



Packington Bonfire Night

Report by Chris Miles - Packington Recreation Ground Committee

What a great event. With near perfect weather conditions, the bonfire, constructed by long time expert Bob Plant, roared away at 7-00pm. Within seconds the flames were a splendid sight. At their peak the flames were estimated at over fifty feet high and were warming the crowd. A well organised team in the refreshment tent had started serving early arrivals at 6-30pm and I am told that, despite facing the fireworks again this year, they hardly had a moment to appreciate the display.

Following a 15 minute sparkler session for children with parent the fireworks display began at about 7-30pm. The first set saw a continuous barrage of noise and colour accompanied by some exciting and suitable music which hopefully enhanced the excitement and wonder. At about 7-50pm there was a lull in proceedings whilst the firework team were then setting up for the finale and despite having to improvise a rocket launching tube for the biggest rocket in the display the programme continued with some very expensive 'cakes' giving a spectacular sight. In all over £500 worth of explosions were seen

The organisers, 'The Packington Recreation Ground Charity' would like to thank the many volunteers who enabled this event to run safely and successfully, particularly to Bob, Alan, Gill, Ian and Colin for fire and fireworks; to cooks Dean and Daniel; to Pauline and Rachael for organising the food, soup and drinks and Kate, Zoe,

and newcomers Becky and Richard for serving and to Marion and Janet who supervised the entrance.

I would also like to thank Colin, Alan, Dan and Ian for their fantastic energy and commitment in their field preparation for the event and to Colin again for helping the following day to dismantle the tents, the fencing, the tables, the rubbish etc.

As most will know, the Recreation Ground Charity recently renewed a rope walk-way in the play area last month at a cost of £2100. So the profits from this year's bonfire party will be used to build up the contingency reserves in the charity account. Once again the Bonfire Night was financially sustainable and with an increased attendance and some generous donations I am pleased to say that nearly £900 was made on the night. (Gate donations £966; Food and drinks £310; Gift aid approx £112; on the minus side £500 for the fireworks.) Finally can I thank all those who supported the event and thank-you to the resident who donated having watched the display from her bedroom and to the family who donated having watched the event whilst in the hot tub!! We hope to repeat the success on the 5th November next year.
Contact. Chris Miles

Quotes from Zac Holden

"I really enjoyed the Bonfire Party especially the crackling and noisy fireworks."

"The food was really tasty especially the burgers."

"The bonfire was very big and I found it very warm by the fence."

"I thought the music was great."



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Packington Parish Council

The Parish Council has supported the idea that a plaque is to be erected in Coalville, commemorating those in the forces who have lost their lives serving the country since world war two. This initiative is being organised by NW Leics District Council and they would like to know if anyone from this Parish should be named on the plaque. If you have further details please contact the Parish Clerk or the NWLeics District Council.



Packington HS2 Action Group

I hope by now you will have received our newsletter. You will probably know that the Government have recently passed a bill in Parliament that enables them to release money to spend on preparatory work for the HS2 project. We know that they are not really interested in changing the route of HS2 as it is their preferred option. No other option is being consulted on at this time. Only minor changes will be made. We think that the business case for this project is flawed. The journey time savings are misleading. The capacity issues have not been thought through. The environmental disturbance and disruption to those living close to the proposed route will be intolerable. The financial legacy for future generations will be a great burden. There are no benefits for us. There will be plenty of negatives for us,

We urge you to react to the consultation by doing a number of things.

1. Go to one of HS2 Ltd road-shows and ask questions!
2. Fill in the consultation form online or simply write to the address shown below with your views. We feel that the online questions are loaded in favour of the HS2 project and the yes/no answer format should be accompanied by a short explanations.
3. Write or email your MP and the Transport Minister (see below.)
4. Tell your friends, family and colleagues to react to this project. The consultation has only been sent to those living with a kilometre away from the proposed route!

It is our money they are using to promote and build this project and we believe that this vast amount of money should be used in alternative ways to help the whole country.

Report by Chris Miles

For Consultation Replies use;
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 Phase Two Route Consultation,
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 HARROW HA1 9LH
 Email h2phasetworoute@ipsos.com
 website www.hs2.org.uk

Patrick McLoughlin
 Dept of Transport
 33 Horseferry Road
 LONDON SW1P 4DR

patrick.mcloughlin@parliament.uk

More information for objections;
"Action Alliance Against HS2"
www.hs2actionalliance.org

Wednesday 27th November 2013
 from 12pm – 8pm, Measham
 Leisure Centre &

Thursday 5th December 2013 from
 12pm – 8pm, Hood Park Leisure
 Centre, Ashby De La Zouch

Our Hall wins RCC Award and Prize

Packington Memorial Hall beat off tough competition to win the Rural Community Council (RCC) 2013 Award for **Best Community Hall** in Leicestershire & Rutland and scoop the £250 prize.

The judge's agreed that Packington Memorial Hall is a superb community facility. The judges were impressed by the appearance of the hall; the continued improved facilities and the plans for future improvements. They were also impressed by the amount of community events that were held at the hall. They were particularly pleased with the big events where the community took part such as The Packington Bake Off. The Big Breakfast; the Horticultural Show; the Lunch Club, the Duck Race and the concerts that were arranged in conjunction with Centre Stage productions. The judging panel also thought that the variety of clubs, societies and groups using the hall was quite outstanding and they concluded that the Memorial Hall had a hard working, committed group of volunteers running the hall really well.

The winner's certificate was presented by Lady Gretton JP, to Chris Miles, Chair, Adrian Mongredien, secretary and Judith Wilson, Treasurer at the awards ceremony on September 19th 2013.



Packington's 1st Flower Festival



Around 350 people visited Packington's first Community Flower Festival which took place in Holy Rood Church when some 25 village groups, businesses and individuals put on an extensive range of imaginative displays. Donations and sales of refreshments over the two days totalled £600.81p. From this, £300 has been given to the Rainbows Hospice for children and young people with the balance less expenses of the Flower Festival going to church funds. Altogether, this was a very enjoyable and successful event which can hopefully be repeated in the future.



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Christmas Celebration Lunch

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Sunday 1st December Served at 1:00pm in Packington Memorial Hall

Home Cooked 3 Course Luncheon Menu - £6 per person

**Roast Beef or Roast Turkey with trimmings served with a selection of potatoes & vegetables* (vegetarian option available)*

Christmas Pudding or Lemon Tart served with custard or cream

Coffee or Tea & Mince Pies

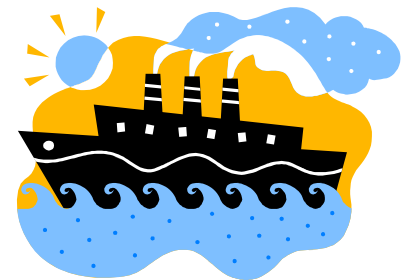
****Christmas gift for everyone****

If you would like to book a place then please contact :
Chris Miles 414378 Rachael Miles 413795 Sharron Miller 413946

Please reply by 28th November

Available for 60+ residents and friends of Packington!

Ready, Steady, Stick Cruises to Bethlehem!



Saturday 14th December
In

St Laurence's Church Hall, Measham 10am - 2pm

Come and join us on the cruise as we sail the seas to Bethlehem. There will be crafts, (including junk modelling), songs, games, stories and even lunch!

It is open to all children of primary school age and younger. Those not of school age will require a parent to remain with them.

Cost: £2.00 per child

Further details available from Revd. Linda Cox 01530 411642

New for Christmas 2013!! Carols at the Memorial Hall
Thursday 19th December at 6.45pm



Come and sing Christmas carols outside the Memorial Hall (if the weather allows) or inside the hall. Sing the traditional Christmas carols and possible one or two new ones. Get into the mood for this great season of celebration. The carol singing will be followed by mince pies and coffee or mulled wine.

CHARITY FASHION COMING TO ASHBY



Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch Castle will be hosting it's second Charity Fashion Show and Clothes Sale on Wednesday 27th November starting at 7:30pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Ashby de la Zouch. Money is being raised to support the Trade AID project in Tanzania. Following on from the success of last years inaugural event the Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch Castle will once again bring a taste

of Milan to Ashby! Over £250 was raised at last year's event and it is hoped that this figure will be beaten this year.

SOS Fashion will be providing the clothing from a host of major High Street names including M&S, Next, Monsoon, Evans, Wallis and many more. Members of the local community will be providing the entertainment by modelling many of the ranges on the catwalk, all of which and more will be available to try on and buy at the end of the fashion show at discounts of up to 50% compared to High Street prices! All ages and fashion styles are catered for with sizes ranging from 8 - 26 so there really will be something for everyone.

The event is being organised by the Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch Castle's International Committee with one of their chosen charities this year being the Trade AID project in Tanzania. Money is being raised towards the £425 cost of providing a Trade AID box which will contain specially selected supplies to provide people with a head start in recovering from a disaster or to start working for themselves. A Trade AID box can be assembled to serve the needs of virtually any vital community role such as teachers, builders, mechanics, carpenters and so on.....

Entrance is just £5 and the fashion show will start at 7:30pm at the Methodist Church Hall, 32 Burton Road, Ashby de la Zouch. A range of refreshments will be available on the night. Tickets are available from La Zouch Restaurant, Kilwardby Street, Ashby de la Zouch, or by email to dalewarren1982@btinternet.com.

BIG CHARITY BREAKFAST
Saturday 1st March 2014

Mike Coke has announced that next year's Charity Breakfast will

be in aid of the DEFIBRILLATOR FUND.

The Memorial Hall Committee has agreed the date and that all proceeds should go to a new fund to provide an AED outside the hall for use by anyone in the village. More information about what is an AED and how to use it can be found at www.bhf.org.uk and search for defibrillator.



Come along and enjoy a great breakfast and support this fund. The aim is to raise at least £750. As usual volunteers will be needed to make sure the event runs smoothly so I will be on the lookout for helpers. Can you take on a one hour session? Cooking or plating up; serving at table; washing up using the new dishwasher; making toast; making tea and coffee..... the list goes on.

Please get in touch mike.coke@talktalk.net or 560430

SUPPORT LOROS THIS CHRISTMAS

Imagine winning £10,000 cash to spend on anything you like! Or would you prefer to drive away a brand new Fiat 500 this Christmas? That is the choice the first prize winner of this year's LOROS Christmas raffle will have to make. Not only are LOROS raffles a great way to help fund the vital work carried out at the hospice, it's a great way to thank supporters by offering a chance to win fantastic prizes. Previous raffles have been incredibly successful and with £4.5

million to raise this year it is hoped that this one will be no exception. Every ticket sold will bring in essential funds to help local people when they need it most. Lottery Manager Liz Singleton says "Our hospice and home support services offer caring expertise to patients and families who may be spending their last days, even hours together, and the thoughtfulness of our supporters across the region will enable us to provide the best possible quality of life during these precious times".

Tickets are available from early October in all LOROS shops or by ringing the LOROS lottery office direct on 0116 2318430 and every £1 ticket bought will help LOROS to continue to provide care across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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BUS SERVICE ALERT

Under new Leicester County Council proposals, Packingtons bus

service (No 7) to Ashby will change to a 3 times a day timetable – at these times

Packington to Ashby - 10.45, 14.45 & 18.45
Ashby to Packington – 7.00, 11.00 & 15.00

These times make absolutely no sense at all in that they give passengers 4 hours shopping time Ashby and fail to provide access to and from Ashby Schools, Doctors surgery's and the feasibility to connections to return with Burton or Leicester.

Even if you are not currently a bus user, consider what this means for the future of our village and the villagers who do need a usable bus service – make your opinion known www.leics.gov.uk/transportconsultation .

We bus users need your help!

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

It has been yet another exciting start to our new academic year with lots of good news to set us on our way; including excellent SATs results, the achievement of a kite mark for our sports work and an opportunity to meet Princess Anne. Please do enjoy reading about our news and forthcoming events:

“Our Year of Determination”

This year is “Our Year of Determination” to encourage our pupils to develop positive learning attitudes, aspiration, resilience, and a determination to succeed. Our work will link subjects and themes throughout the year including PSHE, Art, Science, Philosophy and RE but will also explore issues such as how to develop good friendships and how to develop a positive mindset and belief in yourself.

We have already started some of the work as part of our annual review of behaviour where pupils help staff identify the stop and start behaviours for our 1,2,3 Magic Behaviour Policy. This activity enables the staff and pupils to identify what makes a positive school environment and helps good learning to take place.

The year was officially launched with a special “Learning Superhero Day” where pupils explored the skills and qualities needed to succeed and set their own personal goals. A display of learning superheroes, including Captain Creative, who has great “looking” powers, Miss Muscles, who is speedy and flexible and Map Man, who has a good knowledge of places, is on display in school.

Over the year the work will continue and will include activities to look at positive role models, the introduction of a Head Boy and Head Girl, regular opportunities to review and update personal targets, and a friendship week. The year will end with a celebration of “Our Year of Determination” and a special graduation ceremony.

Super SATs Results

We are delighted with our marvellous 2013 SATS results. The children have made us very proud both at KS1 and KS2 and once again all our results are better than those in the local authority and nationally so we are really glowing with our consistently high attainment and outstanding progress!

Our Year 6 pupils worked especially hard with **all** pupils achieving above national expectations (level 4) in Maths, English and Science and the number of children achieving the higher level 5 was also superb.

Sports kite mark

We are really pleased to announce that the school has been awarded with the Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Kite mark for its sports work. To achieve the mark the school has to provide at least 2 hours physical activity during curriculum time, engage in competitions and provide a wide variety of extra-curricular sports opportunities. The award reflects our commitment to provide high quality sports and improve the well being of our pupils.

School at Flower Festival

The school recently took part in a Flower Festival hosted by Holy Rood Church. Our display was based around a number of key themes representing our distinctive Christian ethos, the importance of community to the school and our future hopes and dreams:

The design incorporated a tree to represent our love of the local environment and our participation in activities with the National Forest Partnership. It also reminded us of our beautiful cedar tree that was felled and "lives" on in school in the form of our beautiful wood sculpture of the Packington School Bell. To remind us about this the school bell emblem was placed on the trunk of the tree and decorated in the school colours of blue and yellow, using flowers collected by the children. This also reminded us about the importance of our community links, particularly, the help of the Packington History Group in finding out about the history of the cedar tree and the support of the Horticultural Society in helping the pupils to plant a new tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

Doves were placed on the tree to represent our Christian ethos and our eight Christian values of

thankfulness, peace, patience, endurance, justice, friendship, compassion and trust.

Paper flowers were made by the pupils to represent "Our Year of Determination" and the pupils as they blossom and grow. Each child made their own petal putting on it their dream for the future and what they would like to become when they are older.

By Royal Appointment



It was a great honour to be invited by the National Forest Partnership to participate in a tree planting ceremony attended by Princess Anne. Twenty three pupils took part in the activity including our Head Boy and Girl, the Fun Singers, the Eco Committee and the Environment Club. The afternoon began with a walk across the fields to the tree planting site where the children worked in pairs to plant over 100 trees. We then watched the arrival of Princess Anne in her helicopter.

Our Fun Singers then sang "Thank You for the Trees" to all the VIP guests, who included Para-Olympian Ellie Simmonds. Next, it was our turn to watch Princess Anne and Ellie Simmonds plant their trees. Then came the highlight when they walked over to talk to us. Princess Anne asked about the age of the pupils and Ellie Simmonds was eager to talk about sport and swimming and really inspired us to be determined and aim for our dreams. It was a

fantastic afternoon completed by a muddy, but fun walk, back to our cars.



Gruesome Science

The children were buzzing at our recent problem solving morning as they had the opportunity to carry out some "gruesome" science investigations. "It's been great", one child announced "we've been making snot!" Do take a look at some of the wonderful photographs on the school website of our brilliant scientists at work if you get the chance.

New outdoor Stage

The Robins and Mrs Rogers were delighted to return after the half term break to find a fantastic stage in their outdoor learning area, and of course it didn't take long before our young thespians were given it a try. Our thanks go to the PSA and Mr Keller for making this project possible. We plan to have an official opening ceremony on Friday 29th November.

Packington to host Cross Country

Packington will once again host a cross country event for all the schools who are members of the NW Small Schools Network now known as the Unity Partnership. The event at Packington is extremely popular and rated one of the best in the cross country calendar, it also provides a superb opportunity for the children to

meet with others and encourages them to have a go at running. We do recognise the disruption that it causes in the village and have always been grateful for the support we receive from our local community. On behalf of the Unity and all the children who take part we would like to say a great big thank you to all the residents of Packington for their cooperation and understanding. This year the event will take place on Saturday 18th January. So please be aware of the extra traffic in the village.

REVEREND VIVIEN ELPHICK



Dear All,
Sitting down to write this at the beginning of November, it felt too soon for Christmas thoughts. However, TV ads. have reminded me that Christmas will soon be upon us.

I guess there will be the usual stories of how many people do or don't believe in the birth of Jesus Christ, and how many will, or won't, attend carol services. I'd like for a few minutes here to give space to think again about this most amazing story ever. It's a big story, in fact a huge story that we've domesticated and made small.

It's a story with a cosmic setting – before the universe began, Jesus Christ was. Through him everything that has been created was created, for Jesus Christ is

divine. The Christian story says that it is this Jesus Christ who born as a human on our earth – no wonder the angels couldn't keep quiet.

It's a story with a very human setting – Jesus was born into an ordinary family. He was visited by shepherds (religious outsiders) and by the wise men. He experienced early the effects of badness in the person of his persecutor King Herod. God so values our humanity that he became one of us in the humble, messy way of human birth. That family had an encounter with an extraordinary God who did something so amazing that it changed the world for ever.

In the coming days, which will be busy, do take some time aside to be quiet – visit Mary and Joseph and their baby – return to that family scene and discover its message and meaning for you afresh. And there are many opportunities to do so at your local church, Holy Rood:

On Advent Sunday, 1st December, it's the Christingle service for all ages. On the 8th December come to the toy service (we are collecting new toys for distribution through the Marlene Reid Centre to families in need in the area) linked to our instant nativity – you can be a shepherd or angel and see what it was like! From mid-December, come into the church on any day and 'Experience Christmas' through an interactive display. And that's just for starters – see our list of services for more!

In the New Year, there'll be a 6 session exploration of the Christian faith (ring me if you're interested in coming).

May you know the Christ child born anew this Christmas.

God bless, Vivien

Services: November – December 2013

November 17th
11 am Holy Communion

November 24th
11 am 4th Sunday service with Ashby Youth for Christ

December 1st
11am Morning Worship
4pm Christingle service

December 8th
11am All age Christmas and Toy service

December 15th
11am Holy Communion

December 22nd
No 11am service
6pm Christmas Carol Service (let Vivien Elphick know on 270354 if you'd like to choose a carol)

**December 24th Christmas Eve
4pm Crib service
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion**

**December 25th Christmas Day
9.30am All age communion service at Normanton**

Coffee and Chat
Holy Rood Church,
Packington



Do come and join us for freshly brewed coffee, tea and mincepies at our Christmas coffee morning on 18th December. 9:30am – 11:30am



The WI's October meeting was well attended, and members enjoyed a talk entitled A Tourist's View of Russia by local resident David Fill.

Mr Fill was already proficient in three languages when he was required by the Army to learn Russian. This gave him an abiding interest in the country, which he subsequently visited many times. He illustrated his talk with slides, which proved most interesting.

The competition, for A Memento of Russia, was won by Hazel Brown, with a Russian doll. Second was Margaret Stalker (a Cossack hat), and third Ruth Morris (a samovar). A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Beryl Latham.

Sue Talbot acted as secretary for the evening in the absence of Sandra Hawley, who is currently in Coalville Hospital and much missed. Several members have visited her and it is hoped she will soon be well enough to resume her post.

New committee members are urgently needed

The WI's annual general meeting on November 7 saw the re-election for the seventh successive year of Margaret Stalker as President. Margaret said that although she enjoyed the position "this year really must be my last".

Beryl Latham, who has been treasurer for a similar length of time, resigned, and Ann Keast has taken on the job. Her former role as Vice-President will be filled by Margaret Aspinall. In the absence through illness of secretary Sandra

Hawley (who, happily, is now home again after a prolonged stay in hospital) Sue Talbot agreed to become acting secretary. The new press secretary is Ann Roberts, who will contribute reports to the Ashby Times, Packington Post, the Packington website and the Institute's County News.

A vote of thanks to all officers and members of the committee for their hard work during the year was proposed by Doreen Roberts.

In her annual report Margaret said 2013 had been a happy and successful year, the various activities including a charity concert by the Gresley Boys' Choir in May, a coffee morning in August, with another to come on November 30. Membership now stood at 46

Winner of the cup awarded to the member who had won most of the monthly competitions went to Hazel Brown.

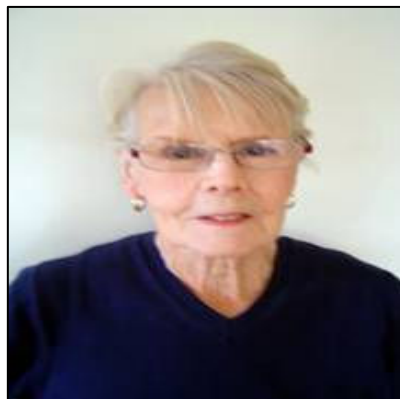
The Christmas party will be held on Thursday 5th December, when the entertainer will be the well known Flossie. Bring a plate, knife, fork and glass.

Packington & Normanton Church Ladies Group

For the last few years, Packington & Normanton Church Ladies Group have collected items for the annual Link Romania Family Shoebox Appeal. This year 28 shoe boxes have been made up and forwarded to Ashby Youth for Christ who co-ordinate the appeal in this area.

These will form part of the consignment of several hundred boxes sent by them to the National appeal which will help bring a smile to the faces of children in Moldova and Romania this Christmas.

Betty Carter Retires from the Post



Betty Carter who, with husband Eric, have been staunch supporters of and contributors to the Packington Post since the beginning in 2003, has announced her retirement from distributing to High Street and Hall Lane. Betty, who had a background in publishing local newspapers before coming to live in Packington, was a regular contributor, on behalf of the Packington WI, also at Communication Group committee meetings as well as helping with distribution. On behalf of the Packington Post and the whole village we would like to thank her and Eric for all their input and wish them well for the future.

STOTT PILATES CLASSES AT MEMORIAL HALL

Tuesdays 2.00pm to 3.00pm & 5.45pm to 6.45pm

Fridays 2.00pm to 3.00pm & 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Classes cost £5.50, contact Kelly for more information or to book on 07899921475 or bodysoul@outlook.com -

One to one personalised sessions are also available contact me for more details.



In **September 2013** PMG took a conducted tour of the Costock, Notts **Eglantine Vineyard**. After our arrival photo, above,



proprietor **Veronica Skuriat** showed us the vineyard, whose 4,000

vines in dozens of rows held ripening green grapes, protected from wind by towering lines of bushy conifers. We came to the , purpose-built winery, for a lecture amid the wine-presses by husband **Tony Skuriat**, and then only a very brief taste of



the produce. Honest!

In **October**, former **2012 Olympic Games Volunteer**, local dentist **Greg Clark** was



our **Guest Speaker** and wore with pride his smart bright olympic volunteer's uniform

with accompanying specially branded day shoulder bag, to describe the selection and training processes, and the many fun moments of the Games themselves. Well-illustrated with some startling and clever photographs, **Greg's talk** gave us a great feel for what it was actually like to be there, in the Olympic park, for the two weeks of the games, as one of the **70,000 Olympic "Games-Maker" volunteers** who



selflessly gave their time and energy, without pay, to ensure success for the games.

On **Thursday eve 12th December 2013** our **PMG seasonal party evening** is to be held at our re-juvenated village pub-restaurant, the **Packington Bull and Lion**, under its dedicated new management team and new chef , who will provide a **two-course seasonal meal in our own private room for £10**. **More details to come**, expect an early start, but we can look forward to a nice evening meal and a fun sociable time.

Tickets in advance, please, from treasurer Wally on 416786.

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



MARK PAGE REPORTS



The Village of Signs?

With new signs seeming to appear every month in Packington, are we the most over-signed village in England? The definitive answer to this is no!

The village of Feock in Cornwall is blighted with nearly 900 signs, that's one for every three residents! At least it doesn't appear to be that bad here... yet!

Crime and Punishment in Packington

With a recent burglary taking place in Packington, do you ever wonder what happened to criminals in the nineteenth century?

On the 6th August 1828, a man was charged with stealing a horse worth £30 (£2762 today.) For committing this crime, he was sentenced to death in Derby!

Another crime in Packington happening 6 years later was the theft of a hive of bees from the boarding school on Spring Lane by a 40 year old man. He was imprisoned for 3 months, 'and kept to hard labor.'

I don't imagine someone who steals a horse or some bees these days gets sentenced to death!



News from the Packington Village History Group

A well attended Memorial Hall played host to the Packington History Group who presented "Packington Observed" on Saturday 14th September.

Extensive records, photos and maps –some dating back to the 17th century - were on display covering local events, carnivals, the village school and much more.

This was a unique opportunity to meet our local historians and see what information there are in our archives of the area that you live in, collected over many years.

We have published several booklets documenting life in the village and area over the years and these are available at modest cost.

For further details of what is available or if you wish to join the History Group please contact Peter Cooper (412723) or Wally Instrall (416786).

Can you help?



The above photograph was taken at a School Play around 1963 / 1964 – is this correct?

The History Group have successfully identified 3 of the group, left to right

- No 1 in Judith Moore
- No 5 in Kevin Ford
- No 8 in Andrew Smith



REIKI

Hi, my name is Sharron Miller and I've been a Packington resident for just over 3 years now. For those of you that don't know me, I am a Reiki Master Teacher/Practitioner and a Meditation Teacher and my business is called For Mind Body and Soul. I offer Reiki sessions, run Reiki Courses and Workshops, Meditation Groups and do Hopi Ear Candles. We are all individual and that is why every session is tailored to your needs, looking at the body holistically, rather than just the problem.

I can hear lots of you asking yourself at this point, "What on earth is Reiki"? Well, Reiki is a system of gentle natural healing which helps to rebalance the subtle energy systems, helping to release any blockages (think of Acupuncture without the needles!). It is totally non-intrusive and is the only therapy to have no contra-indications and can be used for a variety of problems ranging from physical problems, emotional issues, those "stuck in a rut" times, sleeping problems and so much more. It is not in any way a form of religion or linked to any religious practice, neither is it intended to diagnose or replace western medicine. Reiki works perfectly alongside any conventional treatment or

counselling, fully supporting both your mind and body.

I am also proud to be a volunteer therapist for Hospice Hope (which is charity based in Ashby for those suffering from Cancer and Life Limiting Illness) where the guests regularly receive Reiki and take part in group Meditation & Relaxation sessions.

If you would like further information on how Reiki may benefit you, would like to know

questions, please feel free to take a look at my website

<http://www.formindbodyandsoul.co.uk> or contact me on 07902 466611.

Namaste



Christmas at the Bull And Lion

Over Christmas we are offering a festive Christmas menu at £18.95 for 3 courses. Ideal for friends, family and work parties starting from the 1st of December through to the 23rd of dec! £5 per head deposit required. We would be grateful if pre order menu selections are made two weeks prior to your reservation.

For bookings or a menu call in and see us or call 01530 587371

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Wednesday 27th November – Charity Fashion Show & Clothes Sale, Methodist Church, Ashby 7.30pm

Sunday 1st December – Christmas Celebration Lunch, Memorial Hall, 1.00pm

Thursday 12th December - PMG Seasonal Party, Bull & Lion

Saturday 14th December - Ready, Steady, Stick Cruise to Bethlehem, St Lawrence's Church, Measham

Wednesday 18th December – Coffee & Chat, Holy Road, 9.30am

Thursday 19th December – Carols, Memorial Hall, 6.45pm

Sunday 22nd December – Christmas Carol Service, Holy Road, 6.00pm

Wednesday 15th January – Coffee & Chat, Holy Road, 9.30am

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Village Welcome Pack

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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