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Wishing You A **Merry Christmas** & Peaceful New Year

Goodbye Linda



The residents of Packington will miss the striking pink hair and the warm bubbly personality of Linda and as she and her family move away to Shropshire.

Linda is taking up a new appointment as Rector in the Diocese of Lichfield. There are three churches in the villages of Baschurch, Weston Lullingfield and Lullingfields & Horley. We all wish Linda and her family well in the future. Linda's leaving service is to be held at St Lawrence, Measham on 3rd January at 4.00 pm. Linda has enjoyed her time here in Packington and will have good memories but at the same time be sad to be leaving her many friends.



Some of the beautiful and imaginative displays in the Church at the Community Flower Festival. Report and more pictures on page 9



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**PACKINGTON &
NORMANTON CHURCH
LADIES GROUP**

**ANNUAL CHARITY OPEN
EVENING NOVEMBER 11TH
2015**

Seventy members and friends enjoyed a Christmas cookery evening presented by Clarissa Laker, from Clarissa's Culinary Creations, Ashby. She prepared and cooked a three course meal:-

Starter-
Hot Smoked Salmon Roulade

Main course-
Chicken & Tarragon Casserole

Sweet-
Chocolate Roulade

Mincepies and a glass of wine were served after the demonstration. The raffle included the items cooked by Clarissa. At the end of the evening Treasurer, Eileen Taylor, presented a cheque for £250 to Anne Heaton and Shirley from the local branch of Parkinson's UK.

For details of Clarissa's cookery courses email info@cookwithclarissa.co.uk



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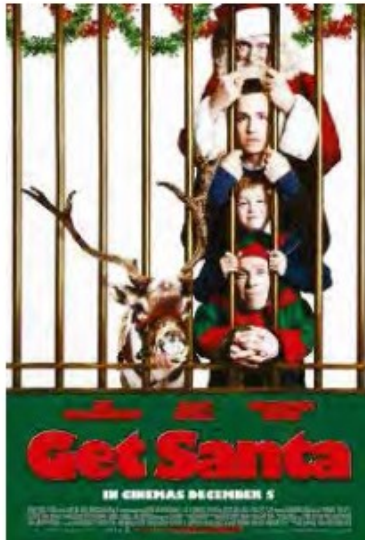
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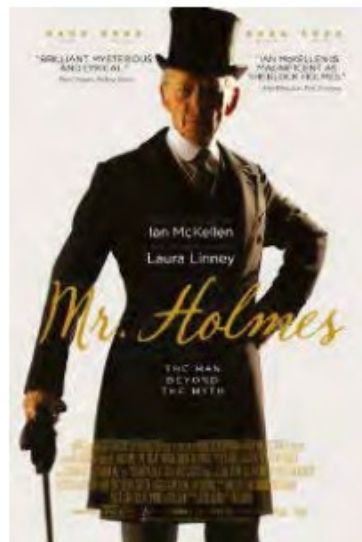
Packington Film Club



11th December Get Santa (PG)
Starts 6.45pm
Family, Comedy
A father and son who team up to save Christmas once they discover Santa Claus sleeping in their garage after crashing his sleigh and finding himself on the run from the police.

15th January 2016 Mr Holmes (PG)

Drama, Mystery
An aged, retired Sherlock Holmes, deals with early dementia, as he tries to remember his final case and a woman, the memory of whom still haunts him. He also befriends a fan, the young son of his housekeeper, who wants him to work again.



Packington WI

Following a most enjoyable coffee morning at our September meeting Sandy Long entertained us with her talk A Nice Cup of Tea & History of Tea. From the suggestion that some leaves fell from a tree landing in a cup of hot water thus making the very first cup of tea through it becoming the beverage of choice via the Commonwealth throughout the English speaking world. A custom which is still enjoyed, when we all share "A Nice Cup of Tea"

An Anniversary Tea Celebrating 100 Years of The Women' Institute took place on Thursday 1st October replacing our usual evening meeting. Dainty sandwiches and some savouries followed by a wide variety of small cakes were much enjoyed by all present not forgetting the usual nice cup of tea. As our Institute is over 80 years old after tea members were happy to spend time looking at our own memorabilia.

The new Film Club had their first showing on Friday 13th November with approx. 50 people enjoying **The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**

Next event is a Christmas Coffee morning on Saturday 28th November from 10.00 to 12.00 in the Memorial Hall.

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Packington WI welcomes new members, why not come along to our Christmas Party on Thursday 3rd December at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Enjoy an evening of Good food, wine, entertainment and friendship all for just £3.00. Let Liz Deakin know on 412119 before 1st December. There is a full programme of speakers and events for the year ahead, Guests are always welcome.ccccc



Harvest Festival

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival Service in Church and the children all brought in an item of produce which was later made up into various prizes for our Harvest Hamper Raffle. Following liaison with parents and children, our chosen charity for this year was 'Save the Children' and we raised a fantastic £182.50 for them.



Pets@Home

Our pupils were very excited to welcome Gary from the Ashby branch of Pets@home who came to help us think about our responsibilities towards caring for animals. Gary brought some special visitors along with him, including guinea pigs and a corn snake. The star of the show though was Ollie the Owl who Gary rescued and now cares for permanently because he is not able to survive in the wild. Gary talked about how he came to rescue Ollie and how he had to prove he was a responsible carer in order to get special permission from the RSPB to keep him. It was a really interesting session and I think we all fell a little in love with Ollie.



Together We Can Achieve More

We kick-started our Year of Responsibility with a team building day which was a great success. All the pupils were involved in a variety of challenges that encouraged them to become responsible team members, able to work well with others. During the day the children had to think about how they could contribute to the team, how they needed to listen and communicate with each other and share ideas, how they needed to encourage everyone to participate in activities and above all how they had to overcome frustrations when things didn't go the way they wanted. It wasn't always easy but it was really great to see them overcome difficulties and learn about how they need to change to be responsible team members.

Summer Reading Challenge

We were delighted to be presented with an award for winning the Library Summer Reading Challenge and over the moon when we were told that we could keep the award because we have won it on three occasions! Our pupils worked hard to complete the challenge over the summer holidays and we are all very proud of this achievement.

Dobroyd Castle Residential

"An experience I will never forget" "Best school trip ever!"

Just before half term our Year 5 and 6 children departed for a 3 night residential trip to Dobroyd Castle in Lancashire, along with children from Newbold Coleorton and Worthington Primary Schools. The children and staff all had a fantastic time and took part in various activities such as the Climbing Wall, the Leap of Faith and the Piranha Pool!



**Afternoon Tea
Holy Rood Church**



The Church would like to invite you to an afternoon of tea and cakes
Wednesday
2nd December
2-4pm



Full Entertainment Programme

- 9.55 Welcome by Mayor & Santa
- 10.00 Leicestershire Co-op Band
- 10.40 Ashby Music Academy
- 11.20 Roots Community Singers
- 11.50 James Plimmer
- 12.30 Donisthorpe Scout Band
- 1.00 Jenna
- 1.45 The Jays Vintage Tribute
- 2.30 Concordia Choir
- 3.10 Donisthorpe School Choir
- 3.35 Best Dressed Competition
- 3.45 Carol Singing and Snowflake Finale

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Planning issues.

The Parish Council have considered a number of plans in their monthly meetings of Oct and Nov. The most significant of these has been the proposal to build another Solar Farm on land near Hill Farm, Spring Lane and a proposal to build three dwellings on the Poultry Farm off Coleorton Lane. Whilst the Council had some reservations concerning the Solar Farm they accept that alternative energy creation can be best done on sites that are hidden and therefore did not oppose the application. I point out however that Councillor Martin recorded his opposition to Solar farms. The Council felt, in relation to the Poultry farm application, that the site was classed as an Agricultural development and exists outside the development limits of Packington. It also has significant access issues. It was agreed that the Parish Council would oppose the application and ask District Councillor Smith to call the application before the District Planning Committee.

15/00992/OUT Demolition of existing five no. Poultry houses and associated feed silos and erection of three detached dwellings (outline – access, layout and scale included) at Poultry Farm, Normanton Road, Packington
http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/view_planning_applications



The Parish Council have prepared an application form for requests for grants from the Community Fund which has been given by the Babelake St Solar Farm. We are proposing to have a six monthly deadline date for grant applications with the first deadline being the 31st of January 2016 and the second by July 31st 2016. The Parish Council would like to hear of any new amenity enhancement projects for Packington that you may wish to see. To request an application form please contact: Clerk, Mrs V Roe, 77 Victoria St, Melbourne, Derbys. DE73 8F
 Chairman, Chris Miles 14 Babelake St Packington LE65 1WD.

In November we looked into the provision of a grant for the Packington Post for 2016/17 and it was decided that the amount currently awarded would remain for another yearly term.

An update of the Governments HS2 project was received this month and it appears that HS2 Ltd (the company in charge of the project) are still trying to justify its existence. With the Phase 2 route about to be announced you can find out all about it by logging on to STOPhs2.

By the time you read this we hope with help from some of residents that we shall have planted 2000 daffodil bulbs in places where we hope they won't be mown down by County Council grass cutters.

Chris Miles Chairman

STOP PRESS

Further to the ongoing Siege of Spring Lane.....

Erection of three dwellings and associated works, outline - access and layout.

The "associated works" is carriageway work in Spring Lane which is of course very narrow.

Planning Application Reference 15/01064/OUT

Proposed New Housing Development in Packington

John Steedman, a local Planning & Development Consultant, has announced the submission of a Planning Application for a small development of 8 new properties on land bordering Spring Lane and the north side of Normanton Road. This is a small part of the same site where an application for 42 properties was refused by NWLDC earlier this year.



Read full article on the village website

This is a statement from Spring Lane Residents

Following the refusal of planning permission in June for the 42 houses proposed for Spring Lane, the developers have regrouped and are now proposing a smaller development. Residents in Spring Lane have received details from the developer of a sketch scheme for 8 large houses on the paddock nearest to the junction of Spring Lane with Normanton Road. The application is about to be submitted to the Council and residents views will be sought as part of the consultation process. If residents have any views they should be made in writing to the Council once the application has been given a reference number. A decision is likely to be made in February or March of next year.

Reference number is 15/01051/OUT

Gill Booty

| No | Item | Unit price |
|----|------------------|------------|
| 4 | Window alarms | £3.25 |
| 2 | Padlock alarms | £12.00 |
| 12 | Purse chains | £1.30 |
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NHW Support Group - The North Leicester Area NHW has been disbanded due to lack of interest. As a result a number of safety/security items have been distributed to local NHW schemes. These items are available for viewing and/or purchase with **Stephen Flook at 2 Mill street Packington: Tel. 415185**

Further purchases can be made through the NHW support office at Coalville police station.

General contact information.

Some of you will be aware that there are changes taking place at Coalville police station. As a result there is now no Police Front Enquiry Desk at this station, this facility is based at NW Leicestershire Council Offices in Coalville, and will be open for police related enquiries on Monday to Friday from 08.45 - 17.00. **01530 838036 / 834756**

The NHW support Office will continue to be at Coalville Police Station and is open Mondays and Thursday 10.00 – 12.00 for Neighbourhood watch related queries and safety product information and sales.

Tel: **01530 248 3079.**



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Sgt. Audrey King
PC. Mark Arjoo
PC. Phil Porter
PCSO. Dale Winson
PCSO Jason Harriman
PCSO Laura Cotton

Message from PC Mark Arjoo

Analysis of five years of burglary data shows that burglaries increase during October, November and December during the darker winter months and after the clocks go back. To stop the seasonal peak, the police are urging home owners to leave lights on, lock windows and doors and make sure it looks as though someone is home even if the house is unoccupied.

From October 12th, a team of officers will be dedicated to preventing and investigating burglaries in hot spot areas in a bid to prevent the seasonal increase. If anyone is burgled they will be visited by officers from their Dedicated Neighbourhood Team who will deliver 'cocooning' packs to them and their neighbours which offer support and crime prevention advice. They will also 'leaflet' the rest of the street warning residents that a burglary has taken place and asking them if they have any information.

Car Number plate Thefts

There were 2 incidents in October of car break-ins and number plate thefts. Both were in Mill Street. Mark Arjoo advised that **Coalville Tyres and Exhausts on Central road in Hugglescote** provide a service for fitting anti-theft screws. I spoke with the garage and they informed me that this service is in liaison with the local police, and that the screws are fitted on a free of charge basis.

This service is available:

Monday to Friday Between;
9.00- 9.30am & 4.30- 5pm.

Packington Village Youth Club

A Great Start to Our Year.

Youth Club started back in September just after the schools all returned for their year. We had a large number of new members join us, which takes us almost up to the maximum number of young people we can cater for which is fantastic news. We were also delighted to announce that one of our older members has now 'graduated' to be a young leader and is helping out with supervising our activities and planning games. So what have we been up to this year so far? – as usual our planned activities have been wide ranging, from pottery and flower sculpting to prepare our Flower Festival entry, through to absolute madness as we played Human Hungry Hippos, and Halloween volleyball in the dark (if you want to know how we managed that you will have to ask one of our members!)

We have loads more planned before we break for Christmas including a look at 'World Meals', a Murder Mystery Sleuthing evening and a Comedy Night which will give everyone a chance to entertain!



“Don't leave your home in darkness,” that's the message from Leicestershire Police as the force launches a new 'Darker Nights' campaign to prevent a winter increase in burglaries.

How long have you lived in Packington? Have you been at the Bull & Lion on May Day to see Packington Morris Men celebrate the coming of the May by crowning the May Queen, parading her and her attendants round the village and dancing for them and the large crowds of folk back at the pub?

The team is currently remaking the scrapbook of its history since its foundation for the village carnival in June 1975. The late Ray Connolly, landlord at the Bull & Lion persuaded me to teach him and some of his regulars enough to be able to perform a couple of Cotswold morris dances as the pub's contribution to the carnival. And so the group was born!

On the afternoon of Saturday, 1st May 1976, we crowned Jane Timms as our first Queen and with many of the children carrying May Sticks, processed around the village, returning to the pub for a massed display of dances.

I am now working on a new archive and am looking to fill in some gaps in our history. We do not have either the names or a photo, or both, of several of the Queens. Can you help us?

We are looking for names/photos for the following years:-
Names – 1989-1994, 1996-98, 2000, 2002-04

Photos – 1976-79, 1986-88, 1993-94, 2000-02, 2004, 2006-07

We would be most grateful for any help in completing this archive project.

Geoff Thompson
geoffthompson1046@gmail.com
or phone 0114 221 5307



Crowning Annia Tebbet the 40th May Queen in 2015

Packington Cricket Club Presentations 2015



The season ended on the highest possible level as Packington Cricket Club finished as Div. 8 champions.

beating the second placed club by a massive 38 points; winning the last two games on the final weekend in style taking maximum points from both games.

The highlights at Allestree, on the Saturday were a brilliant innings of 100 not out from skipper Chas Robey, scored off only 12 overs, including 9 sixes and 7 fours, ably assisted by Steve Mansfield with 24. Jonathon Jones 36 and Gary Downing 34 running up a total of 227 for 6. Allestree never looked like getting the required runs finishing on 173 all out, with Ben Cox taking 6 for 39 an outstanding bowling performance.

On the Sunday, the final game was at home to Ockbrook & Borrowash. The away side batted first setting a small target of 148. Tim Barwell bowled his first ever spell for the club and took a wicket with his very first ball. Packington scored the required runs with 9 overs to spare, losing only 5 wickets in the process with good knocks by Dave Grice with 24, Ben Cox 40 and Chas Robey 30 not out.

We are now looking forward to next season with high hopes of going even higher. Sadly we are losing Ben Cox, who has been a real star this season. The final event of the season was held on 7th November with the AGM, followed by a Race Night, Prize presentations and the Grand Prize draw (results can be found on packington.info web site)

The Club Awards went to:-

Bowling Trophy - Steve Mansfield.
The Boundary Cup & Cup for best batting averages – David Grice
Fielding award - Ben Cox.
Most improved player - Tom "Ginger" Baron.
Club man of the year - Keith Baron.

President Roger Muggleton then presented the "Player of the Year" award to Ben Cox, in recognition of his outstanding performance with bat and ball, and in the field.

So if you are a seasoned cricketer or even just wanting to play the game, come and join our little club and help us move further up the standings. Winter nets will start in February indoors at the Ashby School and further info can be obtained from the chairman, Keith Baron on 01530 411297.

**CHARITY
BREAKFAST**
HERE THIS SATURDAY
9.00am - 1.00pm
Everyone Welcome - Just Turn Up



The date is now agreed as Saturday 5th March, please put in your 2016 diary or calendar. Hospice Hope is the nominated charity to benefit from this social gathering and special village event. Volunteers always needed and I shall be rounding up willing (and not so willing) helpers in due course. This is the fifth breakfast event that I have organised and would very much like someone to work alongside me to take over in 2017. Don't all rush at once to contact me mike.coke@talktalk.net or ring on 560430

First Wednesday Coffee Morning

There will be no coffee mornings (sponsored by the Memorial Hall) in December or January. Numbers are small but constant with many regulars. There has been no charge so far for the use of the Meeting Room but if this event is to continue funds have to be found to pay a reasonable rent- which is something being worked on. Look out for further details in the January edition of the Post.

From Andrew Bridgen MP

Please note constituency office for Andrew Bridgen MP has moved from Ashby de la Zouch to: Unit 10, The Courtyard, Whitwick Business Park, Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 4JP

Next surgery in Ashby
Friday 4th December 2015
1.00-3.00pm
Ashby de la Zouch Town Council,
Legion House, South Street,
Ashby
Please note:
You must book an appointment

About Hospice Hope

Hospice Hope was formed following the closure of the Sue Ryder Hospice at Staunton Harold in 2002, which provided palliative care to adults living in North West Leicestershire. A group of committed individuals felt that this closure came at a heavy cost to their local community, with alternative palliative care being some considerable distance away with little or no NHS support in the area.



Hospice Hope was therefore formed as a registered charity to provide support to local people with life limiting illnesses and their carers / immediate family members. Its objectives are to run a network of local Support groups (called Cafés) to provide free 'drop-in' support on a weekly basis in North West Leicestershire and to open a Day Care Centre, to operate up to 5 days a week. Presently the charity runs three weekly support Cafés in Ashby de la Zouch, Coalville and Ibstock, and is actively searching for either land or suitable premises to locate a Day Care Centre.

More information can at www.hospicehope.co.uk
Facebook page 'Hospice Hope'.

Venison Butchery Evening



Thurs 3rd December 7.00pm

Hill Farm, Spring Lane,
Packington LE651WU

Cost £20/person
Includes Butchery
Demonstration, Talk,
2 Course Meal With Wine
In The Lodge

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Services:

November to January 2016

Sunday November 22nd

11am Holy Communion

Sunday November 29th

(Advent Sunday)

10 a.m. Service at St Laurence, Measham

Sunday December 6th

11am Morning Prayer & toy service (bring new toys for the Marlene Reid Centre)

6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday December 13th

11am Holy Communion

Sunday December 20th

10 a.m. Holy Communion for the whole Woodfield Team with Bishop John, acting bishop of Leicester

6 p.m. Carols by Candle Light

Thursday December 24th

(Christmas Eve)

4 p.m. Crib service

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Friday 25th (Christmas Day)

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Normanton-le-Heath church

December 27th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday January 3rd

11 am Morning Prayer

4pm United service at St

Laurence Measham to mark Linda Cox leaving to take up her new role as rector in Shropshire

Sunday January 10th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday January 17th

11am All age service

Wednesday 9th January 10 am

Service of Holy Communion

Thursday 17th December 7.30pm

At the **Bull & Lion**

Back by popular request, the Salvation Army are coming to lead the carol singing.

Come and join the singing

- mince pies and fun.

PACKINGTON COMMUNITY FLOWER FESTIVAL

The 2nd Packington Community Flower Festival was held at Holy Rood Church in October when around 30 different village groups, businesses and individuals set up displays – several more than the previous event in 2013.

In all, some 300 people visited the Flower Festival which included a performance by the Donisthorpe Scout Band and a range of refreshments. A cheque for £250 was given to Hospice Hope from the donations received.

Photographs of all the displays can be viewed on the gallery of the church website: www.packingtonandnormantonchurches.org.uk



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••••• Christmas Coffee Morning •••••
••••• Weds 16th December •••••
••••• 9.30am-11.30am •••••

Thank You Vivien

You may have noticed that the letter from Vivien did not appear in the November issue. This was due to pressure on space and for this the Post apologises. We look forward to continuing to work with Holy Rood and wish to put on record our thanks to Vivien for the many words she has contributed over the years.



**Ready, Steady, Stick
'The Christmas Story'**



**Saturday 12th December
2-4.30pm**

Measham Church Hall

Join us for an afternoon of crafts, games, singing,

Ollie Bassett debut for Yeovil Town FC

Saturday 19th September 2015 local boy Ollie Bassett from Mill Street recently made his professional football debut for Yeovil Town FC, when they played away at Crawley Town. On doing so he became the youngest ever player to play for the club. The following week he made his 'Home' debut and at the time of writing he has featured in the first team squad ever since.

Ollie was scouted by Aston Villa at a summer tournament in Burton and subsequently signed for the Premiership's Academy. He remained there from U8 until he was unfortunately released at U16.

However Ollie showed strength of character, still keen to pursue his dream, he left home at 16 to move and live in the beautiful city of Bath where he earned himself a scholarship place with the Southampton FC Second Chance programme. At the end of his first year the scholarship squad was incorporated into Yeovil Town Youth Team for the 2015/16 season.

Ollie had impressed the Youth team manager who reported back to Paul Sturrock, the first team manager, and was subsequently promoted into the First Team, giving him the break he had only ever dreamed of !

It is still very early days for Ollie, who knows he still has a long way to go to fulfill his ambition. However the longest journey starts with the first step, which he has well and truly taken.



Cycling

The Editor has asked me to write "a few lines about cycling" for the Packington Post, which would seem to be a straight forward enough exercise but the more I have thought about it the more complicated it has become. So where do we begin? I have cycled for as long as I can remember. I have been cycling for over 50 years and still cycle regularly today. My first experience with the cycling club, at age of 14, was regular Sunday club runs covering distances of 30 to 130 miles in the day. During the summer months rides of 70 to 80 miles were the norm. Then there were the Youth Hostel holidays to various parts of the country. Finally there was the competitive side of the pastime on the road, track and in fields (cyclo-cross). We are very fortunate living in Packington having easy access to very pleasant, generally quiet country lanes with fairly flat terrain. If you're uneasy about cycling on the road there are excellent off road cycle tracks at Hicks Lodge, between Moira and Donisthorpe, where you can gain the necessary confidence to venture on to the road.

Cycling is a pastime that can be undertaken as an individual or in a group. Group riding can be very rewarding, mixing with people with a similar outlook and discovering more about the local countryside. Today, cycling is very popular mainly due to Olympic and Tour de France success and I understand it has been classed as the "New Golf" for young businessmen and women.

There are two groups that organise rides locally for catering for all abilities:

The Charnwood Section of the Cyclists Touring Club (CTC). As their title suggests they cater for touring and non competitive cycling and have runs every Sunday from Ashby, Heather Measham and Coalville. They also organise Wednesday runs. Details can be found on their Facebook Page.

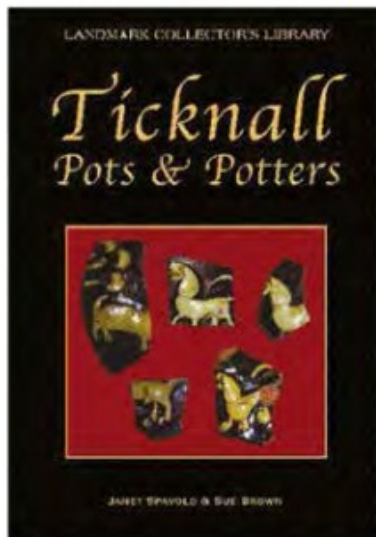
Coalville Wheelers are based at Griffydham and cater for those who want a faster ride or wish to take part in competition. Having said that they also have a Family Section run catering for less competitive types and youngsters. These runs leave their Clubroom at Griffydham 10am covering distances from 12 to 25 miles returning to the Clubroom for refreshments. Details can be found on their Facebook Page.

Nev Bray



Packington Men's Group - PMG Report & Diary

Our Autumn **PMG** programme opened in **October** when PMG members heard a sparkling talk by **Jack Fargher, Ashby Town Clerk**, about the range of responsibilities his job entails. His talk was vivid and forceful: born on the Isle of Man, Jack is clearly a capable administrator, at ease in letting people know what he has to do and why, and we all gained valuable background information on our local town and shopping centre.



Did you know that our nearby village of **Ticknall** was a **major pottery manufacturing centre** three hundred years ago? Local historians **Sue Brown** and **Janet Spavold** gave our **PMG November Presentation** on the **Pots and Potters of Ticknall**, a topic they have researched for twenty years, and on which they are joint authors of the definitive reference book. Ticknall specialised in good-quality Cistercian wares and was a major producer of Midland Purple pottery - and is just twenty minutes from our village.

Our **PMG December party evening** is at **6pm** on **Thursday 10th December 2015** at the Bull and Lion.



Expect Party Fun and music; a quiz with prizes; a two-course meal for £10; and remember to come hungry and thirsty! Watch for our PMG menu.

On **Thursday 14th January 2016** we have a **PMG evening presentation** on the **Ashby St Helen's Heritage project**, which has attracted lottery funding of over half a million pounds. Come and hear how and why from **guest speaker Ann Heaton**, Memorial Hall meeting room, at **7:45pm**.

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

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PMG



Sue Brown and Janet Spavold with some of their collection of Ticknall pottery.

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To add to all the ones before
Those planning letters through the door
At the front and up the lane
Those plans are going in again

Phil Harley
Spring Lane



Sunday 6th December
4.00pm Holy Rood
Christingle Service
Holy Rood Church



Fabulous Fireworks

Damp and drizzle did nothing to deter more than 400 people who ventured out to enjoy Packington's annual fireworks display.

A wet day relented in the evening to allow relatively dry conditions to prevail as families and other villagers enjoyed the display hosted again on the recreation grounds.

Chris Miles, master of ceremonies for the night, joked about the rain having dampened the bonfire and questioned if it would burn as brightly as in previous years. But in the event the beacon burned fiercely, lighting up proceedings and warming the crowd.

Many had already been warmed by mulled drinks and burgers before event truly got under way with volunteers ensuring the event was as well run as usual.

The spectacular firework display came in two halves, with a chance for youngsters to enjoy the magic of a sparkler sandwiched between rockets, bangers and other pyrotechnics.

In many ways November 5th, bonfire night, is a strange annual ritual with many people able to name Guy Fawkes and his attempt to blow up parliament. Why the early act of terrorism was attempted; well that's another matter.

Maybe these thoughts occurred to a few but for the majority the excitement of fireworks is what gets people outside in all weathers each year.

Packington's fireworks in 2015 provided plenty of excitement.



Photographs and article by Bob Walker



BONFIRE NIGHT
Raises £800
for The Recreation
Ground Charity.
Thanks to the
organising team.

The organisers, 'The Packington Recreation Ground Charity' would like to thank the many volunteers who enabled this event to run safely and successfully.

Once again the Bonfire Night was financially sustainable and with another good attendance and some generous donations and fantastic food and drink sales I am pleased to say that a surplus of over £800 was made on the night. This money will be used by the Trustees to maintain and keep our Recreation Ground facilities in good order. We hope to repeat the success on the 5th November next year. Thank-you for your support.

Welcome to Bob Walker

Latest recruit to the Packington Editorial team. Bob enjoys photography and hopes to make more of a contribution to the PP in the future.



The Ashby Santa Fun Run & Walk will be held on Sunday 29th November and is being run in conjunction with Ashby Town Council. As part of the entry fee, all participants will be provided with a Santa suit, hat and beard to run or walk in leading to the amazing spectacle of several hundred Santa's setting off from the Bath Grounds! The fun starts at 10:45 with a fun warm up to get everybody in the spirit before the fun run and walk starts at 11:00.

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