

CHARITY BREAKFAST

Packington Memorial Hall
9.00am - 1.00pm
Everyone Welcome - Just Turn Up

Big Breakfast
5 March 2016
Saturday



About the 2016 Packington Big Breakfast Charity - Hospice Hope



Hospice Hope is delighted to have been chosen as the charity to benefit from this year's Big Breakfast at the Packington Memorial Hall on Saturday 5 March, from 9am through to 1pm.

This fantastic event, which is now in its fifth year, is a chance to forget any New Year's Resolutions or diet plans and enjoy a full English breakfast for a great cause in a friendly, social setting.

The event is the brainchild of Mike Coke, who initiated the first Packington Big Breakfast in 2012 and raised funds for a Children's charity and in 2013 for national cancer charity. 150 breakfasts were dished up then, but it was felt that the idea could be put to better use for local projects. So in 2014, over £1,400 was raised to provide Packington with its own defibrillator and in 2015 another 300 breakfasts raised £1,400 to send a local boy with muscular dystrophy for specialised treatment in Scotland.

You don't have to live in Packington to support the event- but it is heart-warming that the village does turn out in full for a good fry up! A full English is only £6 (£3 for children) or just have a bacon/sausage bap for £3. They also do takeaways! No need to book, just pop along to the Village Hall in the centre of Packington. During the morning there will also be a chance to buy raffle tickets.

As you can expect with an event that is serving up a cooked breakfast every minute for four hours, it is heavily reliant on volunteers. Mike would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping out with taking orders, money, making drinks and plating up the food – his contact details can be found below. We look forward to seeing you on 5 March.

Jane Hagreen, Hospice Hope, 07935800658



PS If you would like to volunteer or for more information about the event please email: mike.coke@talktalk.net or ring him on 01530 560430.

Village Questionnaire

It is nearly fifteen years since the village appraisal was completed to find out what people of Packington wanted to see in their village.

This community event on Saturday 5th March provides a good opportunity to canvass the opinion of residents on a range of issues.

Please come along and support this fund raising event and be prepared to put forward your views on the future shape of Packington by completing a short questionnaire. **Contact editor@packington.info**



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Queen's Award For 'Mr Packington'



You may have seen in the recent **NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST 2016**. Awarded to **CHRISTOPHER MILES**, a British Empire Medal for "Services to Packington".
Read full story on page 3

PLANNING APPLICATION AT LAST FOR HALL FARM

Following many years of neglect the site of Hall Farm has been acquired by developers. They have now applied for permission. "Retention and conversion of existing farmhouse and frontage barn to make four new dwellings and demolition of remaining agricultural buildings and erection of five single storey and two storey dwellings." The illustration below is

one of several 3D visualisations available to view as part of the planning application. The grey shapes are existing buildings and the white indicate the new build elements.
Planning Application 15/01130/FUL
Full details here at North West Leics District Council website plans.nwleics.gov.uk



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Saturday March 5th is Big Breakfast Day

Hopefully all your diet plans are over following the Christmas 'blow out' and you are ready for a great "Full English". This year's charity is Hospice Hope and we are sure everyone will come out for this great village social occasion and raise lots of money for a good cause.

For more information about Hospice Hope and the support they provide for local people with life limiting illnesses, please go to their website at www.hospicehope.org.uk info@hospicehope.org.uk



All the usual options will be available from 9am to 1pm, including children's meals and a vegetarian breakfast. There will of course be a raffle to tempt you to part with more money. Come prepared to enjoy the day and we sincerely hope this year we will **NOT** set off the fire alarm.

There is still time to volunteer for a one hour slot for any of the following jobs:

- Washing up (there is a dishwasher);
- cooking and plating up;
- making toast or tea and
- of course clearing up after the event.

Contact Mike Coke 560430 or for cooking Wes Ewing 41133



Packington Lunch Club

The idea for a regular lunch club in Packington was conceived during the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall. It didn't get under way until the following October 2010, when a group of volunteers, led by Pauline Miles, contacted Leicestershire County Council who arranged for subsidised cooked meals to be supplied direct to the Hall by Icare. This arrangement continued until December 2014 when the Council wound up this service as part of the ongoing cuts in their budget.

Was this the end?
Emphatically not !

Into the breach stepped two volunteers Rachael Miles and Mel Dughan who volunteered to cook for the regular 12 to 18 who attend lunch club on the **third Thursday** each month. This arrangement has proved to be a great success, and last October the club celebrated its 5th birthday in style.

In November we were able to sing "Happy Birthday" to our 3rd nonagenarian member Mary Evans.



In December, at the Christmas meal, children from the Primary School sang Christmas songs to Lunch Club members and all the members received beautifully wrapped Christmas hampers from our wonderful cooks, helped by Pete Swift and his wife.



Rachael & Mel have recruited a new member, Hattie Plant for 2016. This year we are holding an additional meeting in the first week of January and February. If you would like to join Lunch Club.

Contact Pauline Miles 414378

New Tables

The tables in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall have proved too heavy and difficult to put up and take down. As a result the Committee agreed to purchase two tables that fold down on one side and are on castors. Together with two shaped end pieces they make up a good sized "board room" table.



Another example of the improvements being made to the facilities at the hall.

First Wednesday Coffee Morning

This community get together will restart next month. Come along enjoy tea or coffee and a biscuit and a good chat.

- Weds 3rd Feb 10 - 12
- Weds 2nd Mar 10 - 12

Mike Coke 560430



The Committee of Measham & District Community Library are asking for your support! We hope that, around June this year, the council will hand over the running of the Measham library to the committee.

Please could you join us?

We are looking for volunteers NOW to help us on the committee. Pivotal positions are vacant – it will look good on your CV to be able to record that YOU helped launch a Community Library.

The Library will be staffed entirely by volunteers, and will have to raise money for maintenance, insurances etc, although we will get help from the council at first. We hope the library will be a hub of the local area community, not only Measham but surrounding villages, especially Packington, Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe, Appleby Magna, Snarestone etc

We will need help – welcoming visitors, operating behind the counters, organising the shelves, also cleaning and maintenance. You do not have to sign your life away, just a morning a month, a couple of hours a week, whatever you can spare, to join with a small group of like-minded volunteers. Every little helps!

You can See us here on Facebook and on our website. Please get in touch by email to info@meashamlibrary.org
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Packington WI



Packington WI Annual Christmas Party was held in December in the Memorial Hall. A Buffet Supper was enjoyed by all present, 21 Members and four Guests. After supper we were entertained by After Eight, a group of four singers who performed a varied programme, which included ballads, folk and some Christmas items. All Members donated an item suitable for a child aged up to five years to be included in Leicestershire's Annual Toy Appeal.

Margaret Starker our President closed the meeting thanking the committee who organised the evening & wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

4th February Thursday Meeting Memorial Hall at 7:30pm
3rd March Thursday will be "Valuation work in an Auction" by Vanessa Savage. This will be followed on 7th April by a Buffet Supper.

Visitors and new members always welcome, please
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Cycling

What to wear

It is possible to cycle in almost any clothing but cycling specific clothing is more comfortable and comfort is the main priority. Cycling is an energetic exercise causing the body to warm up considerably but it is important to appreciate that the wind chill factor, especially in late autumn, winter and early spring can severely reduce the warming effect of the exercise.

Head

A good quality helmet certified to EN1078 is recommended. It should of the correct size and the straps adjusted to fit correctly. It must be comfortable.



In colder weather a skull cap (which will also cover the ears) can be worn under the helmet and will help to keep you warm. Alternatively a "Buff" can be worn under the helmet. This can act as a hat or balaclava. It can also serve as a neck tube and is more effective and comfortable than a scarf.

Upper Body

A good base layer is essential whatever the weather. A long sleeve thermal garment for cold weather, a short sleeve one for warm weather. These will keep you warm in the winter but wick away the sweat in the summer. Base layers also provide some protection if you should be unfortunate enough to fall in that it will allow any outer garments to slide against them rather than your skin! Outer garments will vary according to weather conditions.



Windproof Jacket

Several thin layers are generally better than one thick layer. Windproof garments are good but need to be *breathable* for comfort. Similarly waterproof garments need to be "breathable"

Hands

For the cold weather a good pair of gloves is essential. However, they must be comfortable and flexible enough to enable you to operate the controls of the bike.



In summer a pair of "track mitts" is a worthwhile purchase. These are fingerless gloves with padded palms. Originally these were designed to protect the palms in the event of a fall but modern ones have gel in the palms which help cushion any jarring through the handlebars.

Lower Body

Lycra shorts are not the most flattering garment but they are extremely comfortable. They have a padded seat and come as simple shorts with an elasticated waist or bib shorts. Bib shorts built-in braces and are more comfortable because there is no pressure around the waist. These shorts must be worn next to the skin – underwear will cause discomfort and chafing.

Lycra shorts can be worn under other shorts or trousers. There are other cycling specific shorts and trousers available but these generally require cycling specific underwear and they have elasticated or belted waists. In colder weather trousers or tights can be worn over shorts. Legwarmers can also be used in conjunction with shorts.

Feet

Any good quality trainers can be used for cycling. However, if you have toe clips or clipless pedals then a pair of cycling specific shoes is essential. Mountain Bike shoes look like a normal trainer but have stiff sole to transmit power to the pedal.



Road cycling shoes have no heel and are not designed for walking. In cold weather a good pair of overshoes will help to keep your feet warm.

Contact Nev Bray 414562

Fitness' at the village hall

[Pilates with Michelle Scott-Worthington, Mondays](#)

[Pilates with Kelly Aldread, Tuesdays and Fridays](#)

[Yoga with Sandra Da Silva, Mondays and Thursdays](#)

[Karate with Paul, Wednesdays](#)

[Fitsteps with Sian Flinn, Thursdays](#)

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS MILES

Continued from front page...

Recent arrivals in the village of Packington may wonder.....

"What Services to Packington"?

Long term residents will know that for more than 30 years Chris Miles has been heavily involved in all aspects of community activity in Packington, both as a voluntary helper and as a leader. He has been a member, and subsequently Chairman, of the Parish Council for many years. As Chairman he led the response to the "Village Appraisal" of 2002, which included the introduction of "Traffic Calming" measures at the entrances to the village, and, incidentally also resulted in the commencement of the "Packington Post".

As Chairman of the Recreation Ground sub-committee he led the campaign to develop this area, including raising funds for the playground & picnic area, and its subsequent construction.



For years he has organised, and helped to run the "Bonfire night" celebrations on the Recreation Ground to raise funds for the development and maintenance of this important village facility.

Then there's the Memorial Hall.



Chris has been a member, and later Chairman, of the Management Committee for over 30 years. After his retirement from teaching in 2003, Chris decided to step up his voluntary work in the community.

A survey of the village hall reached the conclusion that a complete refurbishment was needed.

Plans were drawn up. At that point Chris had already been the main organiser of the, now defunct, village carnival for many years. The carnival usually raised about £2,000 per year for maintenance of the village hall.

Between 2005 and 2008, with Chris the prime instigator, £44,000 was raised from local village events, and a further £290,000 by way of grants. When, in December 2007, he was told of the successful award of a "Big Lottery Fund" grant Chris remarked "This is the best Christmas present I have ever had" (*Apologies to his family who we are sure do their best for him every December 25th*).

The Memorial Hall rebuild has been, by any measurement, a great success. In 2013, as Chairman, Chris accepted a winner's certificate in the Leicestershire Village

Achievements Awards ceremony for Best Village Hall. The judges commented "All ages are covered from the daily Playgroup to U3A. This is a superb community facility".



Chris can be found there almost every day of the week helping out, as his wife will testify. There is only space to briefly mention that there are middle aged people in the village who can only remember Chris Miles as the organiser, master of ceremonies, race commentator, and general factotum of the annual "Duck Race".

And by the way guess who negotiated with the National Forest to allow planting a community orchard in Packington Wood, and raised the money to buy the fruit trees, and helped plant them? Did you notice the beautiful, brightly lit, Christmas Trees outside the Memorial Hall? You've guessed who was responsible?

And, when in the coming spring, 2,000 daffodils magically appear on the verges around the village? We've still not mentioned his support for the Lunch Club or the Horticultural Show.

Congratulations Chris. We, at the Packington Post, are confident that few, if any, of the other recipients of an award in this year's "New Year's Honours List" will have worked harder for the benefit of their local community than you.

Thank you from all of us at the Post on behalf of the whole village

At school it was a very busy run up to Christmas, with lots of fun and exciting things going on.

Christmas Fayre

The PSA Christmas Fayre was a great success and well supported by pupils and parents. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to help with the fundraising efforts and a fantastic £982 was raised! The arrival of Father Christmas on his sleigh was a super surprise!

Panto & Nativity

Our Key Stage 2 pupils performed this year's Panto of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' and everyone was impressed with the high quality acting, marvellous singing and comic timing. The hard work of the pupils really paid off and staff were delighted to see them performing so confidently.



Our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils performed this year's Nativity 'Born in a Barn' beautifully to parents and grandparents with Packington Playgroup also visiting for a special preview of the performance. There were some tricky lines and songs to sing but the children all did brilliantly.

Special Visitors!

The Packington School Association once again arranged a visit from William the Wizard who entertained the children at their Christmas Parties with a magic & puppet show. Father Christmas also managed to find a space in his busy schedule to drop in and answer questions and hand out gifts.

Christingle

Rev Lesley Birtwistle, Mrs Eaton and Mrs Avery helped the children make Christingles for the Church Service on 6th December. During the service the school sang 'This Little Light of Mine' and pupils were also involved in giving the reading and helping Rev Linda explain the meaning of the Christingle.



Senior Citizen's Xmas Lunch

A group of our Key Stage 2 pupils headed to the village hall with Mrs Dyche in December to help serve Xmas lunch and entertain the diners with a selection of songs from their Xmas production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. Mrs Dyche commented on how proud she was of all the children.



Upcoming events

During the month of February we will once again be collecting for the Ashby Food Bank. Any donations can be brought into the school office from Monday 1st February. A list of items they need most can be found by visiting www.ashbyfoodbank.org/shopping

**Contact Head teacher
Carol Price 412425**

The ALDI Ashby 20

This year's Road Race is being held on Sunday 20th March 2016. As usual, it starts at 10.00 am from Upper Packington Road and finishes at the Bath Grounds, Ashby de la Zouch. As in previous years, the runners will pass through Packington twice during the race.

The race will be well marshalled throughout and police and NWLDC have been contacted and our main concern, as always, is to minimise disruption to local residents and community activities. The roads on the course will be closed for traffic in the direction of the runners, signs will be put out 2 weeks prior to the event to inform residents.

Runners always appreciate spectators along the route and we would be very pleased to see local residents supporting the runners on the day. We clear up our discarded bottles and have teams going round the entire course removing litter.

The ALDI Ashby 20 remains one of the top races in the country, and attracts a field of 1,500 runners from all over the country.

Barry Alldread, Race Director,
www.ashby20.co.uk



Packington Men's Group



December, 20 members were to enjoy **Bull and Lion hospitality** for their 2-course evening meal, with a quiz to get things going. **PMG member, Peter Last**, had invented a novel theme for our **prize quiz** - based on the fact that most of us remember our childhood, even if we can't today remember where we were yesterday, he chose the era in which most of us grew up, the 50s and 60s. Do YOU know the name of the finder of the missing football world cup in 1966? Do YOU remember what Laika did that was noteworthy? Several of us did!

Our 2016 **PMG programme** opened in **January** with a well-illustrated presentation by **Anne Heaton** of the Ashby **St Helen's Heritage Restoration Project**.



This amazing local 3-year re-building and research project has gained lottery funding of over £600,000. Most fascinating was the **Archaeological survey** required in this listed area before building foundation work could be authorised: during the dig, evidence of human habitation of Ashby in the Mesolithic era between 5,000 BC and 12,000 BC was discovered. Wow!

Dates for your Diary Our **PMG Annual Lunch** on **Thursday 11th February 2016**, leaving the village at **12:15**, is again to be held at the **Cricketts Inn** at nearby **Acresford**, a family-run cosy pub restaurant with extensive lunchtime menus of "All day, Every Day" **good food and excellent bar**. We can inspect these menus on their website at www.crickettsinn.com;



We will make our choices on the day, but - **RSVP** - we need to know numbers for transport and seating, so **please contact Robert as below**, do say if you need or can offer transport, **by Sunday 7th Feb**

On **Thursday 10th March 2016** we leave the village at **10 am** for a visit to **Claymills Pumping Station, Burton**.



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



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certificate (PG 13)

Ticket Prices:
 (available at the door)
 Adult £3.50
 Children (under 12) £2.00

Next film showing on
 Friday 11th March
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Doors open for Refreshments at
 6:30 pm
 Film commences at 6:45 pm

Packington Book Club



Packington Book Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall at 7.30. Each month a book, chosen by a member of the group, is discussed.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday January 27th and we will be looking at Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy - prior to being able to view the film in the Memorial Hall on the 12th February.

The following 2 meetings are on February 24th and March 23rd when we will be discussing A Cat called Bob by James Bowen and Remarkable Creatures by Tracey Chevalier.

You are welcome to come and join us if you would like to or if you would like to find out further information please
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Packington Parish Council

The Precept for Packington Parish has been set for 2016/17 and shows a small increase from the previous year. The Parish Council have over recent years had to make provision to cover work previously undertaken by the County Council. We have budgeted to maintain the improvements to the appearance and the road safety issues in Mill St and Little Lane from the rapid growth of trees and shrubs. On this matter; there are a number of large conifers, holly and hawthorn trees which will soon be causing a nuisance in Little Lane. If you own one or more of these trees, please contact the Clerk to the Parish who will liaise with you if necessary, to help eliminate any problems.

Planning

Planning matters have again taken up a considerable amount of time in the last months and it appears it will continually do so. A number of planning applications have been submitted and all but one are sited outside the development boundary for Packington. The Parish Council have consistently objected to these applications as they are on green-field sites and outside the limits of development. However, we think the NWLDC planning authority do not share our concerns in the same way and therefore we have set up a meeting with the Deputy Chief Executive. Plans are in for the long awaited development of Hall Lane farm and whilst the Parish Council have yet to form a response to this application we urge anyone who has a view to make it known to the NWLDC Planning Office. **You can view the plans online (see page 1)**

Community Benefit Fund

The Parish have received a Solar Farm Community Fund of approx. £6500 per year from the Babelake St solar farm and a further £1000 will be available from the solar farm at the top of Measham Road. If you have a community project that would benefit from the grant, please contact the Clerk for an application form. The Parish Council will be looking at any application made by the 31st January in February. The fund is always open and the next deadline for applications will be June 30th. Please contact **Mrs Victoria Roe, Clerk to the Council, 77 Victoria Street Melbourn DE73 8FR 07824 634604 or clerk@packingtonpc.org.uk**

Thanks

May I conclude on a personal note by thanking everyone for their good wishes of support and congratulations for the BEM which was awarded to me in the Queen's New Year Honour's List. I would like to think that this honour really is for Packington and all the many volunteers I have been privileged to work with over the years, in supporting the Memorial Hall; the Carnivals; the Duck race; the Bonfire; the Jubilee; Parish Council Working Parties and lots more.
Chris Miles, Chairman 414378

Big Breakfast Chefs



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Message from Mark Arjoo
 Leicestershire Police are warning van drivers not to leave any tools or anything of value in their vehicles overnight. It follows a spate of offences mainly in the north of Leicestershire. Between 2nd November and 8th November, 19 vans were broken into in locations in the area including Ashby. Crime analysis shows that the offences are happening during the hours of darkness from hotel car parks and when vehicles are parked outside or on the driveways of home addresses. We want to remind van drivers to remove their tools overnight and review their vehicle security. We have also been working closely with hotels to encourage them to improve car park security. We have made some significant arrests recently but incidents are still being reported to us. We know that it can be inconvenient to remove tools from your van, especially if you are staying in a hotel, but it can be even more inconvenient if your tools are stolen and you can't work until you replace them. Power tools can be really expensive which is why they are attractive to thieves so we'd urge builders and trade's people to think about the security of their vehicles, consider fitting a cage and a stronger external lock and think about where it is parked. We want to receive information about who is committing these offences, if you see any suspicious behavior please report it to the police or use free Crimestoppers 0800 555 11. or PC MARK ARJOO tel: 101, voicemail ID1667 mark.arjoo@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Long Lost Family

Can you help Stan Baker in New Zealand?

My Great Great Grandfather Charles Baker was born in Packington on 5th August 1803 and was married to Sophie Croft Riley in the Packington Church on 31st March 1823.

Sophie died on 21st April 1826 two years after the birth (in Packington) of their only child Dorcas Sophie Baker on 10th April 1824.

Both Charles and his father were employed as gardeners at the Manor house estate.

After the death of Sophie, Charles married Hannah Maria Bailey from Smisby Parish on the 11th May 1827 before both sailed for NZ with the Church Missionary Society.

They were amongst the first 15 European settlers to move permanently to NZ and Charles and Hannah had 12 children.

There have been a number of books published on their lives.

While we have fairly good info from the Rev Charles Baker down, it would be good also to know, and include in the tree, details of other descendants from Charles' brothers and sister and more information than we have gleaned to date on the Missionary and his wives Ancestors.

Maybe some descendant families still exist in the Smisby or Packington districts?

We also know that Charles had 7 brothers and sisters listed as follows:-

- Hannah Baker (1801 - ?)
- Elizabeth Baker (1805 - ?)
- Mary Baker (1808 - 1826)
- John Baker (1810 - 1863)
- Sampson Choyce Baker (1812 - 1875)
- Jane Baker (1816 - ?)
- Martha Baker (1817 - ?)

I can be contacted through this email address and would really like to hear from any descendants of the Riley, Bailey or Baker Families.

I wonder if there are any local historians with more information too?

shb@ihug.co.nz

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Packington Cricket Club



The Club committee is busy arranging the forthcoming year's activities.

Indoor cricket training sessions start on Monday 1st February, 8 to 9pm at Ashby School gymnasium, access by Leicester Road entrance. Any potential players of any standard are welcome to attend.

Come and join a progressive village club whose aim is to progress further following last season's promotion from Division 8 to Division 7.

Dates for your diary 2016

- Monday 1st February Winter nets start
- Saturday 16th April Quiz night
- Friday 1st July Summer Quiz
- Saturday 1st October Race Night & Presentations

These are important fundraising events which need your support.

We, as a club, failed in 2015 to promote events early enough for people to book the date in their diary.

Hopefully we have cured that problem.

We look forward with great expectation to the season ahead.

Further details from Club President, Roger Muggleton on 07833445422 or from the Bull & Lion.

Holy Rood Services

- January 24th**
11 am Holy Communion
- January 31st**
10 am United service at Donisthorpe church
(no service Packington)
- February 7th**
11 am Morning Prayer
6 pm Evening Prayer
- February 10th** (Ash Wednesday)
7.30 pm Holy Communion
- February 14th**
11 am Holy Communion
Visiting preacher from the Church Army
- February 21st**
11 am All age service
- February 28th**
11 am Holy Communion
- March 6th (Mothering Sunday)**
11 am Family service
6 pm Evening Prayer
- March 13th**
11 am Holy Communion
- March 20th**
11am **Palm Sunday**
Palm Sunday morning service
Maundy
- March 24th**
Thursday 7.30pm Holy Communion at Normanton
- March 25th**
7.30pm **Good Friday**
Way of the Cross
- March 27th**
11 am **Easter Sunday**
Holy Communion

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

Coffee & Chat

In Holy Rood Church Our coffee mornings are held in Church every third Wednesday of the month

Do join us at our next one on:

February 17th
9.30 - 11.30am

ALL WELCOME

Urgent Help for Syria required by 31st January

Holy Rood Church is setting out to help Samara's Aid Appeal to get warm clothes, blankets, winter shoes etc to the internally displaced people of Syria and Iraq.

Would you like to help?

If so check on the website for details of what is needed - it is quite specific. The website is www.packingtonandnormantonchurches.org.uk

Donations can be left at the back of Holy Rood church. Contact Revd. Lesley Birtwistle on 01530 413309 for more details.



Ready, Steady, Stick
 Goes back to 'The Big Top' on
Tuesday 16th February
 at
St Laurence Church Hall
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 per child
 Further details from Rev Sue Bradley 01530 271327, suebradley@onetel.com




A good crowd enjoyed traditional carols with the Salvation Army band before Christmas at the Bull & Lion. It was a great evening with mince pies and mulled wine to keep out the chill. Almost £400 was raised for the work of the Salvation Army.

Packington Church

Tuesday
 9th February
 12:00 - 2:00

Soup and a roll



Packington & Normanton Ladies Group

The visit to "Oliver" was well supported and everyone enjoyed the show. Our next two meetings will be at the Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm

Feb 10th Ken Banton will tell us how to get more birds into the garden.

Mar 9th is a talk on buildings conservation by someone who has worked on Holy Rood as well as Westminster Abbey.