes and certificates in Achievement Assembly on Friday 28th June.

First Prize – Olivia Shelton-Smith

Second Prize – Ben Beanland

Third Prize – Jack Roe

As First Prize winner of the Junior Designer Award, Olivia will also have the chance to spend some time at the office of David Granger

Design on Mill Street, Packington, learning what it is like to be real designer and having a go at using design software.

News from the School



Clarinet Success at De Montfort

A marvellous night saw our talented clarinet players taking part in the County Council's Schools' Concert at De Montfort Hall. It was a fantastic experience for the children to be able to perform in front of a large audience in such a beautiful theatre. The children had to work hard with numerous rehearsals but the results were very impressive and emotional and bought a tear to the eye!

Tree Planted to Commemorate the Jubilee

The Environment Club took a break from tending their vegetable plots to help plant an ornamental cherry tree in the school grounds to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Great care was taken to ensure the tree was provided with the best conditions to help it get established and the pupils have set up a rota to keep the tree well watered each day. We would like to thank the Packington Horticultural Society who kindly donated the tree to school.

Girls cope with 'pressure' to take third place at the Ashby Science Fair

Following our very successful science fair in May, a group of pupils took their experiments to Ashby School to represent us in the very first ALC Science Fair. Our congratulations go to Emma Woodward and Holly Powell who took 3rd place overall for their 'Bed of Nails – Pressure' experiment.

Ashby Textiles Project

The first ever Ashby Learning Community Textiles Project took place this half term. Pupils spent 3 sessions at Ashby School working with staff to plan and design a tee shirt using various artists for inspiration. The project ended with a fashion show to parents. Olivia Shelton-Smith and Khadijah Jamanca thought it was a great opportunity and now think we should get an embroidery machine!

Sports Day



Poor weather meant we had to postpone our first Sports Day but, at the beginning of July, the dry but cool conditions were perfect for the school to enjoy a morning of physical fun. Team spirit was at an all time high as pupils worked together in their groups on a dozen different sporting activities. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who attended to cheer the children on and a big thank you to the PSA who organised the drinks station. A special well done goes to all the parents who ran in the Mums and Dads races and particularly to Mrs Keller and Mr Culwick who took first place!

Year 2 Camp Out!

Our Year 2 pupils had a super night camping under the stars on the school ground in the middle of June. The children took part in orienteering, storytelling and beauty treatments before they rolled out their sleeping bags and slept overnight in two tents pitched on the school field. The evening was planned by Mrs Braithwaite as a preparatory activity for our residential visits programme.

New Jazz Club Starts at the School

A new lunchtime Jazz Club, organised by the Hot House Music Company, has got our toes tapping

as the sounds of familiar tunes float round the school corridors. All the pupils who have joined the club can play a musical instrument, from beginners to competent players, from guitars, flutes, drums, clarinets and keyboards. As John Eno from the music group says "There's some musical talent at this school!"

James the Bear Visits Portugal

The school were treated to a presentation by Holly and Emily Marvin who shared adventures when they went on holiday to Portugal with our school mascot James the Bear. James certainly got to visit some interesting places and we learnt all about Portuguese river beaches and stone villages. However, like James the Bear, most of the children weren't quite sure about sampling some of the culinary delights such as snails!

Teddy Bears' Picnic

The school welcomed over 60 pupils from Worthington, Newbold and Griffydham Primary Schools to join in the fun of a mini beast themed Teddy Bears Picnic for Reception and Year 1 pupils. The day was a great success and enjoyed by all.

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Marjorie Elinor Canner 1928 – 2013



Marjorie Canner was pretty unique from the word "go" – she was born on 27th January 1928 and was born in what was then the Reading

Room in Packington. Then, at only 6, she was chosen to switch on the lights when electricity was supplied to the village for the first time in 1934. She lived in, and was very much involved in, the village all her life and grew up to be a pillar of the community. She left school during the Second World War and went to help the war effort by working in the munitions factory at Swadlincote where she earned the princely sum of 7/6d (37p in today's money). In 1947 Marjorie went on to work as a secretary at the National Coal Board, eventually running retirement courses there for miners, until in turn she herself retired

On 31st March 1951, she married Roy in Holy Rood Church – another spring with unpredictable weather – it snowed on their wedding day!



Marjorie and Roy started married life on Normanton Rd and Helen, their only daughter, was born in 1958. In 1959, they moved into the home in Hall Lane that they had had built on land originally part of Hall Farm. Helen grew up in the village and after school qualified as a nurse, training in Birmingham, and gave Roy and Marjorie two granddaughters - Catherine and Philippa.

But what of the essential Marjorie – her personality, her character?

Marjorie was a great character and showed glimpses of this and of a sharp sense of humour from an early age. On one occasion when she was quite young she went to visit the local baker in the village with her mother. After opening her mouth before she was spoken to (not done in those days) she was "punished" by the baker by being dumped into the flour bin - how times have changed! Yes, she was forthright but she was also someone of principle and integrity.

Marjorie's faith was important to her and she delivered the Parish Magazine, decorated Holy Rood with flowers and polished the brasses. She supported Roy in his duties as Choirmaster for many years and also encouraged and supported Helen who inherited her parents' musical abilities and performed with the Ysabel Choir and in the church choir.

She had an important role as local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator which she took on in her later life. Marjorie was actually a member of the WI from the tender age of 15. Latterly, she attended the Luncheon Club in the village.

Underneath her sometimes forthright manner lay other precious things – the foundation stone of her marriage, her deep love of her family and also a great consideration for others which demonstrated itself in practical help. Behind the scenes Marjorie quietly carried on delivering many acts of kindness for friends and neighbours. She helped out senior members of the community by running errands or taking them shopping for their provisions.

Marjorie was unique and made her mark on life. She was a very special person to her family, her friends and to all the many people whose lives she touched for good. There is no doubt that Packington will be poorer for her passing. She will long be remembered.

Abridged from the eulogy given by Rev. Lesley Birtwhistle, 30/05

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

8th Aug – PMG Annual Breakfast, Bull & Lion, 8:00am
21st Aug – Coffee and Chat, Holy Rood, 9:30pm
26th Aug – Packington Open Gardens, 2:00 – 7:00pm

7th Sept – 71st Horticultural Show, Memorial Hall, 8am
12th Sept – PMG Vineyard Trip, Eglantine Vineyard
14th Sept – Packington Village History Group Open Afternoon, Memorial Hall
18th Sept - Coffee and Chat, Holy Rood, 9:30pm
27th Sept – Maddy Prior in Concert, Memorial Hall

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