

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

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

Sunday 8th June – Traditional Afternoon Tea, Memorial Hall, 2.30pm, tickets available

Friday 13th June – Standing in Line, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm, tickets available

Wednesday 18th June – Coffee & chat, Holy Road Church, 9.30am

Saturday 28th June - Rotary Family Fun Day event at Plummer's Wood, Babelake Street

Saturday 28th June – Hand on Heart and Shkayla, Memorial Hall, 8.00pm, tickets available

Sunday 6th July – BBQ, Fun & Food for everyone, Holy Road Church, 11.00am

Wednesday 16th July– Coffee & chat, Holy Road Church, 9.30am

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



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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 rwozywoda@yahoo.co.uk or telephone the editor (details above).



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All change at The Bull & Lion



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Major Planning Applications - Changes to the Applications

ref 13/00959/OUTM at Spring Lane – 49 new houses

ref. 13/01002/OUTM for outline planning for 35 houses

The "amendments to the application" letters from NWLDC, to those who have previously commented in writing upon either one or both of these major applications for Packington, have either been received or should hopefully be on their way.

For those who don't receive these current NWLDC update letters the current position is that before the relevant approaching(?) NWLDC Planning Meeting the applicants/developers in each case are quite understandably stepping up their ongoing campaign of meetings with the Planning Department and various other parties in order to present what might be considered as a more attractive case at the OUTLINE stage than perhaps originally presented for their particular developments, to put before the Planning Committee.

It COULD be that either one or both of the two current major Packington developments appear on the agenda for the [June Meeting](#).

It is worth noting that at the last NWLDC Planning Meeting there were a lot(!) of people there and it could be concluded by the casual observer that this may have made a difference on the night as opposed to any foregone conclusions necessarily rubber stamping their way through the proceedings.

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This annual event with five race categories was held on Mill Street on Easter Sunday afternoon and enjoyed by a crowd whose ages reigned from 8 months to 80 years old.

Hard boiled chicken eggs decorated with some very artistic designs were entered and rolled down Mill street.

It soon became clear that some contestants had subjected their eggs to secret treatments to increase the robustness of their eggs but it has to be reported that most failed.

The bottom of Mill Street was littered with round yellow balls of yoke – the only bit to reach the bottom – which did not meet the rules to qualify for a win!

Each race was won by the one that travelled the furthest – not the quickest!

To qualify for a win the egg had to still have remnants of shell and be able to be identified by the owner.

Any surviving eggs qualified for entry into the last “surviving egg” race.

The competition was marshalled by Sarah Marvin from the Old Mill on Mill Street (in the fluorescent jacket)

The winners pictured left to right were:-

Holly Marvin, much to her disappointment, was disqualified from a second win by late introduction on the day of a new rule by her mother(the organiser!!!) saying only one prize per person allowed!!


This let the Tebbett family in to scoop 3 out of the six prizes.

All attending were keen to know what trade secret they had employed to have such resilient and speedy eggs.

Needless to say they did not disclose the secret in case the methods were made illegal for next year!!


Rear:- Holy Marvin – Girls section, Mark Flynn – Gents section, Front:- Nancy Flook – Surviving eggs race off, Joe Tebbett – Preschool, Sam Tebbett – Boys, Mrs Tebbett - Ladies







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PACKINGTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT?



At a time when not only the cost of food but the way that it is produced is generating regular debate, it is perhaps not surprising that the interest in “grow your own” activities has also grown. TV programmes such as “The Big Allotment Challenge” are also fuelling the debate.

Having arrived in the village nearly 3 years ago from an apartment in the middle of Birmingham, Packington Post Treasurer Peter Wozywoda has caught the bug for all things garden-related!! However, despite being an un-informed enthusiastic amateur, he is surprised that despite Packington’s great rural environment, we don’t really have a space where he can pursue his interest on a larger scale.

So here is the idea....

Peter would like to explore the possibility of having some allotment land in the village to expand his available growing space. However, as a big part of the fun is sharing the experience with others; he is interested in introducing the idea of a new community allotment space for the village as a whole?

We could use this to encourage the grown-your-own theme, provide space for people to have their own plots, develop a community activity where we work on areas together, involve the local children in seeing where their food comes from, and perhaps encourage some of our more expert residents to lend a hand with their knowledge and advice?

Appeal for allotment land

The obvious starting point is finding some land suitable for this use. Unfortunately Peter’s initial enquiry around the availability of appropriate allotment land has proved unsuccessful. So if you are aware of or even own a piece of land that might be available – please get in touch!!

Get Involved

If you are interested in having your own plot – or sharing a community plot – again please get in touch!

Further – if you could offer some advice and experience to the novices – it would be much appreciated.

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PACKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL

FRIDAY JUNE 13th 2014 at 7. 30pm.

The next Centre Stage production at the Memorial Hall is highly topical as we approach the centenary of the start of the First World War in August.

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Standing In Line is the story of the Great War, but specifically it is about Albert Scrimshaw. He was the great uncle of Lester Simpson.

Albert Scrimshaw was born here, in Leicestershire, and married to a Derbyshire girl. He joined the “Ox & Bucks” regiment and marched off to war, never to return.

Lance Corporal Albert Scrimshaw died at Passendale, and this work was first performed in Passendale Church Belgium.

The performance is centred around Lester’s songs, and other well-known songs from the period. The narration includes poems by Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon, and Rudyard Kipling. The performance is accompanied by a series of projected images.

Recent audiences have described this show as “absolutely excellent- an incredibly moving, well performed tribute,- brilliant music,- and an excellent presentation”

Lester Simpson has recently worked with Michael Morpurgo on “Private Peaceful” in both Belgium & the UK.

Tickets are available and cost £8 per adult, £4 per child or a family ticket costs £20 for 2 adults and 2 children contact Chris on 414378, or Kate on 564613.or Joan on 415374

BBQ: Sunday 6th July "Fun and Food" for everyone – at Packington Church



Family Service 11.00am – 11.45am (followed by drinks) .Please gather outside the church at 12.15pm. Games will be ongoing from then until eating time. Food will be available from 1.00pm. Bring your picnic rug or folding chair, BBQ food & soft drinks provided. Please bring a pudding or cake to share

Services: May - July

May 18th - 11.00am Holy Communion

May 25th - 10.30 am United service of Holy Communion at Measham Church with Adrian Plass as guest preacher

May 29th (Ascension Day) - 7.30 pm Holy Communion at Appleby Church

June 1st - 11.00 am & 6.00pm Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer

June 8th - (Pentecost) 8 am Holy Communion & 11am All age service

June 15th – 11.00am Holy Communion

June 22nd – 8.00am Holy Communion & 11.00am 4th Sunday service

June 29th – 11.00 am Holy Communion – a united service with other Woodfield team churches

July 6th – 11.00am all age service followed by BBQ, 6.00pm Evening Prayer

July 13th – 8.00am Holy Communion & 11.00am Morning prayer

July 20th – 11.00am Holy Communion

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

Traditional Afternoon Tea – Sunday 8th June 2.30pm

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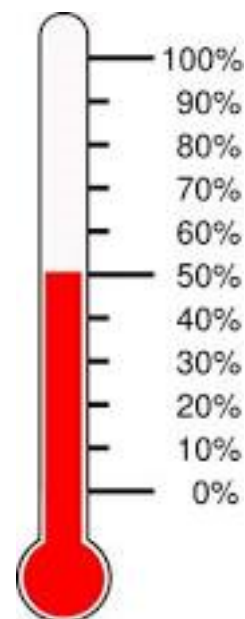
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Daffodils and remembering the First World War.

When I was first looking for somewhere to live in this area I drove through Packington at the beginning of April and was immediately struck by the daffodils, all along the verge, near the bridge over the Gilwiskaw Brook. They captured that unchanging picture of a rural, idyllic, English spring so beautifully expressed, by the poets Wordsworth & Browning, over a century before.



That was 12 years ago. Daffodils don't last forever especially if they are cut down before the bulbs have had time to replenish themselves through the stems left after they have flowered. On verges and other mown areas this is not always possible. It occurred to me this year that, compared to other villages in the vicinity, the Packington daffodils are getting rather thin in places, and in need new stock. At about the same time somebody, at a meeting I was attending, queried how the village, as a community, could remember those who had left Packington to fight in the First World War and never returned.

I immediately thought of a passage I had recently read in "Now all Roads lead to France" a very moving biography of the poet Edward Thomas who tragically died on Easter Monday 1917 in the trenches at Arras in Northern France. Two years before, in 1915, a fellow poet Eleanor Farjeon had pressed Thomas on why precisely, at his age, with three children he had chosen to enlist. She reported that he paused, bent down and scooped up a handful of soil from around his shoe and said "Literally for this".

What better way to commemorate those who had fallen than to plant new life into the soil of England?

Why stop at daffodils? Why not plant some flowering trees at the several entrances to the village?

Perhaps a collection in August at the centenary of the start of World War 1 would raise enough to plant some bulbs and trees, later in the autumn. It would revitalise the work done by the Parish Council, inspired by Richard Roberts, at the beginning of this century, and be a fitting memorial 100 years on.

I shall contribute. I hope you will too?

Adrian Mongredien - 564613

Packington Open Gardens

Amazingly, this year will see the 25th annual Open Gardens Day in the village. The event has traditionally been held on the August Bank Holiday Monday when around a dozen or so gardens have been open. Since 1990, over 60 different gardens have been featured.



However, 'Open Gardens' could not continue without people making their gardens available for the afternoon and new gardens are always needed.



If this could be you, someone you know or you would like further details, please contact Geoff Gasson 412012 or e mail gasson123@btinternet.com

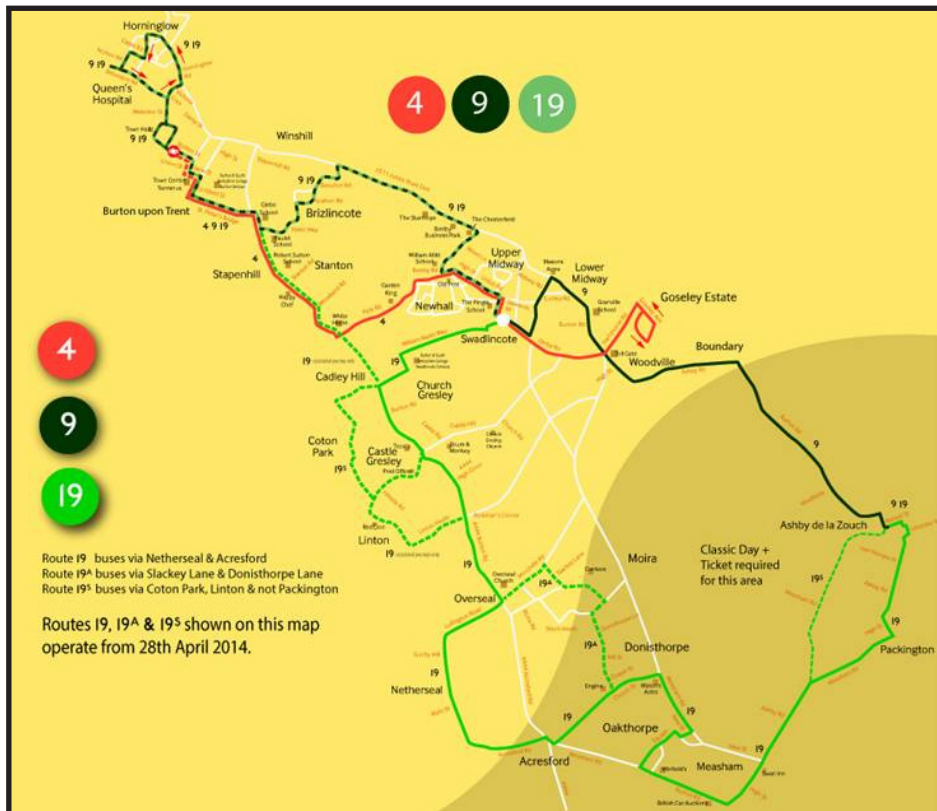
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Slackey Lane -Donisthorpe - Oakthorpe -Measham -**Packington** - Ashby

Special Fund Raising Concert for The National Forest Folk Festival (4/5/6th July) at Packington Memorial Hall with Hand On Heart and Shkayla

Saturday 28th June 2014
8.00 pm - 11.00 pm

Were you there last September when Maddy Prior came to Packington to present a wonderful concert of folk music? She is returning to the area in July with her full band, the legendary STEELEYE SPAN as part of the weekend-long National Forest Folk Festival at Conkers. A concert is to take place at Packington Memorial Hall to raise funds for the festival, which is run on a not-for-profit basis, and to give a flavour of the tremendous range and quality of music which will be on offer.

When Maddy Prior appeared in Packington she was accompanied by Derby-girl Hannah James on accordion and clog-dancing, and Hannah will also be appearing at the Festival with her own award-winning group LADY MAISERY. Other performers will include the all-female supergroup THE SHEE, the

electrifying SHOOGLENIFTY from Scotland to get everyone dancing, the amazing and hilarious SUITCASE CIRCUS, two top Irish bands in KELLY'S HEROES and THE MIGHTY DOONANS, and blues virtuoso SUNJAY BRAYNE, to mention just a special few.

Opening the Festival will be HAND ON HEART who also organise the Festival, and they are to appear at a special evening at Packington Memorial Hall to play their blend of traditional and contemporary folk music. The band includes Festival organisers Nina Szifris (guitar, bodhran and vocals) and Mike Scott (mandocello and vocals), along with Packington resident Joy Gravestock, playing violin and piano, and Jonathan Trout, conductor of The Derby Concert Orchestra, on violin. That classical influence is a unique feature of HAND ON HEART's set. There will be a fascinatingly wide range of songs and tunes, and also a lot of fun along the way!

Excitingly, there will also be a guest appearance by SHKAYLA who were headline performers at last year's Festival. The captivating sound of Joe O'Donnell's SHKAYLA brings together the spirit of Celtic tradition and the dynamic grooves of modern rock and jazz. Joe is a true virtuoso on electric fiddle who worked extensively with Rory Gallagher, Phil Lynott (Thin Lizzy) and Terry and Gay Woods amongst many other superstars. Joe was also a member of the famous progressive rock band East of Eden. The exciting line-up of SHKAYLA for this concert is Joe O'Donnell (electric violin, mandolin, vocals), Si Hayden (guitar, vocals) and Martin Barter (on keyboards and vocals).

Tickets are £10 and available from: Chris Miles, 14 Babelake Street, Packington LE65 1WD Tel. 01530 414378 (cheque payable to AFFC, or cash).

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GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL SUMMER TERM

Crowning of the May Queen and the May Fayre



Well the Summer Term has started with a real bang with two fantastic events.

First, there was the May Day celebrations in the village with our very own May Queen, Lottie Coke, being crowned at the celebrations on 1st May.

Despite the very cold weather Lottie and her attendants Charlotte and Elissa successfully fulfilled their responsibilities to parade around the village and dance with the Morris Men with enthusiasm and decorum.

Our May Fayre quickly followed and a super time was had by all thanks to the Packington School Association who organised a great event for us all to enjoy.

There was a wide range of stalls including face painting, a chocolate tombola, a sweet stall, a lollipop game, a treasure hunt and a bouncy castle and pupils in the Eagles enjoyed the opportunity to help by becoming stallholders.



Mr Emery and John, the lollipop man, also braved the stocks and survived the wet sponges to raise funds.

All the classes performed a special dance. There was traditional country dancing from FS/KS1 and for the first time parents were able to demonstrate their skills by joining in for a spin around the playground. Then we had a specially choreographed Brazilian World Cup dance from the Eagles. The dance was a fusion of Samba and urban free dancing involving whistles, drums, samba moves and acrobats. It certainly got us shaking our hips and drew a fantastic round of applause from the crowd.

Finally, we had our traditional Maypole dancing where the Owls demonstrated their skills making the most perfect spider's web with the ribbons. The parents also tried their hand with the Maypole and I have to say were very impressive.



There was a great community feel to the day and we were delighted to be supported by Phil & Emma, the new landlords at the Bull and Lion, who pre-cooked and chilled all the BBQ food and then came with Dan Cox to the fayre to cook the food on the day. So we would like to say a special thank you to them. Overall the fayre was a great success and raised over £800 which is a massive amount for our little school. Our thanks go to all the parents, staff, pupils and villagers who supported the event.



HENDRIX STILL MISSING



Hendrix the cat, is still missing from his home in Normanton le Heath, with some possible sightings in Packington towards the end of March. He is a large, friendly tabby with brown colouring and a distinctive bushy tail. If see him or you think you have seen him, please call Alain on 07785 591082 and take a photo if you can.

Packington Plodders head to Edinburgh in aid of Breast Cancer Research

5 Packington school mums (aka the Packington Plodders) are heading for Edinburgh on June 7th for the Moonwalk, a 26.2 mile powerwalk wearing decorated bras along the streets of Edinburgh to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Wishing lots of luck to Paula Dring, Carla Harris-Marsh, Nicola Ritchie, Amanda Roe & Judith Wilson. If you would like to sponsor the Packington Plodders <http://www.justgiving.com/Judith-Wilson40>

Packington Cricket Club News

Currently the club has played 4

Won 2 Drawn 1 Lost 1.

These results mean that, as we go to press, the club is sitting in 3rd. place in the division.

An excellent start to the season which we hope will continue throughout and give us a chance of promotion.

The squad is in need of increasing.

If you are interested in cricket and would like to play for the club please contact Roger Muggleton on 07833445422 or 415221.

DEFIB TRAINING



A further fifteen volunteers have been trained using the BHF Heart Start programme. This includes CPR and how to use the Defibrillator. That make s total of 31 people who live or work in the village, a brilliant response.

Having a Defibrillator available for easy access is like insurance; it's great to have but you hope you will never need to use it.

Training has been provided by Dave McMyler of East Midlands Ambulance Service.

Everyone has been pleased with his easy going nature and enthusiasm for the subject.

If you missed out on the training and would like to be involved in a future course please let me know. It may be possible to have another course in the autumn.

Mike Coke 560430
mike.coke@talktalk.net

FIRST RESPONDERS

At the first training session the work of First Responders was mentioned. This involves a group of volunteers who undergo in-depth training and are then available to do what it says in the title. There is a group in Ashby and another in Measham.

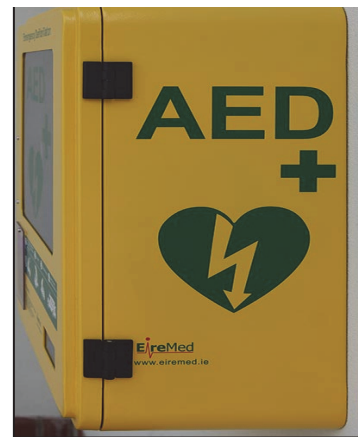
Lisa Mayles is interested in a group being formed in Packington and would like to hear from anyone who would like to know more. There is a DVD available which Lisa has and can be borrowed.

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PMG Report

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framed machines eerily ticking away, each programmed to combine yarn from hundreds of reels into taut fabric rolls. We were hosted to boardroom tea by **Director Pru Seal**, granddaughter of the eponymous H Seal who started the business.

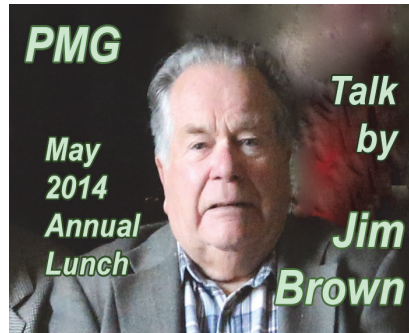
In May we held our **PMG Annual Lunch** at **The Wheel pub restaurant in Ticknall**, and enjoyed a nice meal in this cosy venue with its efficient staff and tasty food.

Our **after-lunch speaker**



was **PMG member Jim Brown** who described, with some fascinating and very

humorous anecdotes, his early career managing Road-Rollers and their colourful drivers. Jim had faced some consternation at the time



when the driving examiner for his impromptu steam-roller test asked what was the stopping distance from 30mph in the Highway Code? - as the roller could only do a maximum of 4mph, this had hardly been at the forefront of Jim's mind!

On **Thursday 12th June 2014** we'll **leave the village at about 6:40pm** for our **PMG Evening Social Stroll ESS, organised by Mike Taylor and Geoff Gasson** who have teamed up in previous years to choose routes and venues that have attracted approval. **RSVP- Please contact Mike on 414862** and say if you need or can offer transport.

Thursday 10th July 2014 at 2pm - PMG Bowls and Tea at Ashby, again organised by Mike.

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

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Secretary 411673
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Andrew Brigden MP

I have always been clear that a strong local economy is one of my top priorities as a Member of Parliament. As someone who has run a local business and employed many hundreds of local people, I know the value of employment. That is why I was delighted to host by own Jobs Fair at Snibston Discovery Park last month. It was great to be able to bring together employers and jobseekers and the feedback has been extremely encouraging, indeed some of the exhibitors have been in touch with me to report that they directly employed people from the fair which is a source of great satisfaction.

An issue that I will be pursuing in Parliament over the coming weeks is the sentencing of those who cause death by dangerous driving. A car is a lethal weapon and trust be treated as such. If you get into your car when you are over the drink drive limit or have taken drugs, you know your actions can result in injury to others. This currently carries a maximum sentence of 14 years although that sentence seems to be rarely handed out. It is my belief the maximum sentence should be increased if someone has wilfully claimed someone's life through dangerous driving. I will be looking to meet the Justice Secretary to discuss this in greater depth and I know from a debate on the issue earlier in the year which I spoke in, that there is a feeling amongst my colleagues that this matter needs addressing.

At the end of last month, I actively opposed the HS2 Hybrid Bill which would bring no benefit to North West Leicestershire. Unfortunately the project continues to attract cross party support but I and many colleagues will continue to fight against the scheme. I will also be tackling the County Council this month on the issue of Snibston Discovery Park, and requesting that they look seriously at the proposals being made to keep the centre open. Snibston is a great asset for our District and County and we must look at every way it can be retained.

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