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New Editor for the Post

Hello all,

My name is Barry Allread and I have taken over the role as the Editor of the Packington Post from Natalie, who has made a successful job over the last two years and will continue to work as part of the Packington Communications Group team.

My wife, Kelly, and I have lived on Babelake Street for over 2 years now. We are keen runners and enjoy getting involved in local clubs and events: I am a member of Ivanhoe Running Club and the Race Director of the annual Aldi Ashby 20 mile road running race.

I am looking forward to this role and welcome any feedback or contributions you may have to the Post. If you have any articles that you would like to publish in the Post, please contact me on the details given on the back page of this publication.

Packington Parish Council



**HS2 Meeting
to be held on Tuesday
8th October 2013
at 7.00pm at
Memorial Hall, High
Street, Packington**

**The HS2 consultation
period is now
underway until January
2014. Councillors invite
you to come along to
find out how to make
your voice heard.
Don't miss this
opportunity to have
your say!**

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Packington Duck Race

The Annual Duck Race on August Bank Holiday was again a very successful event. What a brilliant sunny evening it was with crowds arriving early and tickets being snapped up from 5:30pm onwards. The first race tickets had all gone by six o'clock and they were off. The duck nudger, Greg Allen, ably assisted by daughter Sarah, got the races under way promptly.

Despite the lack of rainfall in July and August, the Gilawiskaw Brook had just enough water flow to produce some exciting racing. During the short breaks between races, the BBQ was doing a roaring trade with all burgers and sausages sold by the time the last race was won. The Memorial Hall Committee, who organised the event, would like to thank volunteers Dean, Adrian, Pauline, David and Sharon who manned the food stall for their excellent work. Now for the results!

1st Race: Winner Debbie (7); Second Lesley Moore (135); Third Claire Uzzel (75)

2nd Race: Joint Winners David Llewellyn (214) and Eliza (251); Third Sarah Fairbrother (209)

3rd Race: Winner Dylan Peterson (125); Second Michael Perry (52); Third Rachael Miles (44)



However the notorious Packington Rapids section soon sorted the boys from the girls with Diddy Diddy Duck which belonged to Katie Wilson romping home by several metres. Well done Katie!

Thanks to everyone for turning up and to Linda and family for allowing us to use the vicarage front garden. Thank-you also to the Allen family for looking after the ducks, to the ticket sellers who sold prior to the event and to Judith, Kate and Sharon for manning the ticket office on the night. Finally to Daniel who caringly picked all the 450 exhausted ducks up from the Gilawhiskaw Brook and returned them to their pen.

What a great evening and I am happy to report that the event realised just over £400 which will be used to improve and maintain our lovely Memorial Hall

Contact Chris Miles on 414 378

Volunteers Needed For Village Youth Club



The Youth Club has been put on hold at the moment as the wonderful volunteers that have been running it have left. Our massive thanks go to Rachel McKinley and Vince O' Regan for all their hard work and commitment keeping this fantastic club running up until now. There are villagers willing to take on the running of the Youth Club, but will need volunteers that will come along every week to help to staff the session in order for the Club to go ahead. If anyone is interested in volunteering with the Youth Club, please contact Carla on 07799020174 or e-mail carla@harris-marsh.com . The Craft Club is still running at the Village Hall and places can still be booked. The next date for craft club is the 14th September between 2:00 and 4:00pm. To see a sample of what we are making, visit www.facebook.com/homemad eonthehighstreet

Contact Carla – 07799 020 174

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Packington Recreation Ground Charity



**Bonfire Party
Tuesday 5th November
From 7:00pm**

We hope to repeat the success of previous Bonfire Parties and as you can see we are keeping to the traditional date again this year. There is a need to build a safe bonfire, so we are asking those of you who bring material to burn to check the contents before you take it to the site with Chris Miles. He can be contacted on 01530 414 378 or 07856 179 485. Over the last few years the bonfires have been terrific because we have built it from pallets and fencing etc. Smoke was limited because we did not have green material.

Anyone who has any easily combustible wood such as old fence panels, pallets and old sheds, can bring them to the bonfire site or make arrangements for collection by calling the contact numbers below. We hope to start accepting wood from Monday 14th October.

The Bonfire Party will be run on similar lines to previous years. The bonfire will be lit as near to 7pm as possible and there will be two sessions of Display Fireworks. In the interval there will be a sparkler session for youngsters accompanied by an adult and this will be free of charge. The event itself is free but we shall ask you for a donation on entry which will be via the top entrance to the Play-area in Vicarage Lane. Anyone parking in the Recreation Ground

car-park will be asked to walk up to this entrance as it is a safer access in the dark. Your donation can be gift aided on entry so that the Charity can benefit even more, Hot dogs, burgers, punch and drinks can be purchased and we hope you all have an enjoyable time. Please come and support this event no matter what the weather. There will be over £400 of display fireworks and the charity has had to pay a hefty £400 insurance premium to stage this bonfire so we need to see the whole of Packington on the Recreation Ground. Please **do not** bring any of your own fireworks to this event. It is a condition of the insurance that only authorised fireworks are displayed in a safe and secure environment.

The money raised at last year's bonfire night has been spent on adding extra seating in the play area.

We always require more volunteers to run this event. We need to; a) help set up, b) help on the night, c) to pack away. Anyone who can help, please contact me prior to the event so that we can get organised. Don't hold back, please volunteer your services as soon as you can.

Contact Chris on 01530 414 378 or 07856 179 485

Changes needed to the Packington Bus Service

The No.7 bus service from Nuneaton to Ashby de la Zouch is supposed to arrive at The Bull & Lion Pub in Packington each morning at 8.22am and should arrive in Ashby (outside Costa Coffee) at 8.28am. However, the bus has been getting later and later every morning resulting in the school children who catch this bus to be late for school. A parent from the village has contacted Roberts Coaches regarding this and has been informed that they may be able to put on a separate bus service for the school children. However, they require emails from parents for them to consider the amount of people interested. If you are interested in this additional service or the possibility of getting the timetable changed so the bus arrives in Packington slightly earlier, therefore giving the children more time and drops off on North Street, you need to email david.wood@robertscoaches.co.uk with your name, number, bus service you are interested in, your reason for emailing and the number of children you have.

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Dear All,

I love this season of autumn. It is beautiful and a season full of great things. I love its fruitfulness. I love the change in air from that of late summer tiredness to the sharpness of autumn mornings and evenings. Soon the colours will be changing. The fields are in harvest mode with farmers reaping the results of a year's labours. I find myself praising the Lord for the fruits provided on trees and in the wild – blackberries, apples and plums (with attendant wasps). I feel the wonder of the fruitfulness. How lucky we are! And living in a village, in the midst of the countryside, is such a privileged position from which to enjoy it all and savour it.

Yet, the creativity doesn't belong just to the wild places and farms. There is all the creativity of village life itself. This year, there's a chance to enjoy the fruits of human creativity, creativity which I believe God has planted in us. This autumn has an extra feature and that's the Flower Festival running in church on 28th and 29th September. There are so many groups and organizations in the village which all help Packington to be a good place to live. Over 17 of them will be creating displays in church and showing us something about their group. So come along and catch this glimpse of village life overall.

We have to face so much of the bad side of human ingenuity (it's there on our TV screens every day) but God's Spirit produces good fruit in us, as well as in the natural

world. Let's stop at this time of year and give thanks to God for all the goodness. The more we start to give thanks to Him, strangely the more we find there is to give thanks for. And that changes us and our perspective as well.

Yours,

Vivien

Services: September – November 2013

September 22nd

8am Holy Communion
11am 4th Sunday service with a visiting preacher fro Scripture Union

September 29th

10 am Special united service for Flower festival

October 6th

11am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

October 13th

8am Holy Communion
11am Harvest Festival

October 20th

11am Holy Communion

October 27th

8am Holy Communion
11am 4th Sunday

November 3rd

11am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

November 10th

8am Holy Communion
10.50 a.m. Service of Remembrance

November 17th

11 am Holy Communion

On the 1st Wednesday of each month there is a service of Holy Communion at 10am.

'Lights of Love' service: October 19th, 2pm at Measham Church

The 'Lights of Love' service is a special time for those who have lost loved ones to come to church to remember and give thanks. There's a chance to light a candle for your loved one, and we pray for them by name. There are hymns and a Bible reading and we share some thoughts. The service lasts under an hour and all are welcome.

Coffee and Chat at Holy Rood Church



Coffee and Chat takes place between 9:30am and 11:30am on:

Wednesday 18th September
Wednesday 16th October
Wednesday 20th November

Other exciting, upcoming events include a coffee morning on Saturday 16th November 10am – 12pm at Holy Rood Church Packington, with all proceeds being donated to Hospice Hope.

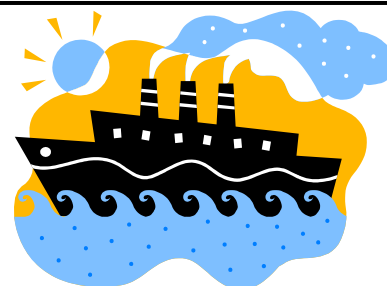
Contact Anne Wathes – 414 621

**Ready, Steady, Stick
Goes on an Adventure Cruise**

Come and join the fun on Tuesday 22nd October in Measham Church Hall or Thursday 24th October in Holy Rood Church, Packington.

Both days run from 2:00 – 4:00pm
This event is open to all children up to the age of 11 years. Children under school age are required to have an adult stay with them.

The cost is only £1.00 per child and includes crafts, music, drama, games and refreshments. Further details available from **Reverend Linda Cox** on **01530 411 642**.



**Packington Cricket Club
Raises Funds for Local
Charity ‘Hospice Hope’**



On Saturday 3rd August, prior to the start of the home fixture, the club President, Roger Muggleton presented a cheque for £150 to Kate Last who received it on behalf of Hospice Hope, which is the charity supported by Packington Cricket Club. The money was raised from a Darts Marathon earlier in the year, held at the local Bull & Lion pub.

This was the second fund raising event held by the club, the first being in December which was a sponsored shave following members taking part in the ‘Mo-vement’ Moustache growing.

I know it is early yet, but winter nets in preparation for next season will start at Ashby Upper School in January, with dates to follow in the Packington Post. The club, as always, welcomes all players of any ability.

Have a good winter and PCC look forward to your support in the next cricket season.

Important PCC dates for your diary:

Saturday 5th October Cricket Club Annual Quiz night at the Village Hall. Other competitions on the night. Contact Giles Bee – 07806 557 728

Saturday 16th November Race night at Bull & Lion, 7.30pm start.

**Contact Roger Muggleton –
07833 445 422**

**Record Numbers at Open
Gardens Event**

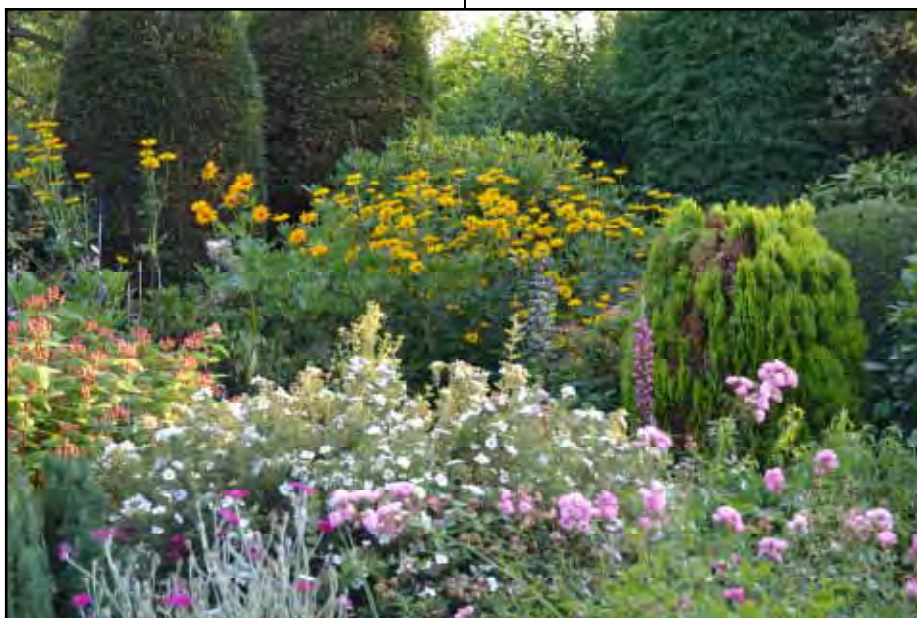
The 24th Annual Open Gardens Day took place on August Bank Holiday Monday when the glorious weather helped to attract record numbers to the village.

In all, over 600 people visited 12 gardens which ranged in size from a few square yards to several acres. The refreshment spots were kept busy with cream teas, cold drinks and ice cream being particularly popular. Live musical entertainment was provided by Nick and Joy Gravestock with friends, the local ‘Phoenix’ ponies

put in an appearance and lots of bargains were picked up on the plant, books, produce, craft and all other gardening stalls. A display in Holy Rood Church by the Packington Village History Group entitled ‘Packington Time Line’ also gave a fascinating insight into life in the village over the centuries.

In all, the event raised a record total in excess of £3,555.00 for the village church building repair fund. Thanks go to everyone who helped in any way to make it such an enjoyable and successful day.

Contact Geoff – 01530 412 012



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PMG News



Early in July 2013 we held our PMG Outdoor Pub Games Evening, and several PMG ladies joined us to play Pétanque at the Belper Arms in nearby Newton Burgoland. An ideal mild summer evening helped us benefit from this exciting game, organised by PMG member Jim Lee, pictured, who selected our teams and also acted as score-keeper. There were some excellent plays, and some very tense moments. The long mid-summer dusk twilight period enhanced our outdoor enjoyment of pub sandwiches and drinks.

In August, our PMG Annual Breakfast was held at our favourite village restaurant, the Bull and Lion, during a period of transition for this village institution. The new B&L team leader, Mandy Mulholland, assisted the departing Lindsay Adams with service of our full- and healthy-option- breakfasts.

Our surprise speaker was PMG founder member Clifford McKee, who talked about his experience of surviving cancer and testified to the unbelievably caring people who had looked after him. We heard some cogent health advice distilled from Clifford's recent experience, and such wise counsel from the hard-won experience of a close friend was salutary to us all.

In September 2013, we took a conducted tour of the Costock, Notts Eglantine Vineyard with its 4,000 vines heavy with grapes, and its purpose-built winery, ending with a brief taste of the produce.

Dates for your diary: October 10th at 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room. Former Olympic Volunteer, Greg Clark, an Ashby dentist, has vivid memories of the "buzz" gained as one of the bright volunteers who became a symbol of the 2012 London Olympic Games, and will describe his experiences in our PMG Evening Presentation. On Thursday eve 14th November, we join village Ladies at the Memorial Hall for a live edition of BBC Gardeners' Question Time.



For more on PMG, see the new village website "Packington dot info", or contact **Robert Dilworth** PMG Secretary 411673 rd.i@virgin.net

Thanks from the Bull and Lion



Hello Everyone,

Just wanted to say a big "thank you" for the support I received during my stay at the Bull and Lion Pub. I made so many new friends and kept in touch with lots of old ones, many of whom were a lot of help behind the scenes and were always there for me. I would especially like to thank Kev for forming The Thirsty Club, Wally for his support through the Packington Men's Group, Steve for instigating the return of The 41 Club and Wendy for organising the return of the Packington Ladies' Group. I will miss everyone very much but will be returning on occasion to help Amanda, Alex and Georgia as they get busier. I hope you will all continue to give them your support.

*Thanks once again,
Lindsay*

Clifford McKee

PMG Guest Speaker

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Tuesday 3:00pm – 4:00pm in the main hall

Tuesday 5:45pm – 6:45pm in the meeting room (This class is FULL but please ring to be put on a waiting list)

Friday 2:00pm – 3:00pm and 5:00pm – 6:00pm in the main hall

Class cost £5.50 per session



If you would like more classes at lunchtime or in the afternoon, please ring to give me your name, number and time suitable as there is a very good chance more classes will be coming soon! There is also a 1:1 personal training option available.

Contact Kelly – 07899 921 475

Holy Rood Church Packington

Holy Rood Church

PACKINGTON COMMUNITY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Floral Displays From Village Organisations

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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**18th Sept** - Coffee and Chat, Holy Rood, 9:30am**27th Sept** – Maddy Prior in Concert, Memorial Hall**28th – 29th** – Flower Festival at the Church**5th Oct** – Cricket Club Quiz Night, Memorial Hall**8th Oct** – HS2 Meeting with PPC, Memorial Hall, 7:00pm**10th Oct** – PMG Greg Clarke Talk, Memorial Hall 7:15pm**16th Oct** – Coffee and Chat, Holy Rood, 9:30am**19th Oct** – Lights of Love Service, Measham Church**22nd Oct** – Ready Steady Stick, Measham Church, 2-4pm**24th Oct** - Ready Steady Stick, Holy Rood, 2-4pm**5th Nov** – Bonfire Party, Recreation Ground, 7.00pm**14th Nov** – PMG Gardener's QT, Memorial Hall**16th Nov** – Charity Coffee Morning, Holy Rood, 10 – 2pm**16th Nov** – PCC Race Night, Bull & Lion Pub, 7:30pm

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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).

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