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**New Coffee Morning**



Starting on 6th May a new coffee morning will start in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall. The plan is to run from about 9.15 am to 12.00 on the first Wednesday of each month.

There will be the usual tea, coffee etc plus biscuits to start. A lot depends on the support as to where and how this venture ends up. It has been suggested we might have a book exchange, amongst other things.

Toys will be available for any young children accompanying their parents.

Please come along and give it a try. Reasonable prices to cover the costs with any surplus going to charity. Offers of help to:-

**Mike and Sylvia Coke.**

**Telephone 01530 560430**

**New First Aid Course**



It is now twelve months since the defibrillator was installed at the Memorial Hall. At the time we ran two courses and trained about thirty residents in the basic life saving actions. This course follows the BHF HEART START programme and also covers how to use the defibrillator.

I have four names of people that wish to take this course and am looking for about ten more to make it viable.

TUESDAY 28th APRIL 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Be first to sign up by ringing or by email:

**Mike Coke 560430**

**mike.coke59@gmail.com**

**Free Film Night For Packington Residents**



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
6pm FOR 6.30pm  
Memorial Hall**

As a celebration of the fifth anniversary of the re-opening of the Memorial Hall, the Committee is inviting residents to come along and watch Paddington for free on the big screen using the new projection equipment linked to the sound system and celebrate what has been achieved at the village hall over the past five years. It is hoped that someone will come forward to run a regular Film Club.

Tickets will be limited so must be booked in advance. You need to advise how many tickets you require together with your address.

**Mike Coke 560430**

**mike.coke59@gmail.com**

**Packington Memorial Hall Annual General Meeting held on 17th August 2015**

Despite extensive publicity only 12 people attended the meeting. 3 apologies for absence were received.

The Chairman, Chris Miles, presented an extremely positive report. The number of regular user groups has increased to over 20, and it has become quite difficult to find a slot for new and prospective groups. Overall usage has remained very high, and at times it has been difficult to keep up with demand to use the premises.

During the year, the defibrillator was fitted to the Hall with a CCTV camera installed to protect the equipment. External decoration

of the buildings and internal decoration of the Main Hall and foyer was completed. An overhead projector and electronic screen, linked to the hall's sound system was fitted. Servicing of the electrical and gas equipment and the relevant safety certificates were obtained. In addition 20 new chairs were purchased for the meeting room.

The chairman thanked all the officers and members of the committee who had worked hard to ensure that Packington Memorial Hall remains one of the top village halls in Leicestershire, evidenced by the fact that the committee receives regular requests from other village halls for guidance on how to reinvigorate their hall.

The Treasurer, Judith Wilson, presented the annual accounts showing income from individual

hirers and regular users was up by over £1,000, and despite all the expenditure outlined above the balances in the bank remained healthy, with sums set aside for depreciation and future maintenance.

The A.G.M. closed with the election of a new committee of Trustees, and Trustee Representatives of regular user groups, to manage the Memorial Hall for the next twelve months. There is still a vacancy for the role of secretary to the committee, and the role of treasurer will become vacant next year as the current treasurer, Judith, announced her intention to resign after four years service. Should anyone be interested.

Please contact me, the current acting secretary:-

**Adrian Mongredien 01530 564613**



Well we are all pleased at the school to see the first signs of spring and that the bulbs and flowers planted by the Eco Committee are beginning to make an appearance, brightening our world and inspiring us to get out and about. This term the pupils have been working very hard to make a positive contribution to our community from completing their Citizen's Award to contributing to our Food bank Challenge as well as learning new skills to teach to their peers.

### Conference



Mr Emery and five Year 5 pupils attended the Children's RE Conference at Lutterworth College organised by the Diocese. This year the theme was 'Musical RE in the School' and the pupils had the chance to work with nationally acclaimed songwriter Stephen Fischbacher. It was a great opportunity as Stephen is the founder of Fischy Music, a charity that has worked directly with children for many years and their resources are used in thousands of schools across the UK and beyond.

They emphasize the uniqueness, creativity and worth of every child and produce memorable, easy to learn, fun songs that all can sing. The charity has its roots in the Christian Faith but the songs and resources are inclusive and appropriate for all students regardless of outlook on life or religious belief.

The pupils and Mr Emery came back buzzing and with some great resources for school and saying "What a fantastic day!" The five pupils now want to become Christian Ambassadors to share the activities with the rest of the school.

### Collective Worship Teams



We have had some fabulous Collective Worship activities led by our pupil teams this term; quite professional! I really think they could go on tour with the Open the Book groups! Three teams made up of year 5 pupils will have delivered stories from Daniel in the well, Samuel hears a noise and Jesus chooses the disciples over the last few weeks. All the teams have to plan and present their ideas independently and it is impressive to see the care and attention to detail that they put in to the activity.

They are especially liked by the other pupils. One Year 2 pupil commented, "I like it when the older pupils take collective worship, they are always fun and interesting and I think they try very hard."

### Food Bank Challenge



February was once again Food Bank Challenge month at the school. Each week the school council has been encouraging pupils and their families to donate food and household items to support this worthy cause. It is a charity that the pupils hold dear to their hearts as they are aware that half the people that the Food Bank supports and helps are actually children. Over the last few weeks the Eagles have been delivering all our Food Bank contributions to the centre in Ashby and have helped the volunteers to weigh and store all the produce. One Year 6 pupil said, "It makes you feel good inside to know you've helped someone who hasn't the things we have." Thanks to the generosity of our families the school raised a marvelous 159kg of food and household goods.

### Cross Country Success for Yr3 Team

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our Year 3 Boys won the team race at the recent NW Leics Cross Country Event. It is a special well done to Archie Linney, Ben McLean and Will Cross who put in some superb runs to be ahead of the pack.

### Rotary Speak

For the first time pupils from Packington are taking part in the Ashby Rotary Junior Speak competition. Five pupils from Years 5 and 6 will talk about a range of topics from Car Rallying, The International Space Station, Giraffes, Karate and even Lettuce! Governors Mrs Jones and Mrs Mugglestone were allowed a preview and commented in their report to Governors on the knowledge and enthusiasm the pupils demonstrated for their chosen subjects. Let's wish them all good luck.

### Goodby Mrs Beasley

We are sad to announce that Mrs. Beasley, our music teacher, has decided to retire at the end of this term. Over the years Mrs. Beasley has worked tirelessly at the school to make our music teaching very special and she has been the driving force behind countless productions, special events and musical clubs. On top of this she has inspired many children to learn an instrument. In short she will be very much missed by all the pupils and staff. However, we understand that the time is now right for her to spend more time with her family and wish her a very happy retirement.

We do plan to say a special farewell for Mrs. Beasley at the Easter Service. Should any ex-pupils or families wish to contribute to the gift from the school or send any farewell messages then please send them to the school office before the end of term.

**Mrs Price Telephone 412425**





The image above is for illustrative purposes only

Public Consultation held for proposed Solar Farm next to Sewage Farm, Packington.

This is another development by the same company currently installing the one at the end of Babelake Street

Local residents, councillors and other members of the community were invited to a public consultation on March 12th for a proposed solar farm at land near next to the Sewage treatment plant in Packington.

The site is approximately 12 hectares in area and is adjacent to a Sewage Treatment Works and the A42 junction with Measham Road.



**SUMMARY**

- The proposed development is for a 6 Mega Watt solar park on 12 hectares. It would save an estimated 2700 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year compared with electricity generated from fossil fuels. It would have approximately 24,000 panels.
- A community benefit fund would be established, which for the 25-year lifetime of the solar park. This is likely to amount to £6,000 a year, or over £150,000 for the lifetime of the solar farm. This

is planned to go to Ashby Town Council (NOT PACKINGTON) as the land is within Ashby Town boundary

- Additional funding of £2,000 a year is being set aside for local schools to be used for educational purposes linked with the solar park.



Above: Potential view from Normandy Wood Picnic Area when solar farm in place

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**The Great Bake-Off 2015 raises £516 for Prostate Cancer UK.**



The support for the Great Bake-Off from Packington is always overwhelming. The village hall was filled with people laughing, chatting and eating cake! The sun shone & there were some absolutely fantastic bakes entered into the competition.



There were 79 scrumptious entries from people of all ages, young to old. By far the most popular category this year was the junior bakers with some wonderful season themed cupcakes. Rather interestingly, three out of the seven male entrants won 1st or 2nd place in their categories! We are pleased to announce the winners of Bake-Off 2015 below: We hope you enjoy wearing your beautiful rosettes, WELL DONE





**WINNERS****1 Victoria sandwich cake**

1st Mary Wilson, 2nd Ellie Mills,  
3rd Maxine Hvass

**2 Almond slice**

1st Lilleanne Paxford

**3 Shortbread**

1st Lilleanne Paxford, 2nd Kalpna  
Dunn

**4 Fruit Cake**

1st Phillip Holdsworth, 2nd Alazeia  
Holland

**5 Chocolate Cake**

1st Rosemary Debney, 2nd Alicia  
Keenan, 3rd Elaine Mann

**6 Gluten free**

1st Meren Nash, 2nd Reily Nash,  
3rd Suzanne Parish

**7 Tray Bake**

1st Carol Graham, 2nd Rachel Miles,  
3rd Abi Lawther

**8 Mediterranean Bread**

1st Carol Stephens, 2nd Carol  
Graham, 3rd Lilleanne Paxford

**9. Junior age 9 and under**

1st Georgia Harris-Marsh, 2nd Abi  
Lawther, 3rd Georgia Sammons

**10 Junior age 10 -15**

1st Gemma Lawther, 2nd Tom  
Wilson, 3rd Emily Marvin

**11 Showstopper**

1st Sarah Marvin

Congratulations to Colin who won  
the Gigantic Toblerone in the raffle,  
it which weighed a whopping 4.5 kg  
and was 1 metre long!

Thank you to all the Bake-Off team,  
in particular to Laura, Carla, Tracy,  
Paula, Jane, Wes & Angela and to  
everyone who helped the afternoon  
run so smoothly. Thank you to all our  
sponsors including Food Gusto, David  
Grangers, Daybreak Services and the  
Little Blue Book of Excellence.



And so we start looking forward to  
next year ... Bake-Off has been  
tremendous fun and I have loved  
organising it but I think it is now  
time for something slightly different  
next year ... and what a way to  
finish the third Packington Great  
Bake Off raised a massive £516 for  
Prostate Cancer UK. Many thanks  
to everyone for all your wonderful  
support.

**Judith & the Bake-Off team 01530  
412658 Bakeoff@packington.info**



*The  
Potting  
Shed*

Another area of feedback from  
last year's survey was a request  
for more gardening related topics.  
So we are launching a brand new  
regular column called **The Potting  
Shed**. Here, each month, we will  
talk about seasonal activity in our  
gardens. Again, this is meant to  
be an inter-active element of the  
post so send us your own article,  
comments, tips and ideas – send  
to [peter@packington.info](mailto:peter@packington.info) or drop  
them through the letterbox at 27  
High Street (or pop into the garden  
at the rear and have a chat!!)

The convention is that from  
“November-ish” to “February-  
ish” gardeners fall into 2  
categories; those that let the winter  
do its thing and don't set foot in  
their garden for weeks, and those  
that keep tinkering away and doing  
various activities to keep things  
ticking-over. Whichever category  
you fit into, the arrival of March  
sees everybody much busier.

Suddenly greenhouses start to  
look alive with the first germinating  
seeds, lawns start needing some  
TLC to get over the worst of the  
wintry wet and cold, and it's time to  
get organised for all the things we  
want to see happening throughout  
the summer.

There are two things that signal the  
start of the growing year for me.  
Firstly is the task of sowing the first  
Sweet Pea seeds – this year I'm  
going with “Just Jenny”, “Spanish  
Dancer” and “Cupani Grandiflora”.  
The second signal is the return  
of Monty Don on a Friday night;  
although I think his trusty side-kick  
Nigel is increasingly becoming the  
star of the show!

So taking a tip from one of  
Gardener's World regular slots I  
have listed my top 5 tips for April.

**Peter Wozwoda  
Contact 417928**

**TOP 5 Gardening  
Jobs For  
April**

1. Sow cut flower seeds including  
antirrhinum, cosmos, larkspur,  
nigella, and zinnia.
2. Prune back hydrangeas – aim  
for a tiered effect and remove  
congested and crossing stems.
3. Repot large houseplants – if the  
roots are congested move into  
a larger pot.
4. Sprinkle fertiliser around the  
base of shrubs, hedges, trees  
and other permanent plants.
5. Plant artichokes – dormant  
tubers of Jerusalem  
artichokes  
are available.

*Peter*



**Ashby 20 Road Race**  
Thank you

Ivanhoe Running Club would  
like to thanks the residents of  
Packington for their support  
with the recent race  
Barry Allread Race Director

**Scout Coffee Morning**

The 4th Ashby Scouts  
were at Packington  
Memorial Hall on  
Sunday 22nd March  
running a coffee

morning selling teas, coffees and  
cakes and hot buttered toast with  
jam and cheering on the Ashby20  
runners. After the initial rush of  
'trade', sales were steady & there  
was a fantastic last push by the  
Scouts who used their initiative to  
go out and 'sell cakes' - Alan Sugar  
would have been impressed!! The  
Scouts are currently fundraising  
for a fantastic trip to Jersey in the  
summer.





Earlier in March, 17 PMG members visited the impressive AeroPark aircraft museum at East Midlands Airport, just 20 minutes from our village, to see their spectacular display of 29 aircraft including the huge **Vulcan** bomber and Nimrod maritime patrol military aircraft, as well as entering the front end and cockpit of a VC10 airliner.



For one of our members, this was his **FIRST EVER** time on board an aircraft - we're hoping now he might perhaps soon want to fly in one. Tea and mouth-watering home-made cakes at Beth's Kitchen in Breedon Priory rounded off a nice social afternoon.



Our April PMG meeting is unusually on **WEDNESDAY 8th April 2015**,

starting at 6pm, when we have our PMG St George's day themed party evening at the Bull & Lion. Who



was Saint George? - and what's this about slaying dragons? - as well as a short presentation on the English

patron saint, we shall have a sit-down meal with typical English dishes and beverages in a very

English setting, an English pub in our own village. Of course, those of us who hail from the other three member countries of the United Kingdom have already had our PMG themed party evenings - we celebrated Burns Night in 2011, St Patrick in 2012, St David in 2013, and now it is the turn of St George. Advance notice of our 14 May 2015 afternoon visit to the Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation's Ulverscroft Grange to see their famous Model Railway, and to enjoy their prized tea room with its great views of Bradgate Park.



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

**Robert Dilworth PMG Secretary**  
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#### Vista Bus To Raise Awareness

Vista will be delivering a mobile outreach programme for older residents who are at risk of developing sight loss. From a specially adapted vehicle, Vista's services engage with older people in pre-existing community groups, GP surgeries, & places of worship to deliver their message of preventative eye health.

By providing preventative information and raising awareness of the range of services and new technologies that can support people with sight loss, the programme will help to limit the negative impact that a diagnosis has on peoples' lives.

**The bus is booked for Packington Memorial Hall car park 10.00am - 12 noon on Monday 20th April**



**January to March 2015**

Elizabeth Deakin, Publicity Officer for The WI in Packington, reports:

Our new-year January Meeting of The WI in Packington was held a week later than the usual first Thursday of the month, in the meeting room at the Memorial Hall. This took the form of a social evening. After The WI business part was concluded, refreshments were served; a quiz was enjoyed, and all present were able to chat about Christmas and plans for the New Year.

Our February Meeting was again held on the first Thursday, Thursday 5th in the Packington Memorial Hall. After The WI business part was concluded, refreshments were served. Packington WI member Sue Talbot and her husband Malcolm then entertained us with a very interesting presentation about their 4-month long world cruise, illustrated using photographs, which were enhanced by the new projector and large screen recently installed at the hall. The photographs brought back many memories for members, especially for one who had lived in Malta at one time.

Our February monthly competition for 'A Holiday Souvenir' was won by

- 1st Heather Webster
- 2nd Margaret Aspinall
- 3rd Cheryl Ginn

Our March Meeting on Thursday 5th March was a buffet supper hosted by our WI in Packington Committee, and included a surprise raffle.

**"Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd April 2015 - Repton - The Monastery & School, by Keith Blood"**



**News from the Cricket Club.**

The new season is nearly upon us with the first league match on Sat. 18th April, at home, Range Road, Ashby, with a 1.30pm start. Practice night is Thursdays, 6pm. starting April at the Range Road ground. Any new players or even older players will be made very welcome. Last season ended with the club missing out on promotion by a whisker, 4 points to be precise, so this year we will be hoping to progress upwards. Any further information can be obtained by ringing the club President:- Roger Muggleton on 01530 415221 or 07833 445422.

The club is in desperate need of a new strip roller and to this end we are raising the money by holding a Grand Prize Draw. The first prize is a week's holiday accommodation in a 5 star holiday cottage in Normandy, France. Second prize is £500 cash, yes, that's right, £500 cash. Third prize is a 42" TV. There are simply loads of other prizes. Tickets will be on sale throughout the year.

**N'Ukes Ukulele Band**



The N'Ukes ukulele band will be playing at Packington Memorial Hall on May 15th at 8pm. Entry will be £5.

There will be a bar and refreshments. We cover approximately 100 years of popular music on the ukulele and also feature the occasional kazoo, stylophone, harmonica, melodica and percussion. Expect everything from Fats Waller to Lady Ga Ga. The group started as a ukulele club in Leicester about 5 years ago and has built up a following locally with performances around the county and beyond.

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**Breakin At Daybreak 25<sup>th</sup> March approx 8.55pm**

We believe the intruder must have approached the back of the premises from the rear coming through gardens on Normanton Road opposite the Round House. Fence panels were broken. The actual break-in occurred at 8:55pm 25<sup>th</sup> March, so whilst it was dark, people may well have been about. The intruder was wearing trainers, jogging bottoms and a parker type jacket, white or grey with fur round the hood and flashes on the arm. We are not sure if there was a vehicle involved but he was caught on a neighbours CCTV walking back up Ashby Road. He was seen forcing his way through a dense holly hedge so may have scratches to his face. He took the till, which has since been found empty in a garden at the rear. Any info would be useful.

Thank you. Pete & Rachel Swift. Daybreak Services  
Tel 415705 or 413021 rachelswift03@hotmail.com or Police on 101





Dear All,

Are you a fan of *The X Factor*? It's a show that's been with us for some 10 years now and one that has caught the imagination of many. Each year, the search goes on for the X factor – the person with that indefinable something that makes for star quality.

May 7th will see all of us asked to consider how we will use our 'X' factor on the ballot paper, as we vote for the person we want as our MP for the coming term in Parliament. How will we approach this task? With cynicism? With hope? Will we use it to vote for a party that promises us as individuals the best deal? Or will we look at the best deal for our nation and all its communities? Will we work to discern what the indefinable something is that might make for star quality in the politicians of our nation?

Rather than just listening to televised debates and to information via the media, there is a chance to put questions to those standing for our constituency. We are holding hustings on Monday 27th April at 7.30pm in Measham Church Hall. Come along. If there is a question

you'd like to ask, then let me have it in writing beforehand at vivien.elphick@btinternet.com or you can write it out on the night.

As we approach Easter, there is another X Factor that is more than all the other X Factors put together. It's the cross of Christ – that most extraordinary of all 'Xs'. It turns all our normal ideas upside down – that Jesus was content to die the most awful of deaths for us. That is love. God tries to show us again and again His love and the cross is saying 'You still don't get it do you? See here what I do. This is how much I love you'

Can I invite you to take time to look at that cross? To see it as the place where you can lay your burdens down, receive forgiveness where you have messed up, and be set free ; as the beginning (or continuing) of an ever deepening relationship with God. The cross has and is that most indefinable something that makes for star quality.

God bless you this Eastertide

Vivien

## Holy Rood Services March – May 2015

**March 29th (Palm Sunday)**  
11 am Special Palm Sunday service

**April 2nd (Maundy Thursday)**  
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion at Normanton-le-Heath

**April 3rd (Good Friday)**  
7.30pm Follow the way of the cross: a service of meditation

**April 5th (Easter Sunday)**  
11am All age Easter communion  
6pm Easter Songs of Praise

**April 12th**  
11 a.m. Morning Prayer

**April 19th**  
11am Holy Communion

**April 26th**  
11 a.m. 4th Sunday service

**May 3rd**  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6pm Evening Prayer

**May 10th**  
11 am All age service

**May 14th (Ascension Day)**  
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion at Measham Church

**May 17th**  
11am Holy Communion

**May 24th (Pentecost)**  
11 a.m. 4th Sunday special for Pentecost

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



**Have you got something to sell??**  
The Packington Post has a new classified section.  
**Put your items up for sale for Free to a maximum of 16 words.**

## Coffee & Chat

Holy Rood Church  
9.30 – 11.30am  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May



**You Spoke....We Listened!**  
 You may remember the Reader's Survey we undertook towards the end of last year. One of the key objectives of the survey was to get your feedback on changes and/or improvements you would like to see us incorporate into the Post. We had some really good feedback and so we have decided to launch four of the most popular suggestions as new regular sections into the Packington Post. These are:



**Letters To The Editor**

If you would like to comment on anything you have seen in the printed post, website, social media platforms or email alerts; we would welcome your comments. Email your comments to editor@packington.info or if you have a written version send it to one of the editorial team who will pass it on.



**Opinion Page**

If you have a view or opinion on any issue effecting Packington; why not get it heard? This can range from planning issues to litter to traffic. Opinions must be on specific village issues and we will include the right to reply. You can have your opinion posted anonymously as "name and address supplied" but you must submit these at the time you send in your article. Send your opinions through to peter@packington.info or pop it through the letterbox at 27 High Street.



**People Profile**

We have some interesting people doing some interesting things in the village. It would be great if we could include some short profiles of some of these people during the year. So if you are doing something (either work or hobby) you think others might be interested in; or if you know somebody who might make an interesting profile – contact peter@packington.info or pop it through the letterbox at 27 High Street

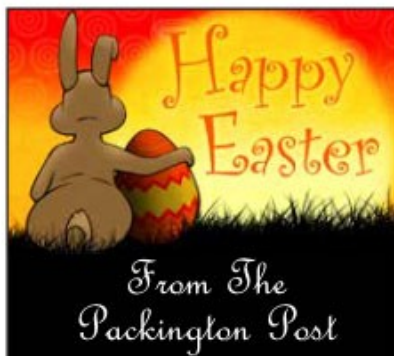


**Weddings, births, deaths & anniversaries**

If you are having, or aware of anyone having one of the key milestones above, and you would like it featured in the Post; send details to peter@packington.info or pop it through the letterbox at 27 High Street.

We hope that you will like these new regular editions to The Packington Post. As you will appreciate, these new sections are highly interactive – if you don't submit anything we will have nothing to print! So the success of these new sections are down to you!!

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**Why the Packington Parish Council Elections are important:**  
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Our village needs YOU to be one of 6 people who make up our village Parish Council.

You need to apply before 9th April 2015 and elections will be held on 7th May 2015. The present team comes to an end then, although they could also stand for election. It is understood that at least one and possibly two of the existing team of 6 will not be standing again. If there are not 6 candidates then those that stand are automatically elected without an election and then can co-opt others to make a maximum of six on the council.

#### Why am I needed?

Because Councillors speak for Packington - local government only works if local people put forward local views.

#### What do I have to do?

Be very interested in your village and its issues and attend a meeting once a month. Councillors will control village spending of about £19,300 a year. In addition there is a windfall from the Solar Farm, in Babelake Street of approx £6000 per year for 20 years and potential payments from future large developments. The Parish Council is also Trustee of two local charities - the Recreation Ground and The Earl of Huntingdon - see details below.

#### How do I apply?

Call the elections office on 01530 454512, or email [electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk) they'll tell you what to do and send you the forms but you need to hand in your application by 4pm on Thursday 9th April 2015.

#### Useful Information:

- Meetings are normally held monthly in the Memorial Hall and have the services of a salaried Parish clerk.
- The Parish Council is responsible for setting and spending of the Parish Precept (a share of the Council Tax) which is £19,300 for 2015/6 (was £19,000 for 2014/5) and is set annually.

- The Council will also be in receipt of a windfall of approx £6,000 per year for 20 years from the Solar Farm at the end of Babelake Street
- The Parish Council, through the councillors, is Trustee of two village charities, and may also be in receipt of substantial grants should any significant developments in the village go ahead under Section 106 agreements with the developers.
- If the two large housing developments on Spring lane and Normanton Road go ahead, the NWLDC planning site indicates a total of approx. £88,000 be awarded to Packington Parish Council "... towards the upgrading and improvement of the existing play area at the recreation ground on Measham Road.....". These applications, which were previously approved, are currently the subject of a legal challenge and are due to be re-presented to NWLDC planning committee on 14th April or 9th June and so may or may not go ahead.

#### Village Charities

Parish Councillors are also the trustees of two village Charities:-

1. "Recreation Ground Charity" incorporating the "Breedon & Kiddier Charity" has its origins dating back to 1575 and now comprises:- It owns the Recreation Ground on Measham Road and a small parcel of land on Babelake Street. Details available on [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk) Charity number 217383
2. "Earl of Huntingdon Charity" has its origins in the 19th century and owns approx 16 acres of land at the end of Spring Lane currently let on an agricultural tenancy. Details are available on [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk) Charity number 217382. The income provides for its aims:- "For the benefit of nine persons in condition of poverty, hardship or distress who are resident in the ancient Parish of Packington or have been resident and have moved into care"

#### Article issued by Packington Communication Group.

#### Big Breakfast - Again A Big Success



The 2015 event was as popular as ever with a total of **£1138.96** raised for Harry's Fund.

*Some 268 breakfasts were served in the four hours with peaks and troughs during the day.*

Apologies to those of you who were inconvenienced by the loud fire alarm siren. We have learned a lesson for the future. But we did test the system and know that when the alarm sounds it also cuts off the gas!

Included in the total is £191 from the raffle once again organised by ladies from the Packington and Normanton Ladies Group. Many young people helped out on the day from the Brownies and Guides and members of Packington Youth club; add in the 45 adult volunteers and you truly have a community event that is firmly fixed in the calendar.

Thanks are also due to:- Food Gusto, Taylor's Butchers and Daybreak Services for food supplies.

After the event Samantha Culwick wrote on her Facebook page; "Myself and Alistair would like to thank everyone involved in The Big Breakfast for Harry's Fund today! To all the helpers, organisers, the brownies and everyone who came along to eat and show their support, we can't thank you enough!!!!"

Robert Dilworth took lots of photos which can be seen on the [www.packington.info](http://www.packington.info) website or on Facebook.





"A meeting of the Packington Neighbourhood Watch group was held at the Bull & Lion recently, which was also attended by our local PC Mark Arjoo.

Mark gave a brief summary of his experience and informed us that he has been a policeman for 23 years and 11 years as a beat officer.

He stressed that he is a strong supporter of Neighbourhood Watch and is always willing to provide help and advice when necessary.

He stressed the need for residents who see suspicious situations or believe there are concerning issues relating to potential crimes or incidents to call the 101 line. Obviously if there are concerns relating to serious crime then you should call 999.

Mark concluded by giving an appraisal of crime figures for our area stating that the core figures for 2014 had come down to 21 from the 2013 figures of 27.

#### Some Very Good News!!!!

Packington now has NHW contacts for ALL streets in the village.

Dean Holden, has agreed to become the street contact for Babelake street, and Stuart & Jenny Clark have agreed to take on the role for Nethercroft Drive.

This is very good news and we look forward to meeting up with Dean, Stuart & Jenny and introducing them to the wider group. I would however like to stress that this doesn't mean the list is closed. We would be very happy to welcome

#### Street

Mill Street down to the Mill

Mill street beyond the Mill

Ashby Road

Bridge Street & Measham Rd

Babelake St. & Brooke Close

Hall Lane

Heather Lane

High St

Homecroft Drive

Nethercroft Drive

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Normanton Rd (top)

Normanton Rd(bottom)

Spring Lane

The Grange

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more volunteers to participate in the Packington NHW group. I am sure the current member would be more than happy to share roles for particular areas, especially those with a large number of houses. And of course there's always succession planning!!!! However being a volunteer doesn't necessarily mean being a street contact, but just keeping your eyes open to unusual situations and reporting them to the appropriate contacts would be a major contribution to keeping Packington a safe village for our families to live in.

If you are interested in the role NHW has to play please feel free to attend the NHW meetings.

I will make a point of advertising the details of the next meeting in the Post and on the Packington Email Alert system.

**Stephen Flook 415185**

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# Council Elections - Memorial Hall Events

letter to the editor

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Dear Editor

High Street Packington - increasing traffic problems.

Delivering a recent edition of Packington Post, which involved frequent crossing of High Street, made me realise just how much traffic flows along it.

The 220+ adults who, like me, live either on, Homecroft Drive, The Grange, Nethercroft Drive, or High St itself, have no alternative but to drive along some of High Street to go anywhere by car. Equally whenever we buy anything on the internet a delivery van has to drive along High Street to deliver the item.

Due to the increase in parked cars, along either side of the road, vehicles often have to mount the pavement to avoid oncoming traffic, thus endangering pedestrians. Turning out onto High Street from the side roads either in a car or on a cycle is becoming ever more hazardous.

Part of the charm of High St is that it still looks much like it did in 1865 (when it was first surveyed by Ordnance Survey), and you won't be surprised to know that it is exactly the same width, in places, as it was then, 150 years ago.

Back then it was de-restricted, as far as speed was concerned. You can picture it, horses and carts racing up and down delivering the latest gadgets (Wellington boots, and mangles?) from Amazon. The authorities rapidly put a stop to that with the 1934 "Road Traffic Act" when a 30mph limit was introduced.

Joking aside, High St. now has to contend with regular buses, and heavy goods vehicles, as well as ever larger (and wider) cars, and delivery vans. Residents of Packington are aware of the hazards of driving along High St. and drive accordingly, but many drivers from outside the area, are not, and may merely abide by the existing 30mph speed limit. The growth of internet shopping will greatly increase local traffic over the next few years.

What can be done to ensure there is less chance of a serious accident on High St. in the immediate future?

One idea might be to campaign for a 20mph limit!

Latest guidelines from the Dept for Transport, which is now supportive of 20 mph limits, states: Para 94 - "Traffic authorities can now incorporate wider areas within a 20mph zone, or limit small individual roads, or stretches of road".

Para 95 - "If the mean speed is already at or below 24 mph on a road, introducing a 20mph speed limit through signing alone is likely to lead to general compliance."

In plain English - no "traffic calming" is needed, merely six 20mph signs with two at each end of High St, and two, on Hall Lane. This would create a 20mph zone which included High St, The Grange, Nethercroft Drive and Homecroft Drive.

To enhance this "20 mph zone" to include Mill Street and Hall Lane the two signs at the top of Hall Lane would need to be sited at the Measham Road end of Mill Street, and the signs at the Ashby Road end of High Street located to include the other end of Mill Street. This would include the school entrance in the scheme, and it would provide a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists in the whole central core of Packington. It may also deter commercial traffic from using High St as a "cut through".

Are any of these ideas worth pursuing through the new Parish Council?

Yours sincerely  
Adrian Mongredien

NB: I calculate that it would take less than 15 seconds longer to drive the length of High St at an average of 20 mph, instead of 30mph, were this possible. Please don't attempt a trial run to confirm, or refute this calculation!!

If you want more information on the growing trend towards 20mph in built up areas go to [www.20splentyforus.org.uk](http://www.20splentyforus.org.uk)  
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