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SOLAR FARM AT END OF BABELAKE STREET Concern over access and vehicle movements



As reported in previous editions of the Packington Post a Solar Panel Farm is proposed for end of Babelake Street- near Springs.

**Approx 40-50 acres - 13 Megawatts
- 50,000+ panels**

Construction traffic will come through the village and down Babelake Street (despite there being access off Gallows Lane near Springs). To sum up, the local authority, despite accepting that Babelake street is unsuitable for access it could/would not object because it is "Temporary" and not "severe". Residents will have their own views on this.

Construction will last 2-3 months with an estimate 484 HGV lorry movements

10. In response to the question "Why not use the Gallows Lane entrance adjacent to the Springs entrance?" a response was received that the speed of traffic and visibility splay may not be suitable. Again residents may wonder at this as:

a. Both the farm and Springs entrance have been used for many, many years without issue.

b. Gallows Lane is a well maintained 'B' road and at this point is 3 lanes wide to allow turning traffic into Springs and the farm entrance.

c. On a random day last week there were 104 vehicles in Springs car park at 11am which together with other in/out traffic throughout the day would lead to a conservative estimate of 100-200 daily vehicle movements at that location. The addition of a further 10+ on a temporary basis would be irrelevant.

As this important issue has been highlighted, Councillor Smith has "called in" the application to be discussed by the full Planning committee at a date to be decided unless the access is changed in the meantime.

At this meeting members of the public can register to speak on the subject of their concerns whatever they may be.

If you have any views on this you can submit comments on the NWLD planning site. Follow link to <http://www.nwleics.gov.uk> and then go to Planning and enter under planning reference 14/00535/FULM

Responses can also be sent/copied to your local councillors to keep them directly informed of your views. (Your council contacts are below)

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Parish- clerk@packingtonpc.org.uk

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Neighbourhood Watch and



comparethemarket.com reveal special edition logo

In a bid to bring communities across the nation together, comparethemarket.com has today joined forces with Neighbourhood Watch as the movement marks its 50th Anniversary. Residents of an original Neighbourhood Watch area came together to reveal the first ever revamp to its logo in the charity's history. The visual has been updated to include meerkat favourites Aleksandra and Sergei with the writing updated to 'neighbourhoods watching,' as the meerkats use their cheeky charm to help Neighbourhood Watch attract a wider audience.

Becoming part of Neighbourhood Watch not only helps to create a safer, more connected community but can also have a positive impact on each and every household.

Street representatives will be issuing stickers to Packington people soon.

New research reveals 65% agree neighbourhoods would be stronger if people were encouraged to get to know each other better

Yet one in 10 can't name a single neighbour

Iconic Neighbourhood Watch window sticker given new meerkat twist as the famous characters use their cheeky charm to help attract a wider audience.

Good News

We have a new addition to the Packington Neighbourhood watch scheme, **Sandra Evans** has agreed to represent Bridge Street.

This leaves only 3 streets without a direct representative;

Babelake Street.,Nethercroft Drive and Holmecroft Drive

If anyone is interested in volunteering for this role, contact:

Stephen Flook at 2 Mill Street or

415185, 07768852363 or email sflook@yahoo.co.uk

Breedon and Kiddier Charity



Land 0.3 acres (Approx) having a frontage on Babelake Street, Packington Leicestershire. Part of the land numbered 8228 on OS 1961.

Farm Business Tenancy available with a fixed term of two to five years. No dwellings.

Any person wishing to hold this tenancy should reply to the address below for an application form or e-mail; clerk@packingtonpc.org.uk

Clerk to the Trustees

Ms Victoria Roe, 4 Bembow Avenue, Melbourne, Derbyshire, DE73 8GU

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Packington Recreation Ground Charity Bonfire Party

Wednesday 5th November at 6-45pm



We hope to repeat the success of previous Bonfire Parties and as you can see we are keeping to the traditional date again this year.

There is a need to build a safe bonfire, so we are asking those of you who bring material to burn to check the contents before you take it to the site with Chris Miles. He can be contacted on 414378 or 07856179485.

Over the last few years the bonfires have been terrific because we have built it from pallets and fencing etc. Smoke was limited because we did not have green material.

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

The Bonfire Party will be run on similar lines to previous years. The bonfire will be lit as near to 7pm as possible and there will be two sessions of Display Fireworks. In the interval there will be a sparkler session for youngsters accompanied by an adult and this will be free of charge. The event itself is free but we shall ask you for a donation which can be gift aided and will help the charity to pursue its aims. Entry will be via the top entrance to the Play-area in Vicarage Lane. Anyone parking in the Recreation Ground car-park will be asked to walk up Vicarage Lane to this entrance as it is a safer access in the dark.

Hot dogs, burgers, punch and drinks can be purchased and we hope you all have an enjoyable time. Please come and support this event no matter what the weather. There will be over £400 of display fireworks and as the charity has had to pay a hefty £400 insurance premium to stage this bonfire, we need to see the whole of Packington on the Recreation Ground.

Please **Do Not** bring any of your own fireworks to this event. This includes sparklers. It is a condition of the insurance that only authorised fireworks are displayed in a safe and secure environment.

The money raised at last year's bonfire night has been spent on replacing the weathered rope ladder in the jungle apparatus.

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

Enquiries call Chris Miles on 414378 or 07856179485.

Beetle Drive



Fun afternoon

Saturday 18th October 3.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Packington Memorial Hall
Suitable for all ages and actually great fun. We provide beetles and instructions.



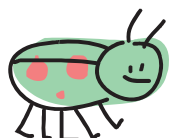
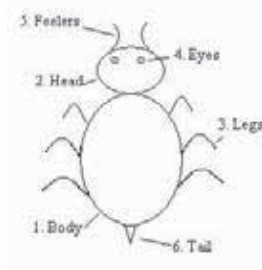
For those that don't know, a Beetle Drive is a game played with pen, paper and dice in which players draw a beetle in parts. The part drawn is decided by the roll of a dice.

The rolls are:

- 6 for the body, of which there is one.
- 5 for the head, of which there is one.
- 4 for the tail, of which there is one.
- 3 for a leg, of which there are six.
- 2 for an antenna, of which there are two.
- 1 for an eye, of which there are two.

A 6 must be rolled for the body before any other part is drawn. Likewise, a 5 must be rolled for the head before the antenna and eyes are drawn. The first player to draw a full beetle is the winner.

Several rounds are played at the beetle drive which is a great afternoon out for all the family. The hall is packed and the fun is fast and furious!



Contact Judith Wilson 01530 412658 or Judith@packington.info.
Adults £3 Children £2.00 includes an interval with tea, coffee and cake!

All proceeds to Prostate Cancer UK in memory of my dad.

The Packington Blind Horse

The term "Shire horse" was first used in the mid-17th century, and incomplete records begin to appear near the end of the 18th century. The "Packington Blind Horse", from Leicestershire, is one of the best-known horses of the era, with direct descendants being recorded from 1770 to 1832 [3]. This horse is usually recognised as the foundation stallion for the Shire breed, and he stood at stud from 1755 to 1770 [5].



The English Shire Horse & Shire Horse Society

The foundation Stallion of the Shire Breed is recognised as being the Packington Blind Horse who stood at Packington near Ashby de la Zouch between 1755 & 1770. He was black and appears in the first Shire Stud Book because of the large number of horses claimed to be descended from him.

The Shire horse root stallion is believed to be the all black Blind Horse of Packington village near Ashby de la Zouch in Leicestershire, who lived from 1755 to 1770. He was referred to in the first edition of the Cart Horse Stud Book, as he had sired so many horses!

The foundation stallion of the Shire breed is recognised as the Packington Blind Horse, who stood at Ashby-de-la-Zouch between 1755 and 1770. He is the first stud book published in 1878. It was not until 1884 that the name Shire came into use, when the Shire Horse Society replaced the English Cart Horse Society.

The English Cart Horse Society was founded in 1876, publishing a stud book two years later in 1884, it changed its name to the Shire Horse Society; by this time Shire Horses were also being bred for show

purposes. One of the foundation sires of the Shire Horse breed, is the Packington Blind Horse. He is the first entry in the Shire Horse Society Stud book, due to the large number of horses claimed to be descendants of him.

In Leicestershire, from 1775 to 1770, the Packington Blind Horse, travelled the countryside, leaving "hundreds" of colts. A century later the Packington Blind Horse was named as a foundation stallion in the first studbook of the Shire.

In 1760 the "Packington Blind Horse" appeared - a black horse, who became the foundation stallion for Shire Horses. This is the year in which the documented history of the Shire Horse began.

Packington Cricket Club

Packington Cricket Club have had their most successful season for a number of years, finishing fourth in the league with a total of 318 points, that is the highest amount of points ever gained by the club. They are now looking forward to a well-earned rest.

We are always on the lookout for new members, so if anyone out there in the village or surrounding areas wants to have a game, come to winter nets after Christmas. We will keep you posted on the start dates. We are a family club who encourage anyone to join us.

You can usually find one of us in the Bull & Lion or if not Phil & Emma, the licensees have our details should you want them. We look forward to welcoming new members.

Martin Page

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Thursday 23rd October at Holy Rood Church,
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Open to all children up to the age of 11 yrs.
Those below school age will need an adult to stay.

Cost: £1.00 per child

Further details available from Revd. Linda Cox 01530 411642



Dear All,

I recently bought myself a toy (no it's not my second childhood). It's called Crazee World and is a globe of the world. It's a bit like a Rubik's cube in that you twist different sections and muddle up where the countries and continents are. Then you get frustrated by it as you try to get everything back in the proper place, and find it nearly impossible to do so. It is very tricky.

'Playing' with it feels representative of our world today. Every day we have more and more news of suffering: the wars in Gaza/Israel, Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan; the E-Bola outbreak in West Africa; famine in South Sudan; then Rotherham and the antagonism around the Scottish referendum. There is so much suffering, so much pain. It can feel all too much.

How do we live with it? We can get paralysed by the sheer sense of helplessness; we can get hardened to it all. For me, the only way forward that I see is to live each day well. That might mean giving to charity, bothering to write that letter of support or protest. To practise a good living of the day and to practise grace towards the people we meet in the course of each day.

What does a good living look like? For me I have to look to the cross of Jesus, the ultimate symbol of reconciliation of people with each other and with God. There I see a love that was prepared to go all the way, as far as death. I see forgiveness of all the bad at great cost. I see sacrifice of self for the sake of others. The cross of Jesus gives me a way forward – a cross-shaped way of living.

The call is to love extravagantly, to forgive and let go of hurts and injustice and to be sacrificial in time, talents and of myself for the sake of others. It's not an easy way of living and I frequently mess up, but at least I know I can go back to that cross for the forgiveness that I need.

Faced with all that is going on, we can't influence things on the big scale but we can make a difference. Yet, who knows, living a cross-shaped life where we are placed in the strength of God's Holy Spirit might change more than we can imagine. What might it look like in the village of Packington?

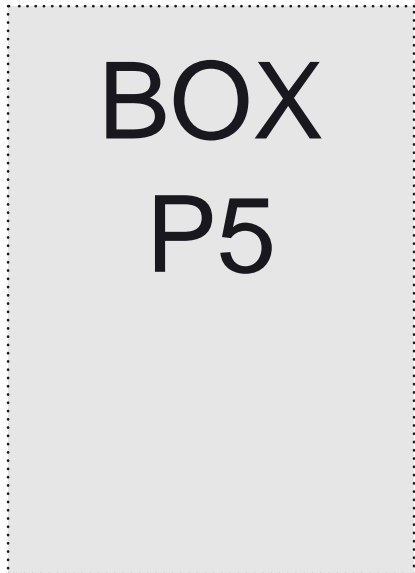


Afternoon Tea at Holy Rood Church

Around 32 people came to enjoy our second afternoon of tea and cakes which was held on Tuesday 9th September.

We were lucky with the weather enabling some to sit outside and enjoy the warm sunny afternoon.

Although this is a church funded event, £30.70p was given in donations for the church funds.



Services: September – November 2014

September 28th

8am Holy Communion

11am 4th Sunday service

October 5th: Harvest Festival

11am All age harvest service

5.45 pm Harvest Tea in church followed by 6pm Harvest Songs of Praise service

October 12th

8am Holy Communion

11am Morning Prayer

October 19th

11am Holy Communion

October 26th

8am Holy Communion

11am 4th Sunday service with Ashby Youth for Christ

November 2nd

11am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

November 9th Remembrance Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10.50am Service of Remembrance

November 16th

11 am Holy Communion

November 23rd

8am Holy Communion

11am 4th Sunday service

November 30th Advent Sunday

9.30 am united service at Measham Church (no service at Packington)

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

PMG Report

In August, PMG enjoyed one of its tastiest meetings for some time: **PMG Annual Breakfast** at our revitalised **Packington Bull & Lion**, where amazingly our friendly hosts **Emma Talbot**



and **Phil Tookey** served 15 freshly-cooked full English breakfasts and two healthy options all within two minutes, a catering feat much appreciated, as we were all able to tuck into our meals. In a short address afterwards, Phil talked openly



with clever humor about his Army career and their future plans. After his challenging active service in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Yorkshire, he clearly prefers Packington! Now refurbished, serving Real Ale, with a rebuilt kitchen for tasty food, our pub is settling down



again as a long-term prime focus of our village - we wish our hosts well.

In September, **PMG** visited the **Ashby Canal Restoration Project**, and heard **LCC Project Officer Geoff Pursglove** give a pithy illustrated talk on the history of the Ashby Canal, and efforts to restore it as a major leisure feature in Leicestershire. Much has been achieved by many volunteers under Geoff's guidance; much remains to



be done, and we heard the plans for remaking the canal to a new wharf at Measham, and then to join the refurbished sector from Conkers Moira to Donisthorpe.

Geoff then led a guided walk along this restored part of the canal, pointing out landmarks seen in the presentation images.

Thursday 9th October 2014 at 7:15pm - Memorial Hall room - evening talk: guest speaker Ken Hillier of Ashby Museum describes "Old Ashby".

Thursday 13th November 2014 at 7:15pm - Memorial Hall Room - evening talk: guest speaker Carol Price, Head of Packington School.

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

Robert Dilworth PMG Secretary 411673 rd.i@virgin.net

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at Holy Rood Church, Packington

15th November 10am - 12noon

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Cakes, Books, Crafts, White Elephant
GUESS: Sweets in a jar, Weight of cake

Packington Open Gardens

The 25th Annual Open Gardens Day in the village took place on Bank Holiday Monday the 25th August. Despite the extremely wet day, the worst weather in 25 years, around 150 people armed with brollies and water proofs braved the conditions.



The Memorial Hall played a larger role than usual when some of the planned gardens stalls relocated here. Live musical entertainment at the hall provided by Nick and Joy Gravestock and friends plus Leon Gentle with his guitar proved to be a great hit.



The refreshments stops at Barn Farm, the church room and Memorial Hall did a good trade serving very welcome hot drinks, cream teas and cakes. In all a very enjoyable day.



The event raised around £1,100 for the village church building repair fund. Thanks go to everyone who helped make it a successful day by opening their gardens, baking cakes, serving teas and manning the stalls and car park and to the sponsors David Granger Architectural Design Ltd.

PACKINGTON & NORMANTON CHURCH

LADIES GROUP OPEN MEETING

WED 8TH OCTOBER

7.30PM

in Packington Memorial Hall.



The speaker will be

POLLYANNA PICKERING

Pollyanna Pickering is widely recognized as Europe's foremost wildlife artist, and the most published fine artist working in Britain today.

Pollyanna is to present her talk 'Temples, Tigers and a Bear called Polly' about her recent journeys into Thailand and Vietnam. The highlight of Pollyanna's journey was a visit to a wonderful sanctuary in Vietnam now home to Polly, the Asiatic moonbear.

Hear Polly's heart-warming story, and meet some of the residents of this special place, high in the cloud covered Tam Dao mountains.

TICKETS £6.00 to include glass of wine/fruit juice & mince pies

Contact: Doreen Gasson

Tel No: 01530 412012

EVERYONE WELCOME

Five Year Celebration of Packington Memorial Hall Refurbishment



Come and celebrate the success of the Memorial Hall. Hear the figures, see the improvements and enjoy a fantastic evening; The Committee are organising this event for residents of Packington for just £6 per person. The evening will commence with a Hot Supper followed by short account of how the Hall has progressed over the last five years. This will be followed by a film shown on the Hall's new large screen and projector. The film has yet to be decided and we are looking into engaging people coming to the event to make that decision. It is therefore important to sign up early so that we can seek your suggestions. (Oct 31st)

Supper and Film Night - Saturday 6th December at 7.00pm

Bar open all evening till 11-30pm. Come with friends and relax. PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY BY CONTACTING Chris Miles 14 Babelake Street, Packington, 414378 or christopher.miles@sky.com

Packington Memorial Hall Junior Celebration – Saturday 6th December 2.30pm to 4.00pm

Target Age range 5yrs to 11yrs

To include games; snacks; ice-cream drinks and a number of short films.

Again it is important that youngsters sign up early so that we can engage them in film choice. (By Oct 31st)

THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR THE CHILDREN OF PACKINGTON

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Saturday 4th October – Race Night, The Bull & Lion, 7.00pm

Wednesday 15th October – Coffee and chat, Holy Rood Church, 9.30am – 11.30am

Wednesday 5th November – Bonfire Party, Recreational Ground, 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th November – Coffee and chat, Holy Rood Church, 9.30am – 11.30am

Saturday 6th December – Supper & Film Night, Memorial Hall, 7.00pm

Send important diary dates in for the November 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 rachaeldyer@yahoo.co.uk or telephone the editor (details above).

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