



Dear All,

I recently came across a story from the life of Gandhi. It goes like this. One day, as Gandhi got on a train, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He couldn't retrieve it. To the amazement of his friends, he reached down and took off the other shoe. As the train moved forward, he threw it back along the track to land close to the first one. A friend asked him why he had done that. Gandhi smiled 'A poor man who finds a shoe lying on the track will now have a pair he can use.' Gandhi was a very remarkable man with an amazing ability to think in a different way from most other people, and to put thoughts of others before himself.

Jesus tells us: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength; and love your neighbour as yourself'. Jesus lived this out in his own life – giving his all for us. One of his best loved parables illustrates it and that is the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan, who would have been considered an outsider, is the one to help the man lying battered and bruised, close to death. He binds up his wounds and takes him on to a hotel where he will be taken care of. He leaves him in the care of the people there with an open cheque that he will cover all costs. That is the level of loving to which Jesus challenges us.

If, like me, you become increasingly disturbed at the level of hatred and violence, we might ponder the law of love. What can we do, where we are, to show love to others? Do we need to ponder sometimes how we use words that hurt others? Are we showing love to others or are we more bothered about ourselves? These might be only tiny seeds in the context of the world's issues but the seeds of love have great power to grow and spread. And, as Jesus will show on the cross at Easter, love is, at the end of the day, the only counter to the cycle of violence and hatred.

Vivien

HOLYROOD SERVICES

February – March 2015

February 1st

11 a.m. Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

February 8th

11 a.m. All age service

February 15th

11 am Holy Communion

February 18th (Ash Wednesday)

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent (at Measham Church)

February 22nd

11 am 4th Sunday service

March 1st

11 a.m. Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

March 8th

11 am Holy Communion

March 15th (Mothering Sunday)

11 a.m. All age service

March 22nd

United service – venue and time to be notified

March 29th (Palm Sunday)

11 am Special Palm Sunday service

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

Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th February – Coffee & Chat, Holy Road Church, Packington

Saturday 28th February – Charity Breakfast, Memorial Hall, 9.00am – 1.00pm

Wednesday 18th March – Coffee & Chat, Holy Road Church, Packington

Send important diary dates in for the March 2015 edition to editor@packington.info



Ashby 20 Road Race

Sunday 22nd March

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CHARITY BREAKFAST

Saturday 28th February
9.00 - 1.00pm All Welcome
Memorial Hall

Charity Breakfast 2015
Proceeds to Harry's Fund
(see page 2 for article)



Volunteers still needed. Please don't be afraid to come forward.

Call Mike Coke 560430 or mike.coke@talktalk.net
If you can help with cooking call Wesley 411337

One of the oldest "Packingtonians" is to move on.

The village is about to say goodbye to one of the oldest "Packingtonians" as Miss Mary Albutt prepares to move closer to family members. Mary was born and brought up in the village attending Packington School and later Broomleys Central School in Coalville during the four years of the Second World War she remembers cycling to school with satchel on one shoulder and gas mask on the other.

After school Mary learned shorthand and audio/typing and worked for the National Coal Board for thirty years. Working mostly at the beautiful Coleorton Hall in various departments. This was some of the happiest days of her life. Mary took early retirement to look after

elderly parents. Mary used to play the organ at the Methodist Chapel until it closed in 2009, then becoming a regular at Holy Rood with occasional visits to Ashby Methodist church. She joined in many village activities including WI, Singles, the Ladies Group and the Luncheon Club among them.

Many people will miss her as she was often seen walking up the High Street to and from Peter's shop and stopping to chat on the way. Mary will miss this very much as she always enjoyed Peter's fun and jokes. As Mary looks forward to a new chapter in her life many friends and neighbours have said they will visit her. "I do hope they don't all come at once".

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Big Breakfast

Join the Big Charity Breakfast and raise funds for Harry Culwick. Harry lives with mum and dad, Sam and Alastair and twin brother Luke in Hall Lane. The twins were born prematurely and while after a while Luke developed normally, Harry was diagnosed with daytonic Cerebral Palsy and he is also profoundly deaf. He is unable to sit, stand, walk, talk or barely even to hold his head up and is completely dependent on others for all his needs. However in spite of his difficulties Harry is a very happy vibrant little boy who never stops laughing and smiling.

His parents have discovered ABR which is a type of physio which creates volume in the tissue to support the muscles. ABR takes 2-3 hours every day at home by his parents. They have completed the first year and are seeing noticeable improvements in Harry. They are now looking for funds to have an ABR machine at home that will deliver an additional 10 hours treatment at night while he is asleep. The cost is 3300 euros a year.

Find out more about ABR (Advanced Bio-Mechanical Rehabilitation) on the Internet.

Christmas Coffee Morning



With a splendid 14 Christmas trees and over 100 mince pies consumed, Packington's Coffee Morning and Christmas Tree Festival in aid of Macmillan Care raised £272.78. Many thanks for all the groups and individuals who displayed Christmas Trees and to everyone who joined us on the day.
Heather Allen

NEW TO THE VILLAGE?
If you are a warm welcome from all in Packington. Did you know we have a village welcome pack? It's full of useful information, contacts and numbers.
REQUEST YOUR COPY
Email Rachael rwozywoda@yahoo.co.uk

The Packington Great Bake-off 2015

Taking inspiration from the hit BBC show, keen bakers are invited to attempt the rounds that we all know and love from the programme hosted by Mel and Sue and judged by Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood. All the rounds from the show will be used on the day.

The Technical Challenge will be a Victoria Sandwich (recipe available on the website) The Signature Bake is a tried and tested recipe that you love to make at home, the Show Stopper Challenge is something a little special or an unusual flavour combination. There are two categories for our Junior bakers and new this year, is the Professional Challenge category for both professional bakers and aspiring amateur bakers.

All profits to Prostate Cancer UK For more information and a booking form, see the website www.packington.info/bloggle/bakeoff/

Ready, Steady Bake...
contact Judith 01530 412658
email bakeoff@packington.info

Packington Church
Wednesday 28th January 12noon-2pm
Soup and a roll

PMG Report

Earlier in January, PMG held a landmark presentation on **Modern Mining Technology** by PMG member **Steve Flook**, who, while familiar to villagers as our **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**, also works



worldwide for a global mining equipment manufacturer. Steve's videos showed vast "Longwall" mining equipments attacking a whole wide hillside at one go, with armoured conveyors and hydraulic roof supports closely following the huge-capacity shearing heads that advance across a target seam with little human involvement. We were pleased to welcome a number of guests in our audience of 26 in total, and hope that they will want to come to join us in future PMG events. - SUCH AS our **PMG Annual Lunch**

on **Thursday 12th February 2015 leaving the village at 12:15**, to be held at the **Cricketts Inn at nearby Acresford**.

A family-run cosy pub restaurant with extensive lunchtime menus of "All day, Every Day" **good food**. You can inspect these menus on their website www.crickettsinn.com; make your choices on the day, but

- **RSVP** - we need to know who is attending for the transport and seating plans, so **please contact Robert on 411673 or by email** to confirm your attendance,



please by Monday 9th February.

Then on **Thursday 12th March 2015 - PMG Guided tour of East Midlands AeroPark aircraft museum**. It's not often you get the chance to walk up close and personal to real large jet aircraft, but up the road at EMA you will do just that on our PMG visit, leaving at 1:30pm for **2pm start**.



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

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News from Packington School Jan 2015

We are an Outstanding Church of England Primary School!

We are delighted to announce that, following our recent SIAMS (Church Inspection), we have been judged as an Outstanding School. As well as being awarded the top grade for the overall distinctiveness and effectiveness of Packington as a Church of England School we were also graded outstanding across the board in all aspects as follows:

“The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners”

“ The impact of collective worship on the school community is outstanding.”

“The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a church school is outstanding.”

It's great news and we are especially pleased because the inspection criteria has changed quite dramatically over the last 12 months to align with OFSTED judgements. As the inspector informed governors “It is much tougher to get outstanding now.”

A copy of the full inspection report is available on the school website.

Christmas at Packington

We had a very busy run up to Christmas, with lots of fun and exciting things going on:



Christmas Fayre

The PSA Christmas Fayre was a great success and well supported by pupils and parents. Pupils gave up break and lunch time to contribute to the fund raising efforts by designing their own games/stalls or helping set up. The children thoroughly enjoyed being part of the event and a fantastic £920 was raised! Following this success, the PSA have kindly agreed to provide the funding to update and purchase some new equipment for the playground for all pupils to use.

Panto & Nativity Performances

Our Key Stage 2 pupils performed this year's Panto of 'Aladdin Trouble'.



The singing, dancing and comic timing were spot on as a result of the hard work by the children to perfect their lines, and it was a real delight to see the pupils grow in confidence as they took to the stage. They obviously all enjoyed their chance to shine and as a result it was a fabulous production.

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils also performed this year's Nativity 'It's a Party' beautifully to parent's and grandparents and even Packington Playgroup came along and gave the children a 'thumbs up'.

We have received some marvellous comments for both performances and the children should all be very proud.

Special Visitors!

Pupils were entertained at their Christmas Parties with a magic & puppet show by William the Wizard, organised by the Packington School Association. Father Christmas also managed to find a space in his busy schedule to drop in and answer questions and hand out gifts.

Christingle

Rev Lesley Birtwistle and Mrs Eaton helped the children make Christingles for the Church Service on 7th December. Two of our pupils were selected to interview Bishop Tim at Church, asking about his thoughts about God and what he does on Christmas Day. Other pupils gave a bible reading at the Service which was enjoyed by all.

THE GREAT BAKE OFF 2015

You can enter into as many classes and categories as you wish. The competition is open to all amateur bakers (categories 1 to 11) and professional bakers (category 11 only). £1.00 per entry.

TECHNICAL CHALLENGE

The recipe for the technical challenge cake is given on the back page and must be used to enter into this category...

(Professionally judged)
1 The Victoria Sandwich cake

THE SHOW STOPPER CHALLENGE

Something a little special, be it an unusual flavour combination, spectacular or quirky. The show stopper bake should stand out from the crowd... (Professionally judged)

- 2 Almond slice – pastry bottom, jam, almond top. (30x20cm)
- 3 Shortbread, either 12 pieces or a 8"/20cm shortbread round
- 4 Fruit cake – a cake containing fruit – either fresh or dried.

THE SIGNATURE BAKE

Your signature bake – your perfect melt in the mouth shortbread, or tastiest chocolate cake. It's the recipe that never lets you down and you do best... (public vote)

- 5 Chocolate cake, it must have chocolate on it or in it.
- 6 An open category of baking of anything gluten-free
- 7 Tray bake - your choice of tray bake cut into 24 pieces.
- 8 Mediterranean bread – e.g. focaccia, ciabatta, olive bread etc...

THE JUNIOR BAKE

These categories are for the younger bakers, it's your choice of recipe and decoration, the theme this year is seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter... (Professionally judged)

- 9 Junior [Ages 9 and under] Six cupcakes.
- 10 Junior [Ages 10 to 15] Six cupcakes.

THE PRO CHALLENGE

This category is open to professional and amateur bakers. A light sponge baked to perfection and creative decoration, the show stopper bake should stand out from the crowd... (Professionally judged)

- 11 Movie & or book challenge – a sponge cake of your choice, decorated in a movie or book theme.

THE GREAT BAKE-OFF 2015



EVENT

Saturday

March 21st

12.00pm – 5.00pm
PACKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Bake-Off Entries Accepted
12.00 – 2.00 pm

Cupcake decorating for the kids
3.00 pm – 4.30 pm

The Packington half mile
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Take a gentle stroll around the village spotting pictures of cakes along the way to complete the Packington half mile.



Winners Rosette
for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

Teas, coffee & cakes served
12.00 – 5.00 pm

Hall Open
12.00 – 5.00 pm
Signature Bake tasting
3.00 – 4.30 pm
Come along to taste and vote for your favourite Signature bake.

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Construction well under way with the majority of posts to support 55,000 panels in place.

Despite objections to using Babelake Street as the access route for construction traffic, planning permission was granted. The inevitable has happened as illustrated by the letter below sent to James Ricketts the construction project manager.

·It now appears that despite assurances to the contrary it is clear that restrictions on the contractor to avoid school hours is being completely ignored with consequent serious risk to school crossing patrol man, mothers, children and others in a location where footpaths are virtually nonexistent.

·Residents also report that the HGV vehicles are travelling at an unsafe speed for the conditions.

·The situation described in the email below where a resident was forced to reverse down the lane by 6 contractors vehicles in the dark into a gateway(there are no formal passing places!!) is completely unacceptable.

·Also a recent articulated lorry found it impossible to turn into Babelake Street without several reversing manoeuvres down Mill street and mounting kerbs and verges.

The information has been passed on to County Councillor Nick Rushton and NWLD Councillor Nigel Smith with a request to involve the appropriate highways and planning officials.

Hopefully they will make it clear to the contractors that this behaviour and vehicle management is not acceptable and take appropriate

action and whatever sanctions are available to stop it.

It is feared that it is only a matter of time before an "incident" occurs with possible damage to people and/or property and if this happens those involved and responsible for creating this situation should certainly be held to account.

Email to James Ricketts, construction manager from resident and mother, name and address supplied:-

"Good Afternoon James

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

The nature of my telephone call to you on Thursday 15th January was again to alert you to the fact that lorries are still using Babelake Street during school drop off and pick up times. When we initially spoke about this matter back in the beginning of December, you assured me that this would stop.

After our initial conversation, the situation did improve slightly with only a couple during that week passing through, albeit a couple too many. I did not contact you again regarding these as I was hopeful they were one offs and it would be rectified. However, since the children have been back at school, there have been lorries using the road at unpermitted times nearly every day. One of which was a huge articulated lorry one morning which I was told, had incredible difficulty turning into Babelake Street, both because of his size and the parked vehicles he had to manoeuvre round.

As you will appreciate, our Crossing Patrol, John, has a difficult job as it is without having to worry about lorries reversing and mounting kerbs. I actually spoke to one lorry driver on Thursday, who had left your site and was down at the corner at only just 3:25pm. This is not acceptable and is not a one off. As I said before, the school bell rings at 3:15pm to let the children

out of class. By the time they've got bags, coats etc, it is at least 3:20 before they leave the playground. There are only footpaths a small way up Babelake Street and the grass verges have been made into mud baths from lorries to site using them as passing points.

The other point I rose with you was the way in which a resident was made to reverse down the lane, in the dark with a young child in the car, as members of your workforce (6 vehicles) decided that they would keep on coming, regardless of the fact that they had seen the car and could've waited to let it pass. I find this appalling behaviour and the person involved was very upset by it but unsure of what to do. which is why I am bringing it to your attention.

We were prepared to have increased heavy traffic down our lane and respectful of the fact that it wouldnt be for long but we are not prepared to be intimidated or have the safety of our children compromised. It is bad enough that we are putting up with all the mud, another reason we have to walk in the middle of the road) without having to put up with this.

I trust you will take prompt action to resolve this immediately and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards"

If you have any issues on this situation useful contact details are :-

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