

**BONFIRE PARTY**



**Thursday 5th November  
6.45 for 7.00**

Recreation Ground (entrance at top of Vicarage Lane)

FREE event but donations (which can be gift aided) to the Packington Recreation Ground Charity

Burgers, hot dogs, punch and drinks available

VOLUNTEERS needed to help set up and clear away

Dry combustible material for the bonfire accepted from Wednesday 14th October

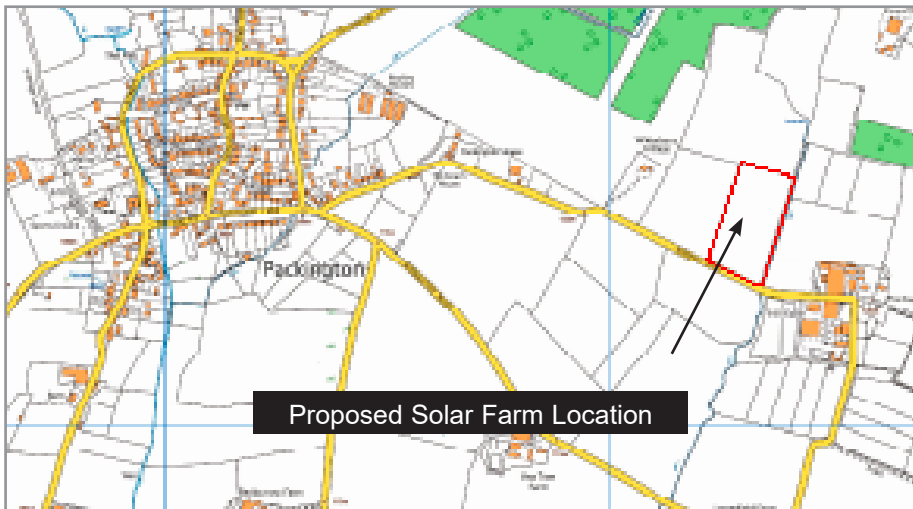
**CONTACT**

Chris Miles 414378 or 07856179485

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS TO THIS EVENT

FREE Supervised Sparkler session for youngsters at half time

**Another Solar Farm In Packington**



NWLDC Planning Application Submitted 23rd July for the installation of an approximately 1.2MW Solar Farm and associated infrastructure at Hill Farm, Spring Lane.

This is in addition to the application at the Measham Road site as you approach the village, which is at an advance planning process.

Planning application and comments can be found at [www.nlwleics.gov.uk](http://www.nlwleics.gov.uk) and click planning applications. Then enter reference 15/00719/FULM

**STOP PRESS - Marigold Hotel Screens At Memorial hall**



The Film Club had a successful inaugural meeting and have arranged their first showing for Friday 13th November. 7.00 for 7.30 the chosen film is Second Exotic Marigold Hotel. Make a note of the date to support this new venture in the village.

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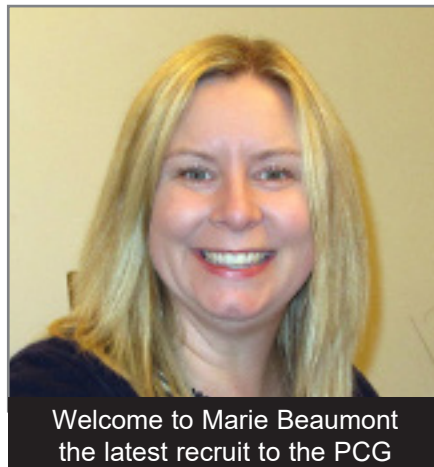
Welcome to this September edition of the Post.

Thanks to the agreement on funding from the Parish Council the editorial team is able to bring you this latest copy. As the new editor I would like to introduce myself.

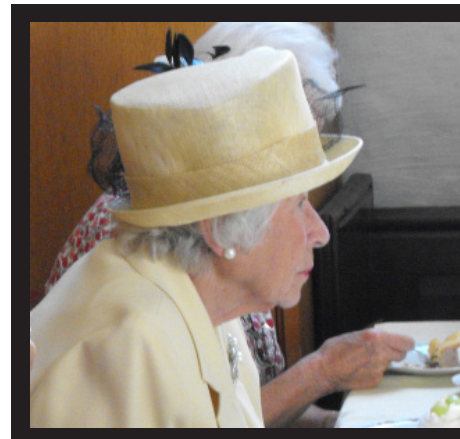
My name is Mike Coke and I have agreed to be editor for the next twelve months. My wife Sylvia and I live on The Grange and have been resident there for six years now. I will be known to many of you, especially if you have enjoyed a hearty breakfast at one of the annual "Big Breakfast" charity events. My other activities are as a member of the Memorial Hall Management Committee and I have been a member of the Communications Group (PCG) for several years. In order to continue, and improve communications in the village the PCG needs to recruit new talent. As well as more, and younger writers, reporter and photographers we need someone who is computer literate to format articles and set them up for printing. Can you help us in any way? With new talent to take the PCG forward we can look to the future with optimism.



Mike Coke - New Editor



Welcome to Marie Beaumont the latest recruit to the PCG



### "HRH" Joins Packington & Normanton Church Ladies Group For Tea.

At their August meeting in Packington Church, the Ladies Group welcomed a guest speaker, Patricia Ford 'QUEENLOOKALIKE'

After a talk of her experiences here and abroad she enjoyed an afternoon tea of sandwiches and cakes.

A cheque of £50 was given to her chosen charity 'The British Heart Foundation'



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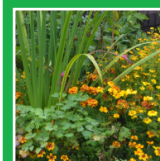
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London Marathon, Ironman UK and the White Rose Ultra Marathon I have always been into sport of one kind or another. My first triathlon was around 12 months ago, after being inspired watching the Brownlee brothers triumph in the Olympics. I thought this was the kind of sport I'd like to try, little did I know I would set off on the this epic advantage of becoming an IRONMAN.

### The Course

Swim: 3.8 km (2.4miles) – two laps anti-clockwise with a mass start in the water. Athletes exit from the water after first lap to commence the second lap. Water temperature of 16-19C.

Bike: 180km (112miles) – the course begins with a 14 mile point to point cycle from Pennington Flash to join a new two lap circuit at Adlington. Travelling anti-clockwise on the loops and taking in 1270m (4166ft) of climbing.

Run: 42km (26.2miles) – a full marathon.

### Race day

After many months of training I found myself being awoken at 3am by the alarm clock. It was time to get up. I was sure I'd only just gone to sleep!, the race was due to start at 6:00am so I needed to be up, fed, watered and out of the hotel by 3:30am. The forecast for the day was terrible, heavy rain and wind. I located my bike – which had been racked there the day before – and proceeded to place my bottles and food on it. With the bike all set, all I needed was a final toilet break before putting my wetsuit on.



### The Swim

I was soon in another queue heading for the water with 2,000 other clones wearing wetsuits and blue swim caps. I stood there looking at the faces of the people close by. Most looked nervous and a little unsure of what the "washing machine" swim start had in store for them. After two laps I had done the swim. I was feeling very comfortable and didn't have any traumas to report. Running over the timing mat I clocked 1hr 20mins which I was happy with. After a quick change it was then off on the bike leg.

### The Bike



I had a race plan and so far so good. It was a long day and pace was key. There was no point doing two disciplines fast then having nothing left for the third. The bike is my weakest discipline; the plan was to maintain 16mph which would give me a 7hr split and still have legs to run. Nightmare struck! At mile 25 a spoke snapped on my rear wheel – game over I thought! Standing at the side of the road full of mixed emotions thinking I've let all my family and friends down who had supported me all the way on this journey. Remembering when this happened before I cut the rear brake cable, removed the rear brake pads and climbed back on the bike to see how far I could go. 87 miles to go with a bike that wouldn't free wheel was a big ask for any body, cycling down hill still meant pedalling. It was a good route, I finished in 7 hours 50 minutes, heading into the Macron (Reebok) Stadium feeling tired,

I still had the run to go. I located my running bag, changed into my trainers and off I went for the final 26.2 miles on foot to finish in Bolton.

### The Run

The weather had been dull until part way through the bike but into the run I could feel the sun starting to burn. The great support from the mass of spectators on the course I found myself passing family and friends who had made the trip up North, one last big group hug and off I went to collect my red and final band for the last 5km to the finish. Filling with emotion the tears started. Supporters and other runners now congratulating me, you're almost there – YOUR GOING TO BE AN IRONMAN VERY SOON! Running back into town in the knowledge of only 5km to go I found extra speed in my running. I was soon turning off for the finishing shoot (which they cruelly make you pass three times on previous laps). Running down the carpet with the finishing line in sight was a fantastic feeling. And with the words "Barry you are an Ironman!" being shouted down the microphone by the wife was amazing! I crossed the line. 14 hours 35 minutes after the start.

### The Finish

I'm no sports star but on Sunday 18th July I got a taste of what that must be like. The number of spectators at Pennington Flash... all the people on the bike route... the entire run route in Bolton finishing in the Square. Everyone made it a day to remember for all the competitors. No time for resting, my final event takes place on Sunday 1st November, a 60 mile cross country run.

So far I have raised an incredible £823 with a target of £1,000. Please feel free to visit my just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/Barry-Alldread2/>

Grandads Barbers Shop Quartet  
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12 gardens opened for the 26th annual Open Gardens Day on 31st August.



Over the 26 years around 70 different gardens in the Village have taken part.



This year despite the weather some 300 people braved the conditions. The event raised around £2,000 which goes to the village church building repair fund.



People from a wide area attended including Birmingham, Rugby, Coventry, Nottingham and Southampton.

Beside our local musicians 'Playing In The Rain'.

Thanks go to everyone who helped to make it an enjoyable and successful day!



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**Ashby's Original Flashback Band At The Bull & Lion.....**

Well, it's over thirty years since The Flashback Band used to tread the boards weekly at local venues, so a one off reunion gig has been arranged at Packington's Bull and Lion for Saturday 17th October.

Although this line-up once played at a private house party in Mill Street we never played the pub although it remains within a few minutes' walk for three of the band.

Back then the Flashback Band were one of few local "go to" bands for revived 50s and 60s music and apart from numerous local pub and club gigs, the band had a residency at The Royal Hotel playing alternate weeks for many months at a time at packed, mostly Friday night, gigs.

Packington Village Hall also figured in the early 80s Flashback Band's gig list on many occasions, for special parties and events.

The Village Historical Society have a copy of a photo taken at a "Cockney" evening in 1983 organized by the late Ray Connelly, landlord of The Bull and Lion at that time, showing us on stage dressed as "barrow boys", (some people will do anything for money).

The band hasn't played together since the early eighties but far from being lonely rock and roll Miss Havishams, fondly turning the faded pages of their press cuttings scrapbook wearing ever more ill-fitting and threadbare stage suits, the individual original members are all still rockers but hidden behind respectable looking doors.

As you get older, relearning can often be a problem; relearning the words, relearning how to play those numbers, even relearning who the other guys in the band are and why are we all here tonight dressed like this etc.?

It's been over thirty years is my excuse!

But we are now working on it and I'm sure that we'll have a rockin' night of 50s/60s music down the pub on October 17th .....

**Contact Phil Harley**  
**Tel 01530 411234**

**Free Fitness Class**  
**Tuesdays at the School**  
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**Ashby's Original Flashback Band**

**30 Year Reunion Gig**

**Saturday 17th October**  
**at The Bull and Lion, Packington**  
**Hits from the 50s and 60s**

Typical Ashby Times from July 1985.....

ROY

PHIL TOM TAD

LINE UP OF THE ROYAL LODGE LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT 8.30 - 11.15

This Friday, July 18th FLASHBACK

Don't forget our regular Music Night every Saturday 8 - 10.30pm

Monday, July 22nd TRADEMARK ROYAL HOTEL STATION ROAD ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH

**PACKINGTON VILLAGE YOUTH CLUB**  
**AUTUMN TERM 2015**

The club runs from 4pm - 8pm on Mondays. In term time only and is based at Packington Memorial Hall. The only charge is £1.00 per session. If you want to try it out please along to any of our sessions or contact us for further details.

Sept 21 Art and Craft (for Bower festival entry)  
Sept 28 Fun Art (O&J)  
Oct 5 Balloon Smash  
Oct 12 Wide games  
Oct 19 Half term  
Oct 26 Halloween activities  
Nov 2 Live sculptures  
Nov 9 World meals  
Nov 16 Murder mystery/heads game  
Nov 23 Starter volleyball

Sarah Martin - sarah.martin@villageyouthclub.com

This year's show (73<sup>rd</sup>) was another very well supported event, continuing the tradition of the annual Packington Horticultural Show. The Society was established in 1942, a time when communities pulled together to do their bit for the war effort. The locals joined together at the Bull & Lion Public House to discuss their homegrown produce. Since that time, the society has flourished into what has become a much-loved and anticipated annual event for men, women and children alike, both within the village and surrounding areas. With the opening of the Memorial Hall in 1957, this became the venue for the PHS and at this years 73rd Show, the excitement to view the exhibits could be seen in the crowd of people waiting outside for the hall doors to open!



The first thing to greet the crowd were the numerous tables of exhibits, all carefully considered by the panel of 2015 judges, who were L Brookes, M Jones, C Bellfield, A McCarthy-Young. Richard Meadows won the Banksian Medal, the RHS granted award to the show winner gaining most points, and received the prestigious Frank Moore Banksian Trophy.

In the Junior Section, the hard work put in by Abi Lowther, Georgia Sammons, Jake Partington, William Gray, Henry Miller, Emily Marvin and Isobel Sammons was recognised with the award of medals for their exhibits. Huge congratulations to all the Junior Winners!

Well done to Abi Lowther, the PHS Junior Medal Winner for the most meritorious entry from class 71-84; Emily Lowther, the J. Timms Cup Winner for the best in class 71-77 under 8 years, and Emily Marvin, Mrs. Dilks Trophy Winner for the best in class 78-84 9 to 14 years. What talented individuals!

As always, the auction generated much enthusiasm and competitive bidding, skillfully orchestrated by Chris Miles. The George Price Cup for the Best Homemade Dundee Cake was awarded to Sharron Miller. The auctioning off of this prize cake as the final prize always whips up a bidding frenzy and achieved a generous £90 with the winning bid by Stuart Andrews. The proceedings were brought to a close by the PHS Committee chair Robert Parry drawing the winners of the raffle.



Thank you to the 2014/15 HPS Committee for another successful show. Well done to all those who dedicated their time to enter the competition and congratulations to all the winners.

A full list of winners can be found on the website [www.packington.info](http://www.packington.info)



## Willesley Golf Club

This year two Packington residents hold senior positions in the Ladies section at Willesley Golf Club. Wendy Watson, Holmecroft Drive, is the Lady President and Eileen Plummer, Babelake Street, is Lady Captain.

Presidents Day in August this year coincided with Wendy's 80th birthday. The President's Salver, shown here being presented to Eileen, was won by her on the day with a career best score of net 66. Following the competition a meal was enjoyed by those attending and the evening concluded with a firework display – a long tradition in the Watson family.



The Lady Captains charity this year is Target Ovarian Cancer. So far over £3000 has been raised towards a target of £5000. If you wish to help support this very worthwhile charity please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/eileen-plummer> or send a donation to Willesley Park Golf Club, Measham Road, Ashby, Leics. LE65 2PF

Willesley Park has just introduced an Academy membership designed to welcome new or lapsed aspiring golfers. Costing just £195 per year it entitles the member to unlimited use of a new 4 hole academy course and practise facilities, full use of the clubhouse, 5 lessons with the club Professional, social membership of the Club and much more. Full details can be found on [www.willesleypark.com](http://www.willesleypark.com)

**Contact the secretary or professional on 01530 414596**

**PMG Report &Diary**

You could have heard a pin drop when our PMG August Annual Breakfast speaker, Mike Taylor, opened his talk by announcing that "I'm going to talk about DYING". Dying is probably not what mature Packington Men, who have just consumed a hearty and tasty Bull & Lion Full-English cooked breakfast, really wanted to hear! We started to breathe again when Mike clarified that he was really going to be talking about DYEing, the changing of colour in a fabric!



From his career in Dyeing and Fabrics, Mike had many amusing anecdotes, summed-up by his hilarious Poem, "Send for t' Dyer".



In September, PMG visited the National Memorial Arboretum, NMA, just 20 miles down the road at Alrewas near Lichfield. NMA is "The UK's

living and lasting memorial to commemorate and celebrate those who gave so much to our country", and has become an impressive visitor experience, yet still with free admission. The NMA has a simply-beautiful website - [www.thenma.org.uk](http://www.thenma.org.uk)- which fully-illustrates this amazing venue and the facilities available, with several short video clips. We enjoyed our lunch at their buffet restaurant.

Our PMG programme continues with evening events as follows:  
 Thursday 8th October at 7:45pm - the "Ashby Town Clerk", with Guest Speaker Jack Farquhar  
 Thursday 12th November at

7:45pm: "Ticknall Pottery", with Guest Speaker Sue Brown. Both talks are in the Memorial Hall meeting room, and are preceded by a free aperitif of sherry or fruit juice giving a chance to socialise. Our December party evening is at 6pm on Thursday 10th December 2015 at the Bull and Lion.



For more on PMG, see the village website "Packington dot info", or contact Robert Dilworth PMG Secretary tel 411673 rd.i@me.com



At Rainbows we concluded a fun filled term with a picnic in the park and after our summer break we are all excited to be returning to our Thursday evening meetings in Packington Memorial Hall. We begin the term by choosing activities that will help us to achieve our Roundabout 'All About Me' badge. These include activities titled 'Potato Friends', 'Measure Me', 'Funny Faces' and 'Nature Family-Tree'. Other activities panned include sewing, cooking, lots of singing and games and also a visit to Hill Farm to see and feed some of the animals there. Also, an exciting event that Rainbows have been asked to take part in this term is Packington Flower Festival in October and the girls are looking forward to putting together a display.

Rainbows is for girls aged 5 to 7 so if you enjoy making friends, having lots of fun and would like more information on how to join please contact Judith Dennis on 01283 211518 or email [judithdennis70@gmail.com](mailto:judithdennis70@gmail.com) .

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Thursday at 11am - noon and parks on the High Street opposite The Grange.



There is a wide range of books including up-to-date and audio-books for borrowing. Any resident of NW

Leicestershire is welcome to use the mobile library, and especially Packington residents. You can join on the day.

**Next Visits**  
**Thursday 8th October**  
**Thursday 5th November**  
**Thursday 3rd December**



Wow, what a season, the cricket club ended on the highest point possible, we finished top of the league losing only three matches all season.

Highest wicket taker was Ben Cox, the vicars son, with 40 wickets. No one currently playing at the club can remember a bowler taking that many wickets in a season. I am sure that someone did in the past.

Ben also had some great knocks consisting of 1 x 94, 2 x 50's 3 x 40's David Grice was the leading run scorer with 470 runs in only 11 innings.

We have to thank our sponsors, Driving Plus, without whom our funds would be much lighter.

So if any of you chaps in the village want to join a great village team please contact either through Packington post or call in at the Bull & Lion for information.

### A Big Thankyou



On Bank Holiday Monday I achieved my dream of finally buying my own horse (having worked and saved for a year). Thank you so much to everyone who donated

to my car boots and to all the villagers who supported my pet care business 'Bassetts Allsorts of Petcare', I really appreciate your support and generosity.

I would also like to thank all the residents who 'tipped me' at Christmas whilst working as a paper girl in the village. Close family and friends know how much little Rosie means to me and the hard work doesn't stop now. It's going to be a learning curve but a very exciting one. Hopefully see you at Daybreak services on Sat mornings.

Thank you so much. Ciara Bassett, Mill Street, Aged 14yrs.



Packington Cricket Club 2015 Team

Founded 1861

## Packington Cricket Club

# QUIZ NIGHT

Guest Quiz Master

## Giles Bee

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**Steve Plummer**  
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Next Packington Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday 6th October Starting 7pm  
See Agenda Via [www.packington.info](http://www.packington.info)

There have been four monthly meetings since the new council was formed and discussion and resolutions have been made on a number of important issues. Firstly, the proposed building of a considerable number of homes outside the development boundary of Packington was an issue that the previous Council had opposed strongly. A residents action group did manage to quash the applications by threatening a Judicial Review. However the applications were brought back to the planning authority in June and despite both sites being outside the limits for development, the slightly smaller application was granted permission. The Parish Council feels that the local planning committee was not consistent in its judgement and have lodged a complaint that the proceedings at the Planning Committee were of a poor quality and inconsistent.

We have also looked into the provision of a grant for the Packington Post. This grant has been awarded in the past over a four year term in line with the Council's term of office. In the past twelve years approximately £25,000 has been awarded. The annual amount has been approximately 12% of the Parish precept. The previous Council and present Councillors have been in dialogue with the Packington Post team looking into ways of reducing this amount and have awarded a grant for the year of £1,800 thereby reducing the precept figure by approximately 2%. The Council feels that the Packington post is an excellent magazine run by a dedicated band of people and urge residents to support their work by volunteering to perhaps fund raise, produce articles and use the Post to advertise.

The Parish Council will soon be looking at the proposed new "Local Plan" produced by North West Leics District Council. This Plan, if approved by the Government Inspectorate, will be a blue print for development for our area for the

next 25 years. NWLDC has not had a plan in existence since the "Core Strategy" did not receive approval in 2012/3. The idea for a "Core Strategy" was set up in 2006 and is now being used as a basis for the new Local Plan. The Parish Council will let you know of the proposals and inform you how your voice can be heard.

Other matters which have taken our time.

1. Grass verges within the village boundary.

To our knowledge we have had three cuts performed by Leics County Council Highways Dept. so far this year. The village is scheduled for just five cuts this year. Many of you could not wait for the first cut which was on May 28th and started doing the mowing yourselves. Because you did so you have remained in charge of that mowing producing a better job than those paid to do it! Well done! As a Parish Council, which is unable to give you this service, we are appalled at the standard and frequency of the verges cut by the County Council. We have complained but with little or no effect. We urge you to ring up Leics County Council to complain about the poor service and get them to log your complaint.

2. There is also a similar LCC highways issue re the overgrown trees in Mill St. The Parish Council has raised severe safety issues regarding children coming out of Little Lane who cannot see the traffic in the road and traffic coming on to Mill St from Hall lane. We have met an LCC representative on site and they say they will do it soon. That was two months ago and we have sent in another request for action. If the trees have not been sorted by the time you read this please ring LCC Highways and get your complaint logged.

3. The damaged speed sign on Ashby Rd which you, through the precept, paid for, has been repaired by LCC Highways. We did hear that the person who knocked it

down is being asked for the money to replace the sign.

A Personal Note from the Chairman "As one can imagine there are many frustrations to being a Councillor and sometimes you think, is it worth it? I will try to focus on the good things in the next issue of the Packington Post"

**Chris Miles Chairman**

## Good News For Packington Community Benefit Fund

Following the completion of the solar farm at the end of Babelake Street, Packington will be receiving an annual payment of about £6500 as a Community Benefit Fund. This will be administered by the Parish Council.

The fund must be used for the benefit of the Community and is available for charitable, educational, environmental, amenity or other appropriate purposes within the Parish. It cannot be used for things like entertainment or political purposes.

There are a number of possible projects known to the Parish Council who would also like to hear of any ideas or projects from people within our village.

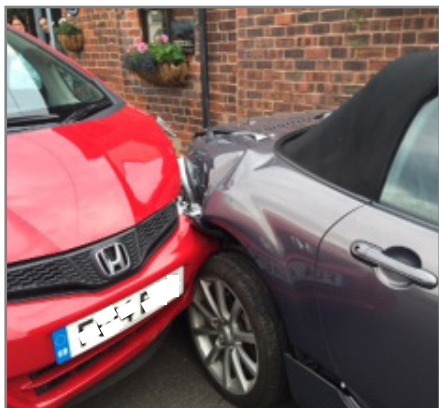
At this stage priority will be given to new one-off projects. If you have any ideas or would like clarification on any matter please contact the chairman of the Parish Council (Chris Miles, 01530 414378, christopher.miles@sky.com) or any member of the Parish Council

### Speeding in the Village

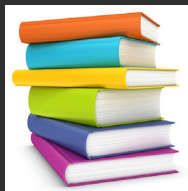
There have been two "speed related" accidents in the village during July/August. The first was in Ashby Rd when a young driver overtook a car travelling at 30mph and lost control. After demolishing the illuminated sign the car ended up over the hedge in the field. Fortunately no one was injured but speed was the cause. The second was in Hall Lane when a vehicle turned in too fast and struck a parked car which has had to be written off

There is no doubt that too many drivers ignore the 30 mph speed limit through the village. The Police did have a speed trap in Ashby Rd on one day but at the wrong time to catch the real and regular offenders.

We can all play our part by observing the limit ourselves as we drive in and out of Packington.



### Bargain Book Sale at Ashby Library

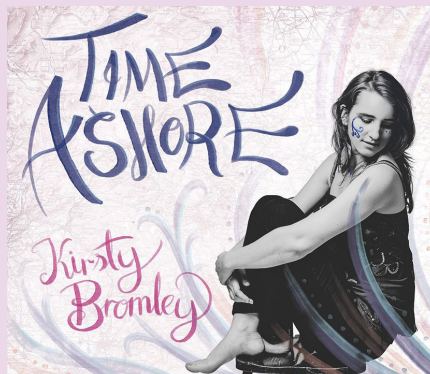


Looking for a bargain?  
Pop into Ashby Library and bag some books!

There will be a sale of second hand books and DVDs for bargain prices at Ashby Library from 10<sup>th</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> November.

A wide range of books and DVDs will be available.

### THE KIRSTY BROMLEY TRIO IN CONCERT



In aid of The Alzheimer's Society  
Friday 25th September 2015

Packington Memorial Hall  
Doors open 7-30pm

Tickets £10 in advance  
£12 on the door

#### Available from

Daybreak Services (Packington)  
Ashby Tourist Information Centre;  
Measham Post Office (Adrian);  
Sweet memory Lane, The Green  
Ashby; Chris Miles 01530 414378  
or christopher.miles@sky.com  
www.fancourtmusic.co.uk

### New Term At Village School

This September Packington Primary school has a record number of pupils. At the first achievement assembly, Headteacher, Carol price outlined the school theme for the year, RESPONSIBILITY. Many exciting activities are planned and the first to look forward to is a Team Building Event. No details but read about them in the next edition of the Post.

### Listen Out For The Bells

On Saturday 26th September the Hartshorne Bell Ringers will be ringing the bells at Holy Rood Church. The group are on a tour which starts at Appleby Magna followed by Measham and then on to Packington where they will ring from 12.00 to 12.45. After this they retire to the Bull & lion for lunch. Suitably refreshed they travel to their final destination Coleorton.

### First Wednesday Coffee Morning



Numbers are pretty static thanks to our regulars. We would love to see more people drop in for a tea, coffee or just a chat. 10.00 to 12.00 on the first Wednesday of the month.  
Next Dates: October 7th and November 4th

### McMillan Coffee Morning

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Friday 2nd October in the  
Memorial Hall Meeting Room  
10-12**

Offer of help with cakes to Rachel  
Miles 43795

### New Theatre Director From Babelake Street



Jealous Whale Theatre is an immersive theatre company, started by Packington resident, Joe Allen.

We started three years ago and have since had success with a number of shows. We have just returned from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival having taken a trilogy of shows along with our brand new immersive venue, 'The Wendy House'. The Wendy House Trilogy was inspired by three classic stories, Peter Pan, The Wizard of Oz and The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. We are now working hard on our next projects, to keep up to date with what we are up to please visit our website - www.jealouswhale.co.uk

**September & October Services**

**September 20th**

11 am All Age Service

**September 27th**

11am Holy Communion

**October 4th**

11am Harvest Festival

5.15pm Harvest Tea

6 pm Songs of Praise

**October 11th**

11am Holy Communion

**October 18th**

11 am All Age Service

**October 25th**

11am Holy Communion

**November 1st**

All Saints

11 am Morning Prayer

6 pm Evening Prayer

There is also a service of

Holy Communion on

the first Wednesday of the

month at 10 am

**Lights of Love Services**

For those who have lost loved ones

**October 24th**

2 pm at St Laurence Measham

**October 31st**

2pm at St John's Donisthorpe

**November 1st**

6pm at St Michael and All Angels, Appleby

Magna

Do come along to one of these services of thanksgiving and remembrance. The service will last just under the hour, with some hymns, a short address, prayers and the opportunity to pray by name for your loved one and to light a candle in their memory. We will serve tea/coffee after the service. Many, in the past, have found this service of great comfort.

**New church website**

Do visit the new website for Packington and Normanton churches for more details: [www.packingtonandnormantonchurches.org.uk](http://www.packingtonandnormantonchurches.org.uk)

**Packington Community Flower Festival Gears Up**

We're gearing up for this great occasion. Over 16 groups are taking part so a wide representation of all that is going on in the village. Come along and see the displays. There will be refreshments. Donations for Hospice Hope and Holy Rood Church, Packington At 5.15pm there will be a harvest tea. What about joining in with that and then Songs of Praise at 6pm? We're hoping that Donisthorpe Scout Band will be playing at 4.45pm.

**Ready, Steady, Stick**

Invites you to join them on a new adventure!

On  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
at  
**Holy Rood Church**  
from  
**2-4 pm**




**Crafts; Games; Story; Drama; Junk Modelling and Refreshments.**

Open to all children of Primary School age and under.  
Under school age require an adult to stay.  
**£1.00 per child**  
Further details from Linda Cox  
on 01530 411642

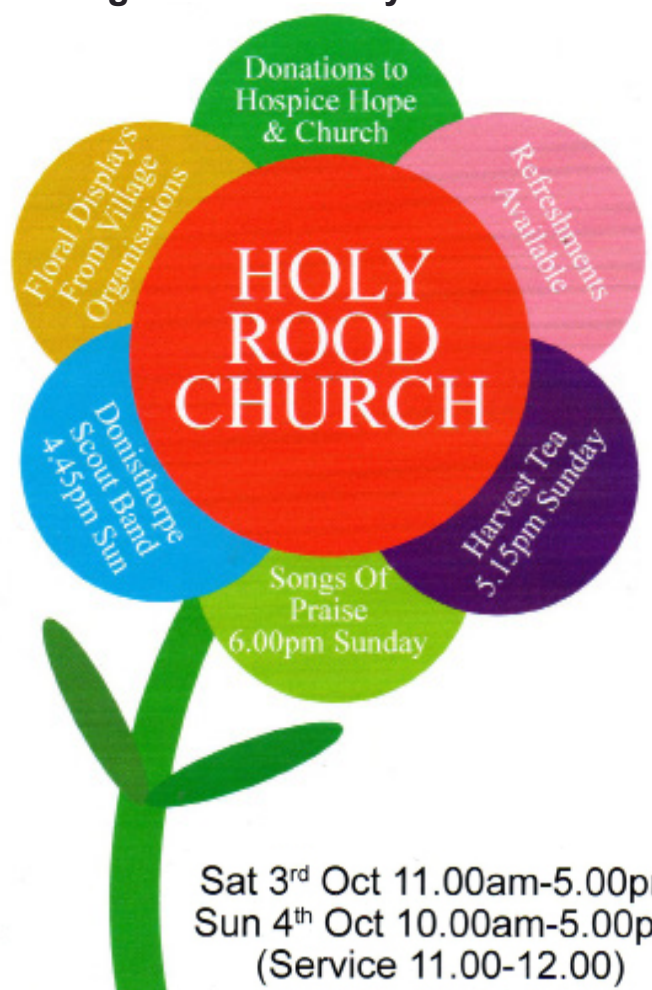
**Village Pictures**

Pictures speak louder than words!

If you have any good pictures of the village, past and present, we would love to share them with the village.

Send them to us  
editor@packington.info

**Packington Community Flower Festival**



**HOLY ROOD CHURCH**

Donations to Hospice Hope & Church

Refreshments Available

Harvest Tea 5.15pm Sunday

Songs Of Praise 6.00pm Sunday

Donisthorpe Scout Band 4.45pm Sun

Floral Displays From Village Organisations

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 11.00am-5.00pm  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.00am-5.00pm  
(Service 11.00-12.00)