

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Friday 25th July – Sunday, 27th July – Heather Music Festival

Sunday 27th July – Sunday 3rd August – Heather Scarecrow Festival

Tuesday 12th August – Ready, Steady, Stick – The Cruise Sails to Port, St Laurences Church Hall, Measham, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 20th August – Coffee and chat, Holy Rood Church, 9.30am – 11.30am

Saturday 23rd August - Appleby Food & Drink Festival, Sir John Moore Foundation

Sunday 24th August – The Bank Holiday BIG Sing, Holy Rood Church, 11.00am

Monday 25th August – 25th Packington Open Gardens, 2.00pm – 7.00pm & Duck Race & BBQ, 6.00pm on Mill Street

Saturday 6th September – 72nd Horticultural Show, Memorial Hall, 12.00 midday till late

Tuesday 9th September – Afternoon tea, Holy Rood Church, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

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

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**Ready, Steady, Stick**

The Cruise sails into port!

Tuesday 12th August

St Laurence's Church Hall, Measham

2pm – 4pm

Come and party with us at the Captain's table as we reach the end of the cruise.

Find out what happened to Grandma, and did those pirates find the treasure?

Crafts, (including junk modelling), songs, games, stories

Open to all children up to the age of 11
(those not of school age will need a parent to stay with them)

Cost: £1.00 per child

Further details available from Revd. Linda Cox 01530 411642

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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25th Packington Village Open Gardens Bank holiday Monday 25th August



Gardens open

2.00pm to 7.00pm

Various stalls including 'anything gardening' crafts, 2nd hand books, plants & locally grown produce.

Celebration display by Packington History Group

Live musical entertainment in Memorial Hall.

Afternoon and cream teas

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Come and Join The

**BANK HOLIDAY
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SING**

24th August

11 am

Packington Church

Followed by coffee



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Packington Duck Race & BBQ starts a 6.00pm on Mill Street



Moonwalk Edinburgh

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

On the 7th June Paula Dring, Amanda Roe, Judith Wilson & Nicola Ritchie participated and finished a 26.2 mile walk around the beautiful city of Edinburgh and finished within 7 hours. When tiredness began to creep up & limbs started to slow down, we remembered all those who were walking with us in mind, we remembered our aim to create more support for a greater number, increase the long term survival rates and continue to develop a reliable and permanent cure for breast cancer.

Our fund raising pages are still open (www.moonwalkscotland2014.everydayhero.com/uk/amanda-18) and we are most grateful for those little bits of loose change so many have donated for our little MoonWalk Pots!

With the kindest regards; Paula Dring, Amanda Roe, Judith Wilson & Nicola Ritchie.



Please accept our apology to residents of Spring Lane whose May copy of the Post arrived late due to unforeseen circumstances. A new volunteer has come forward to help with the distribution.

Parachute Jump to aid RSPCA

David Jackson of The Grange jumped from 10,000 feet to raise money for the RSPCA. On a fine Sunday afternoon David faced his fears and jumped from the plane. Afterwards he said it was an unusual feeling but he was very exhilarated. Altogether his sponsors helped to raise £400 for the charity.



Liz Deakin would like to say a very BIG thank you to everyone who supported her coffee morning on Saturday June 14th. The event would not have been possible without the wonderful spirit and community which exists in Packington.

They raised a magnificent amount of £744.50 on the day, which is now over £800 in support of Rupert and Alex as they took part in the London to Paris cycle challenge on 2nd to 6th July. The total raised although credited to Rupert and Alex will go straight to Macmillan. The total now stands at almost £4000 thanks to two collections outside Boots and £1000 raised by work colleagues at Measham Car Auctions.

Any further donations can be made via:

www.justgiving.com/Rupert-Nettles-Alex-Young or Liz Deakin, committee member Ashby & District Fund raising for Macmillan on 412119 until the end of July.



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The Flocks from Mill Street obviously looking forward to playing with their toys!!!



The prize winners of the fancy dress – the duck is clearly camera shy and the elf is about to propose to the “99” ice cream!!!



Friar Tuck praying for good weather



Several of the organisers from Ashby Hastings Rotary with Stephen Plummer who kindly made Plummer’s Wood available for the event and MP, Andrew Bridgen



Marian in disguise



Lewis at Splat the Rat waiting in anticipation



The Packington Post editor and wife Kelly enjoying the day with friends



Got Yer!!!!

Afternoon Tea

Holy Rood Church
Packington

The Church would like to invite you to an afternoon of tea and cakes

Tuesday
9th September
2 - 4pm

Toys to amuse the tots

Rotary Fun Day 28th June

On June the 28th a Fun Day was held at Plummer's Wood, Babelake Street.

The event was organised by Ashby Hastings Rotary Club and Ashby Inner wheel with help from other Rotary Clubs and residents from Packington.

Despite pouring with rain on the Friday and Saturday morning the event went ahead and the rain held off until late afternoon.

Those that came enjoyed themselves despite the inclement weather.

The children (& big kids) were entertained throughout the afternoon by storytelling from Nottingham's own official Robin Hood (aka Tim Pollard) and his partner Marian (aka Sally Chappell)



Even the rain could not dampen spirits



Archery for all organised by the Scouts



Robin and Marian enthraling the crowd of kids & Big kids!!



Many thanks to Food Gusto and volunteers for providing a superb Hog Roast all served with a smile

Packington Village History Group

What date was the Carnival with the marching band? We believe it was in the mid 1980's. We would like a much clearer idea.



We understand that the Carnival is around 1987, again any clearer ideas? On the float is Nicholas Harley (shown centre right). Can anyone identify any of the others? If so, The Packington Village History Group would greatly appreciate any help. The reason that we need the dates is due to the fact that our archives are based on dates so without them we can only make estimates.

Answers or queries to Peter Cooper 412723 or Wally Instrall 416786

Play Bridge



Ashby Bridge Club is an EBU-affiliated club. We welcome players of all standards and run four sessions a week. New members will be made very welcome. Non-members may play up to three times before joining the club.

PLAYING TIMES

Monday:

6:50pm to 10:15 pm - duplicate bridge, Host available

Wednesday:

1.00pm to 4.00pm - casual bridge, no partner required

Thursday:

6:50pm to 10:15pm - duplicate bridge, partner required.

Fridays:

9.30am to 12.30 pm - informal bridge, no partner required

For full details of where to play, whom to contact and of our find-a-partner system please see our information page on line

www.bridgewebs.com/ashby

The club has three teams in the Leicestershire Leagues. The A team plays in Division 2 and the B and C teams in Division 4.

Packington Book Group

Packington Book Group meets at 7.30 pm on the 4th Wednesday of every month in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall to talk about a book that has been chosen by a member of the group. For the past couple of months we have been looking at books that were published relatively recently but for our August and September meetings we will be looking at some blasts from the past!

August 27th we will be revisiting 'Rebecca' by Daphne du Maurier and on

September 24th we will be talking about 'I capture the Castle' by Dodie Smith.

If you love reading and would enjoy an evening talking about books do come and join us - we would love to see you. If you need any further information just give me a ring Kate Mongredien on 564613

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The 72nd Packington Horticultural Show Saturday 6th September

Yes, it's been around that long, the only other show to have run this long is "The Mousetrap"! the cast however may have differed slightly over the years but although slightly less famous, but the same commitment and dedication is required to ensure a quality show just rolls on and on and actually matures and improves with age, as do the cast of the PHS.....

We are hoping for yet another successful show this year with the support from all of our cast, backroom staff and everyone else who makes an invaluable contribution to its success. There are few changes to this year's schedule and all made clear, these will be available from Daybreak and the Bull & Lion a little nearer the time, that doesn't mean you need to dash out at Daybreak, I mean the shop, sorry Pete..!

The timings are as follows:-

12 noon is closing time for all entries.

12 – 3pm, judging

9 – 12 pm, refreshments available

2pm - Bar opens

3pm - Food available

5.30pm – Presentation of awards

6pm, Auction begins, hopefully with the star of this production, Chris Miles
So we look forward to seeing you all again, so, keep well,

stay lucky and remember that when the purse is empty, you have the satisfaction of knowing that money can be the route of all evil.

The Gardener

If you're looking for the person
Who will wear the biggest smile
You should search among the people
Who gardened for a while
For to anyone who gardens
It's not drudgery, but play
And the heart absorbs the beauty
That is lived with every day.

R Hartnett

Recent photo take of the
poppies in Packington



The 25th Open Gardens in Packington takes place on Monday 25th August

Request for help

Help is needed on the day serving refreshments, working on the stalls and manning the car park. Donations of homemade cakes and scones and items for the 'Anything Gardening', 2nd hand books and garden produce stalls would also be gratefully received. If you are willing to help in any way please contact Geoff Gasson 412012

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PMG Report

The best of summer weather graced this year's **PMG outdoor seasonal activities**. June saw a glorious evening for our "Evening Social Stroll" in the **Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Wood**,



just beyond Normanton village. Newly-planted trees and a lake reclaimed from recent coal excavation make this new facility special, yet it retains many centuries-old hedgerows, complete with Skylarks, a declining species. If you don't yet know of this lovely open recreation area, just two miles from our village, do try it! Thanks to **Geoff Gasson** for researching & leading this walk.

July gave us blazing sunshine for our annual **PMG**



Bowls afternoon, at the **Ashby Bowls Club**, whose welcoming members helped us form 6 teams to play triples. As usual, even those

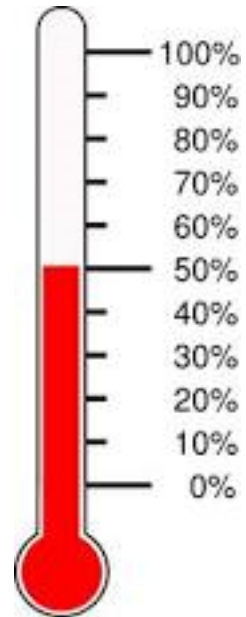
of us who are complete beginners were able to experience the sweet taste of the odd random near-perfect bowl, even though the scorecards revealed the true scale of our lack of practice at this addictive sport. We were grateful for the nice sit-down **tea and cakes served afterwards** by **Eileen Taylor**.

On **Thursday 14th August 2014** we'll be at the Packington **Bull and Lion** at **8 am sharp** for our **PMG Annual Breakfast**, arranged again this year by our **PMG Treasurer, Wally Instrall**, in cooperation with **Emma and Phil**, the new team who are re-vitalising our very own village pub restaurant. There is to be a Healthy Option breakfast as well as the full English, and we need to know numbers well in advance - **RSVP- Please contact Wally on 416786** and arrange with him to pay in advance for your breakfast.

Thursday 11th September 2014 at 2pm - on-site talk: Geoff Pursglove of the Ashby Canal Restoration project.

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

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ANYONE YOU KNOW THAT MAY NOT BE AWARE OR SIGNED UP

Packington & Normanton Church Ladies Group Celebration lunch

It is 50 years since the Ladies Group/Young Wives was formed in Packington & Normanton-Le-Heath. To celebrate, the committee is inviting past and present members to a special lunchtime meal and an opportunity to meet up with friends, old and new. The lunch is to be held in the Packington Memorial Hall from 12 noon on Saturday 27th September. Fine Cuisine of Ashby are to prepare and serve the meal which will include a choice of main course and sweets plus drinks and celebration cake. Tickets at £18 will be available nearer the time.

Anyone wishing to attend or requiring further details should contact Doreen Gasson. 13 Babelake Street, Packington 412012 or gasson123@btinternet.com

Packington Duck Race, Gilawiskaw Brook

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Sunday 3rd August



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Guides available from Heather FC, Corner Shop, The Queens Head and The Crown Inn. **Heather Near Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 2QJ**



The June meeting was held on a lovely evening on the 5th of the month. After items of business our Speaker Mrs June Davies entertained the members with her exploits when she was a contestant on the Television Programme "THE WEAKEST LINK". She was in the studio for the whole day and only recorded one show. After taking many different clothes with her she ended up wearing clothes from the wardrobe department. It was a hectic day and a wonderful experience which she did enjoy.

The competition was won by Hazel Brown for the "PRETTIEST HANDMADE GARTER".

The next meeting is on July 3rd when the Speaker will be one of our own members Mrs Margaret Monk and her subject "THE VENTURE THEATRE IN ASHBY" should be most interesting. We do hope there will be a good attendance.



Dear All,

Can you remember a time when repair work means that your electricity or water is cut off? Or when the broadband goes down? What are your feelings?

When I lived in rural Norfolk, we often lost electricity – not because of repairs but because of storms and the like. Now living in Measham, I've been cut off more often and for longer. As those who come out to do repairs always say to me 'it's due to the aged system'. Anyway, when I'm cut off, I quickly realise how many conveniences I take for granted.

The lack of power or water makes everyday tasks impossible: the washing machine doesn't work, the cooker is out; there's no fridge or light; the loo can't be flushed. The computer doesn't work and I can't boil a kettle for a cup of tea. The list of impossibilities seems endless. It's OK if it doesn't last too long but frustration soon sets in if the cut lasts ages. 'Normal' life seems a thing of the past. Restoration of power brings a sense of delight, but also the reminder to appreciate more what I take for granted.

It seems to me that there is something similar in the way we regard God's gifts to us. We take them for granted: the sun, the warmth, air, food, the changing of the seasons, a roof over our heads, a good mood. We forget to give thanks to the God who provides all these blessings. May an unending hymn of praise sound in our hearts to God – the giver of all good things.

As we enter the weeks of summer holidays, let's take time to notice all the wonderful things that we have and surround us in this beautiful part of the world, and then give thanks to a wonderful God!

Rev Vivien Elphick 270354

Services: August-September 2014

July 27th

8 am Holy Communion
11am 4th Sunday service with preacher from the Church Army

August 3rd

11 am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

August 10th

8 am Holy Communion
11am Morning Prayer

August 17th

11 am Holy Communion

August 24th

8 am Holy Communion
11am Songs of Praise

August 31st

10am Holy Communion – a united service at Appleby Church

September 7th

11am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

September 14th

8am Holy Communion
11am All age service

September 21st

11am Holy Communion

September 28th

8 am Holy Communion
11am 4th Sunday service

Well done to our sensational clarinet players

Our Packington Clarinet Players from Years 3, 4 and 5 shone out above the rest at the Leicestershire Schools Music Service Summer Festival Concert at De Montfort Hall. It was a brilliant afternoon and a fantastic experience for the children to play in a real theatre and everybody enjoyed it. The pupils played 7 different pieces, including both vocal elements and actions into their repertoire. At the end parents commented on what a marvellous time they'd had and how well all the pupils had performed.



This is the second year that Packington have been asked to perform at De Montfort Hall, which is a real feather in our young players' cap, especially when you consider their age as over half of our players are in Year 3. (Normally pupils have to be in at least Year 4 before they are asked to perform at the concert so it is a super achievement that we have both players performing in Year 3 and other players performing for their second time.)

Solar panel Park

Our Eco Committee had a fabulous day working with the Eco Committee from Measham Primary School, exploring and discussing the issues of Solar Power. They visited the proposed site of a Solar Park at the end of Babelake Street where they carried out a biodiversity study. They then viewed the site, taking on the role of a planner, and met with both the landowner & a real archaeologist. In the afternoon the pupils looked at the pros and cons of solar power and the proposed site. By the end of the session opinions still remained divided, generally pupils thought solar power was a good idea but they had mixed views about the location.

Pirate day

Our Reception, Y1 & Y2 classes had a fantastic day sailing the seven seas and searching for treasure when their classes were transformed into a Pirate Kingdom. They all looked fantastic in their costumes and, although some were a little fearsome, they had a great time getting involved in a range of activities from map making to role play.



Sports day

The weather was much improved for our second attempt at Sports Day and what a great morning it was! This year we made some successful new changes to the day by inviting a group of Sports Leaders from Ivanhoe to help. The Sports Leaders lead most of the activities and their enthusiastic approach encouraged everyone to actively participate in all the activities.



We also introduced some new races which went down well with the pupils. The teacher's wet wellie race definitely caused some giggles! Lots of parents and grandparents attended to cheer the children on and refreshments were organised by the Packington School Association. We were particularly impressed with all the parents who competed in the Mums, Dads and our "Mummy" Race this year.

Our thanks go to Darren Cresswell who took some fantastic photographs which are available to view on the school website.

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**HELEN O'GRADY
DRAMA ACADEMY**

Do you love working with children and have experience in Drama?

The Helen O' Grady Drama Academy is looking for a qualified teacher to teach creative drama to primary aged students in Coalville and Ashby studios on Monday and Thursday afternoons (more work available). The position is a permanent, part-time position starting in September.

Lesson plans and curriculum provide and training given. Must have own car. Outgoing personality essential! Please email CV too. If you cannot commit to a year or more, please do not apply.

Please telephone: Principal Beth Daniel on 01664 569738 or email nleics@helenogrady.co.uk

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Heather Scarecrow Festival

For 8 days the village of Heather comes alive with scarecrow displays as villagers compete for your votes. There will be around 80 scarecrows depicting film, music, sport and topical issues. These are made by the residents of Heather and displayed outside their homes. You will be amazed by their creativity. Take a walk around the village and vote for your favourite scarecrow in various categories. Find the Sammy Scarecrows and enter a draw for a prize. This year we will also be holding a prize draw to win one of 2 copies of Julia Donaldson's & Axel Sheffler's new book 'The Scarecrows' Wedding'.

It can take quite a long time to walk around the scarecrows (depending how fast you walk and whether you are doing the 'Find the Sammy Scarecrows

Treasure Hunt). Some people spend much of the day here and bring a picnic or visit the tea room, others make several visits during the week and walk the route a little at a time.

The Packington Memorial Hall Committee

The Committee are appealing for volunteers to help decorate the lower walls inside the hall up to the top dado rail.

This take place between Tuesday 12th August & Friday 15th August between 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Please bring a roller, pole, tray, small paint brush, dust / paint sheet

Tea, chocolate and biscuits will be provide free of charge