

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Wednesday 26th March – Packington Book Group will be reading “The Ladder of Years” by Anne Tyler, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Saturday 29th March – Monday 28th April – Experience Easter, 6 displays about the story of Easter.

Wednesday 9th April – PMG visit to Seal Elastics, 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th April - Ready, Steady, Stick Cruise to the Cross, St Laurences Church Hall, Measham, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 23rd April – Packington Book Group will be discussing Mary Barton by Elizabeth Gaskell, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Saturday 7th June – Packington observed open day, hosted by Packington History Group, Memorial Hall, 12.00 midday

Saturday 28th June – Rotary Community event at Plummer’s Wood

Send important diary dates in for the May 2014 edition to editor@packington.info

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Ashby Food & Drink Festival Sat 26th May
www.foodgusto.co.uk



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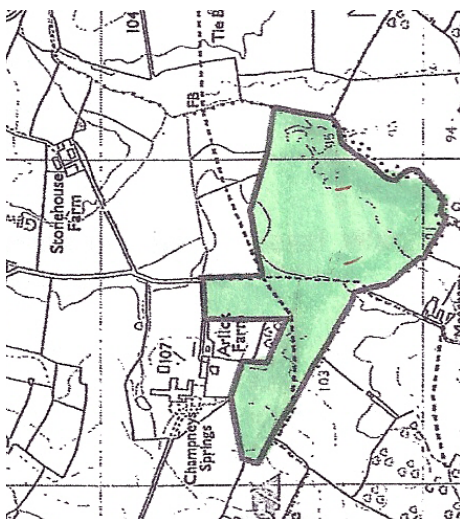
Solar Energy Park Planned



A Solar Energy Park is being proposed at the end of Babelake Street near Springs. A consultation meeting takes place

Thursday 27th March

5.00pm – 8.00pm Memorial Hall



Planning Committee meeting for the following applications:

Planning App ref 13/00959/OUTM

at Spring Lane and Normanton Road for 49 houses

Planning App ref 13/01002/OUTM

for 35 houses opposite Spring Lane on Normanton Road.

The above planning applications will be heard by NWLDC planning committee on 6th May or 10th June. Members of the public are free to attend and if you wish to speak to make representations it is necessary to apply to NWLDC.

Lisa Mayles of Normanton Road is co-ordinating representations please contact her for information. Contact number 412367.

In addition to those proposed developments a further application for 4 houses on land behind 53 Normanton Road has been submitted.

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BEST CHARITY BREAKFAST SO FAR!

Who would have believed that the cooking crew would be required to feed 274 customers? Well that is just what happened at the third annual Charity Breakfast on 1st March held in the Memorial Hall.



Thanks to the Post for their headline in the last issue inviting YOU to come and make up the numbers to 200, an extra 75 arrived, including our local MP Andrew Bridgen and his son.

As well as thanking all the customers, thanks are especially due to Food Gusto for sponsoring the printing and publicity, Daybreak Services for their 'flexible' approach to supplies and the many, many volunteers without whom this event could not take place.

The total raised, including £221 from the raffle, is £1132. A brilliant amount, which means that we can go ahead with the purchase of our Defibrillator without delay.



Defibrillator update

Thanks to the magnificent result at the Charity Breakfast we can complete this project before Easter. An application for a grant from British Heart Foundation (BHF) was successful and the Zoll plus AED has been ordered and is now here. Research into a cabinet is underway and should be delivered by the time this Post is put through your door. This will need to be fixed in place outside the Memorial Hall and an electric supply connected to the heater. **SO WATCH THIS SPACE.**

Training, by East Midlands Ambulance Service, will take place for anyone who is interested on Tuesday 8th April from 09.00 to 12.00 in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall

Please let me have your name if you wish to reserve a place on this course.



If you are unable to make the training Mike Coke will consider arranging a further date. Contact Mike on:

mike.coke@talktalk.net

You do not need training to operate the AED as the machine tells you what to do.

Community orchard

On the 22nd February, volunteers met to plant the next batch of trees for the Community Orchard in Packington Wood. With twenty trees planted this time, the total is now over sixty! The trees include five varieties of apple native to the United Kingdom, such as the Lord Derby, a cooking apple first introduced in the 1850s, and the Discovery, a desert apple.



There are also plums, pears, cherries and damsons. As the trees are not fully established at the moment, there won't be much fruit to start with, but hopefully it won't be too long before there's lots of fruit to pick!

Interesting photo.....

This group were seen walking along Spring Lane on Saturday 8th March.



Who are they? And what were they doing? Do you have any information? Please email: editor@packington.info

This term the Eagles explored "What is special about marriage?" The Owls looked at "New life" and the Robins and Blackbirds asked "Who is a Christian and what do they believe?" Pupils particularly enjoyed looking at staff baby and wedding photos and FS/KS1 pupils enjoyed participating in Godly play and making models of churches.

We also started to make a special outdoor reflection area. This will be known as our tree of reflection where the children will have the opportunity to hang up questions and their reflections about the world, life and beliefs. Reflections will be written on a blank CD and hung on a tree situated in the amphitheatre. Pupils representing each class have already worked with a parent, Mrs Harris Marsh to make a tiled mosaic sign to be displayed next to the tree.

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Join Us For A FAMILY FUN DAY
Saturday 28th June 12-5pm
Plummers Wood, Babelake Street, Packington

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Whether you can spare an hour a week or a day a year, we have roles working with young people or helping behind the scenes. With full support and training, you can experience the fun, friendship and adventure of Scouting. In Packington we run Beavers for boys and girls aged 6-8 each Thursday (5.15-6.30).

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News from the School

We are now into the second part of Our Year of Determination and this term the focus has been on our community so in this edition of the post we thought we would tell you about our Food Bank Challenge and how it has been very important to us. However, as you will see it has been a busy term at the school so do also enjoy finding out about some of the things we have been doing in RE and Collective Worship as well as our residential visit to Beaumanor.

Our Challenge to Help the Ashby Food Bank

Our project to support the Ashby Food Bank started when Reverend Tim Philips came to visit and told everybody in Collective Worship about the Ashby Food Bank. He explained how some people could not afford to buy food and needed to go to get food from a food bank. People who need help have to get a special form from somebody like a doctor, head teacher, or a social worker. They can then go to the food bank and are given 3 days of food to help them in an emergency. The Ashby food bank has helped over 500 people and half of them have been children. All the food is donated and the food bank is run by volunteers.



Mrs Price then challenged us to work in our classes to encourage our families and our local community to work together to collect as much food as we could to take to the food bank.

Some of us did some research to find out more. The Owls and Eagles interviewed Reverend Tim to find out more. We wanted to know what sort of food was needed and why. Some of us wrote letters to parents. The best ideas were put together in a letter that everybody took home. Another person wrote to Reverend

Lesley so she could make an announcement in Church. We also made posters to go up around the school, village and in church. We put boxes out to collect the food in the entrance hall. Each week the school council put the food on display so parents and children could see how well we were doing.

Reverend Vivien also visited and led a collective worship on inequality. She used a chocolate cake to help us think about justice and how unfair life can be.

Once a week a group of children went with Mrs Price to take the food to the food bank and they also helped weigh, label and store the food. Alex and Josh helped put together a bag of food to go to someone in need. In total we raised 212.8Kg of food. This will feed 20 people for 3 days.

We are very proud that we have been able to contribute to the food bank and help and show friendship to others. It has made us thankful that we have food to eat and helped us to be compassionate through understanding the needs of other people.

Here are some reflections by our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils:

"I brought in some food this showed friendship because I was being kind." –Emily

"I talked with my Mum about the food bank this showed compassion because it shows that I care about who needs help." – Will

"I gave them some food. This shows friendship because we are helping people." – Alice

Beaumanor Visit

In February the Owl's went on a residential visit to Beaumanor Hall. They spent two days and one night at the centre and were involved in a wide range of activities including a treasure hunt, archery, hide and seek in the cellars and rock climbing. A tremendous time was had by everybody with many pupils surpassing personal goals. Here are a few comments written by pupils in their reports:

"In the cellars it was so dark we couldn't see a single thing; it was more fun seeking than hiding." - Alex



"Archery was amazing and fun we each got a turn to fire at the target. We learnt how to fire an arrow safely and to collect it safely as well. We learnt how to pull the string on the bow correctly and what all the bits were called." -Josh

"The climbing wall was 11.5 metres tall; we got to the top a lot of people were scared."- Max and Seren

"The rock climbing wall was huge I made it to the top 2 times. It was fun." -Ben

"At night we did hide and seek in the cellars. First I was scared but I had a go!!!"- Jack

Collective Worship Teams

Our first pupil team has arranged, organised and presented a collective worship to the whole school. The worship took the theme of determination and the pupils used the story of Noah to explain how the Bible helps us to be determined. It was a great success and everyone agreed it was super to listen to the children's ideas; the audience participation and quiz were particularly popular.

R.E Week

At the beginning of March the school organised it's second R.E week of the year. During the week every class studies an aspect of R.E, this may be a similar theme across the school or themes from our programme of study and links are made to other curriculum areas, for example subjects such as art, drama or science will be incorporated into the teaching and learning.

Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Required

Packington Neighbourhood watch group are still looking for Villagers to volunteer as Neighbourhood watch representatives for their street or area. As a result of the last PP article for the Neighbourhood watch I am pleased to advise that 3 of our Villagers have stepped forward to offer themselves as Representatives for their streets. These are; Lisa Mayles, Peter Last and David Oakley.

This is excellent news and takes the list of Representatives to 9 in total. However we are still looking for a minimum of 4 volunteers (The more the Merrier!!!) for the following areas:

- Bridge Street.
- Spring Lane.
- Babelake Street.
- Nethercroft Drive.
- Homecroft Drive.

If anyone is thinking of volunteering but concerned they do not have enough time to spare or it may be too demanding, let me reassure you the role is one of general neighbourliness and occasionally keeping people in your area informed of Neighbourhood watch issues or concerns, or conversely become a point of contact for their resident group to report any concerns they may have with regard to the safety of the Neighbourhood.

There is no intention the role will become arduous or time consuming. If you have the opportunity, why not speak to one of the Neighbour watch representatives and gain a better understanding of the role.

As mentioned previously the major aim of the Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch movement is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen. On a final note, I should stress that the role is not limited to your street of residence.

If you are interest in volunteering but feel that your street is already represented, we would be happy to split streets into sections, or why not represent one of the streets listed above. And remember, the more Volunteers the smaller the area to cover & the more neighbourly our community!!!"

Stephen Flook 415185

Police News

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to Steve Flook, who took over the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator from the late Marjorie Canner. Steve has been extremely pro-active in recruiting some new NHW Co-ordinators. He has been successful in his recruitment drive, but he still has some locations to fill, so if you are interested, please get in touch with him.

Since the beginning of 2014, we have been fortunate in that the crime rate in the village has been fairly low. We have suffered an attempted theft of cable, theft of two plant pots, and a theft from an unattended motor vehicle. I'd recommend that everyone takes a look at the Leicestershire Police web-site for Crime Prevention advice.

Click onto the Advice and Information Link, then onto Crime Prevention, and there is all you need to know.

I have been made aware that speeding vehicles continues to be a concern in the village. I am looking to set up some speed enforcement initiatives over the coming weeks, and will update you with the results.

PC 1667 Mark Arjoo

North West Leicestershire Police.

Beacon Officer - Ashby, Packington, Ravenstone, Normanton-le-Heath.

email: mark.arjoo@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Telephone: 101, voice mail identification 1667.

Packington Horticultural Society

Hope you are all keeping well and have managed to keep the winter blues at bay and looking forward eagerly to the forthcoming spring, a time when the sap is rising and new life begins to blossom in the Garden and countryside .

Anyway, after fighting your way back into the shed and greenhouse, because if like me, you tend to dump everything in there on the understanding that "I will sort that out during the winter months "then it can appear at first glance to be a bit of a shock..!, this obviously doesn't apply to those of you are a totally organised amongst us. After all that, set about organising tools, pots, compost, trimmers, secateurs, canes and anything else that is likely to be needed to begin the joyous task of preparing the garden for the delights that Spring & Summer brings

That all said, although the major Horticultural show is quite a way off as yet, the preparations begin in earnest (Don't panic Earnest) .and with the work that takes place in preparation, our committee talent scouts are on the lookout for any new volunteers to assist with the task, even if it's only a few hours that you have available leading up to and including the big day, your help would be most appreciated and you would be made most welcome, so if you fancy giving it a whirl, let one of us know

The committee would also like to take this early opportunity of welcoming all exhibitors and encouraging maximum participation for what is always, a great day for all the family, updates will be made available throughout the year, we always aim to better the previous year, although difficult, this year is no exception, we look forward to seeing you all then, so its bye for now from Kay and the Committee.

Contact Bob on 415582 or Kay on 811494.



Food & Drink Festival
Ashby de la Zouch
Saturday 26th May
Inc Artisan Gift Fair

Hospice Hope thank Packington Horticultural Society

Local Charity Hospice Hope would like to thank Packington Horticultural Society for their most generous donation of £500 which will go towards supporting the work of Hospice Hope in North West Leicestershire. There are now two Support Cafes offering support for anyone affected by life limiting illness, operating in both Ashby and Coalville.

For more information please contact Kate Last 01530 415129 or www.hospicehope.org.uk.

Packington Cricket Club

The club is now eagerly awaiting the start of the new season with the first game on Saturday 19th April, which is away at Barton.

Work has been in progress for a while now preparing the square in readiness for the onset of summer !!

New players are always needed and made welcome at the club which is very family orientated.

Any one wishing to join the club can ring Roger Muggleton on 01530 415221 or Captain, John Jones on 07881 997033.

We are still in winter net practice at Ashby School on Monday evenings 8pm - 9.30pm. until 7th April.

Quiz night

This has had to be cancelled due to a few unforeseen problems, it was scheduled for Saturday 5th April.

Packington Village History Group

By request we are repeating our "Packington Observed Open Day"

Saturday afternoon June 7th in Memorial Hall

As previously many photographs and archives will be on display.

More details in May's edition

25th Anniversary of the Ashby 20

Now in its 25th year Ivanhoe Runners hosted another fantastic event on Sunday 9th March which seen a record number of runners compete in the gruelling 20 mile road race. A total of 1086 runners crossed the finish line and receive the famous hoodie and cheese cob!



The event was awarded 5th place in Runners World for other distance races in 2013.

Ivanhoe Runners stage their own event on the Saturday to maximise the number of helpers on the day. Packington resident Kelly Allread came home in 4th place and set a new club record in a fantastic 2hours 26 minutes.



Any body interested in joining Ivanhoe Runners, they meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Hood Park Leisure Centre at 7.00pm. All abilities welcome, we run at various different paces and distances.

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National Forest comes to Redburrow Farm

Redburrow Farm, the home for 40 years of long standing residents Brian & Sylvia Williams, has been planted with several hectares of trees over the last 12 months as part of the National Forest Scheme. This planting is one of the final sections to be done on the farm helped by year 5 and 6 children from Packington School in February



Children being shown how to prepare the ground for the planting



Farmer Brian Williams planting a tree with 2 pupils



A pupil fixing a Bird Box high up in a large Ash Tree on the site by Redburrow Lane and the farm entrance.



Simon Greenhouse, from the National Forest Company, explains all about the woodland and the activities in the National Forest to the children

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Wednesday 16th April

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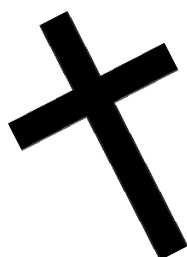
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Dear All,

I love this time of year – all the new life, the spring flowers, the trees beginning to throw out shoots and in particular the new lambs. I feel privileged to live in a place where all this is in plain view; where I am reminded by the fabric of nature, that new life is always possible after the seeming deadness of winter. And it all helps to prepare us for the great festival of Easter, my absolute favourite celebration.

The church throughout the world is on Lenten pilgrimage right now: a time of special preparation for Holy Week and Easter, when we will walk with Jesus through the events of that first Palm Sunday, last supper, crucifixion and resurrection. We need this special time (which is so much more than giving up booze and chocolates) so that we can see. Really see perhaps for the first time, or in a different way, the acting out of the greatest act of love that the world has ever seen.

Are the events familiar to you? Or not too sure? Why not come on pilgrimage yourself this year and do some discovering? There are the services in church which highlight these great events (see the details of our services); there is the interactive display of Easter Experience which allows you to come into church during daylight hours and follow the story yourself. I know it's not an easy story to follow. We find it harder than Christmas but it is the glorious outcome of Christmas. It is a deeply significant story.

What would I long for you to discover? Why do I invite you on this pilgrimage? Well, you matter. Each and every person matters and matters to God. That is what this is all about.

We find it so hard to believe that God loves us – not because we have earned his love or deserve it – but because he does. He knows how hard we find that, and that the temptation is to feel, he wouldn't love me if he really knew me. And so Jesus came, prepared to die for us – as if to say, "This is the only way that you'll really believe that I love you. You matter this much".

May you begin this pilgrimage of discovering how much you matter. God bless,

Vivien 270354

**Services
March – May 2014**

March 23rd - 9.30 am United service of Holy Communion at Normanton-le-Heath

March 30th (Mothering Sunday) - 8am Holy Communion & 11am Special Family Service for Mothering Sunday

April 6th - 11am Morning Prayer & 6pm Evening Prayer

April 13th (Palm Sunday) - 8 am Holy Communion & 11am All age service

April 17th (Maundy Thursday) - 7.30pm Holy Communion at Normanton-le-Heath

April 18th (Good Friday) - 7.30pm The Way of the Cross: a service of readings, thinking and hymns

April 20th (Easter Day) - 11am All age Holy Communion & 6pm Easter Songs of Praise at Measham Church

April 27th - 8 am Holy Communion & 11am 4th Sunday

May 4th -11am Baptism service & 6pm Evening Prayer

May 11th - 8am Holy Communion & 11am All age service

May 18th - 11am Holy Communion

There is also a service of Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am

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INSPIRING WOMEN

100 years of Macmillan was the title of Joanna Wilson's talk to Packington WI at the February meeting.

The speaker's enthusiasm for, and knowledge of, the renowned cancer charity was inspiring, and everyone agreed that it was deserving of universal support.

Joanna described how its founder Douglas Macmillan, after witnessing his father's death from cancer realised that what sufferers from the disease and their families needed above all else was practical support in the home. Accordingly, his first step towards providing this was to buy a bag of coal for a household where he knew a patient was gravely ill. From this one thoughtful act sprang an organisation known and appreciated throughout the land.

A Packington member described how she had been diagnosed with breast cancer 40 years ago, but after treatment was "left to get on with it" Although the charity was in existence then it was not anything like as well known as it is today, and cancer was not generally talked about. The difference between then and now is incredible.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Wendy Jones, and the raffle was won by Liz Deakin.

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- Mushroom carbonara with tagliatelle pasta (v)*
- Spicy Mexican chilli con carne with rice (contains nuts and dark chocolate)*
- Char-grilled red pepper and Mediterranean vegetable lasagna (v)*
- 6oz rump steak with chips and peas*
- 6oz gammon steak with egg, chips, and peas*
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Desserts £2.50

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PMG *PMG Report*

PMG had a special afternoon in **February**, a guided tour of the nearby **Tollgate Brewery**, run by brewing partners **Pat Brearley** and her husband. This most hospitable hard-working couple clearly love both their product, and sharing it!



Pat is the scientist and brains behind the brewery. Meanwhile, husband **Quentin**, an engineer, has the gift of the gab; he happily pulled us a large taster of ale from a fresh cask, and then gave us detailed explanations and insight as we toured the brewery to see



where and how their ale was made.

There is a lot to know before you can brew successfully: we saw a mash-tun, a wort chiller, and sampled the feel and aroma of chocolate malt, and of fuggle and cascade hops! We heard about the development of the **Tollgate brand** name, and then back at the bar with some nice snacks as a base we were treated to generous tastings of several different varieties of bottled ale with their imaginative names - "**Red Storm Rising**",

"**Ashby Pale**", "**Old Rasputin Stout**", "**Kalika**". Mmmmm. Delicious! **PMG says Thanks, Pat and Quentin! Great Visit!**

Easter holidays approach, and on Wednesday 9th April 2014, leaving the village at 1:30 pm, PMG makes an afternoon visit to **Seal Elastics** in nearby Whitwick - **NOTE this is NOT on our usual PMG Second Thursday, but on Wednesday 9th April**, due to the clean-down cycle of the factory.



Seal Elastics are a leading maker of specialist fabrics and webbings. They supply well-known brands such as Speedo swimwear, and products as diverse as body armor, truck lashings, jogging suits, orthopedic supports and equestrian and canine harness items. We expect a thoroughly interesting afternoon.


There are only 16 places available so please make early contact with Mike Taylor on 414862 to reserve your place as one of the 16; please say if you need or can offer transport.

For more on **PMG**, see the village website "Packington dot info", or contact


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Appeal from The Packington Village History Group

The Packington Village History Group have been asked by the Ashby Museum to enhance our Display Cabinet in the Museum by the addition of items associated with World War One.

In consequence we are appealing for the temporary loan of any artefacts associated with WW1. (not necessarily relative to Packington)

The items would be treated with great care, be placed, suitably annotated, in our secure and locked cabinet for the period up to the end of this year and would become part of a major exhibition being planned by the Ashby Museum.

The exhibition should attract a large number of visitors and so it will be good publicity for the village.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Peter Cooper (412723) or Wally Instrall (416786)

1st Packington Brownies do skills night

On the evening of Tuesday 28th January the 1st Packington Brownies hurried into the school at 5:45pm carrying their very colourful suitcases and teddy bears ready for 'brownie skills badge night'. The previous week they had learnt to tie two different knots, wash their hands with their eyes closed and addressed an envelope properly for the first part of their badge. This week they had to bring a bag they'd packed themselves for a weekend away and make a healthy lunch. The Brownies seemed very excited and were ever so keen to show the contents of their bags but first we had to do the Brownie song. Afterwards however there was extreme excitement as the girls started to unpack their things and show to each other proudly what items they had packed. We then let girls dress up in their pyjamas as a bit of fun and they loved it

Once the bags had been checked to see if anything important was missing like a toothbrush the girls sadly had to repack their bags and put away all their treasured possessions. They then set off on the challenge of making a pack lunch. Us (the leaders) supplied them with typical things you would find in a pack lunch and they had to decide what to use to make it healthy. They worked in the 'sixes' to prepare two lunches that would be judged on healthiness and presentation. The competition was on... in the end it was very close but the winners were Evie and Manisty who made a well presented healthy ham and lettuce sandwich with sides of orange segments, tomatoes and a muffin. Before we knew it was time for the Brownie song again. The Brownies were excited to collect their badges.



Packington Youth Club

Our ever growing youth club has been busy over the last couple of months with welcoming new members and taking part in activities ranging from a wonderfully entertaining Packington's Got the X Factor Talent 'evening through to Tournament Challenges night and our long awaited Ice Skating trip, which was really good fun.

As a village youth club one of our aims is to get young people involved in the local community – so we were delighted to help out at The Big Breakfast. Our team of adults and youngsters helped out in the kitchen and out front in serving drinks and toast. It was an exhausting morning for everyone, but we were all pleased to be a part of such a great event.

We are excited to announce that after the school Easter Holiday we will be inviting young people who are currently in Year 4 to come along and join us. Letters have gone out to pupils at Packington school, but we are here for any youngsters who are associated with our village and who want to join in – email or call Carla for further information Carla@harris-marsh.com , 07799 020174. We meet every Monday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm during term time at the Memorial Hall.

It only costs £1.00 to come along and join in ,we also run a tuck shop. There are loads of exciting activities planned for the Summer term including Bingo, Couch Potato night, craft activities and Indoor Olympics

Finally we would like to say a HUGE thank you to Packington Horticultural Society who have given us a donation towards new equipment and activities. Bob Parry came along to our last meeting and announced the donation to an excited audience, he also explained a bit about the Horticultural Show and encouraged our 'Youth Clubbers' to take part in the next show on the first weekend of September .



Bob Parry meeting our co-captains of the evening – Thank you PHS!

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