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Successful Annual Village Events

Bank Holiday Monday saw a massive influx of visitors to the **Open Gardens**.

By 3 pm. there were very few passports left to sell. Often the queue for teas was back to the door at the Memorial Hall and the same at other venues offering refreshments. Full story Page 8



In the evening the **Duck Race** also attracted a good crowd. This proved to be a great family evening and raised £465 which will be used to improve and maintain our lovely Packington Memorial Hall. Full report Page 3



The annual Horticultural **Show** yet again delivered a feast for the senses with some amazing entries in a wide range of categories. The baking section was as popular as ever. It is always interesting to compare the cakes in Class 69 'Best homemade chocolate cake' as they are all quite different even though they are done to the same recipe. Possibly the stars of the show were the vegetables, from enormous onions to beautiful, colourful arrangements. Everyone is already looking forward to the 75th show next year. Report page 2



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Middle Aged Men in Lycra!!

There are plenty of them about but this particular MAMIL has set himself quite a challenge. Jonathan has signed up to do The Ride across Britain (RAB) and is raising money for two great charities: Cancer Research UK and Brake. Over a period of 9 consecutive days, starting on 10th September, he will be cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats. This will involve cycling 100+ miles each day and overall climbing twice the height of Everest. As if that's not tough enough, he will be sleeping in a tent for all bar one night!



Jonathan has been training hard, even during family holidays in Corsica (have you seen those roads!) and Cornwall. By the time you read this article he should be well on his way. Please wish him luck and we will let you know how he gets on in the next edition.

If you are interested in supporting Jonathan on his

amazing challenge (mid-life crisis?) and help him raise money for these 2 fantastic charities then please visit his donation page at <u>http://uk.virginmoneygiving</u> .com/JonathanPilbro where you can find more information about the event. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks Katherine and Jonathan Pilbro

74th Horticultural Show

Although the weather was a little against us we have never let that spoil the day have we. We were of course delighted with the variety and volume of entries although the seasonal weather seems to have taken its toll on the growing of certain items, and of course the support the show received yet again was greatly appreciated. All exhibits were of a very high standard and this was commented on by the judges who were suitably impressed by it all. The Children's section was again quite exceptional and improves year on year, well done Kids. The Auction was yet again a huge success thanks to the incomparable Chris Miles who never ceases to amaze, saw out the day out in its usual way. The committee already has its sights firmly set on next year's "75th" Anniversary of the PHS Show, this will of course be a mile-stone in the history of the society, as such, this will be marked in classic style and certainly be one to remember, a great festive and fun day out for the whole

family. Details of this will be published nearer the time. In order to meet the deadline for this publication the amount raised on the day is not yet available, however, donations will be made to chosen charities as it has always been and the results will be published in the next issue. The committee would like to say a massive and heartfelt thank you to all of you for your hard work, support and undying loyalty to this superb event year after year, its success is down to you all and without you it wouldn't be possible.

Kay 811494

Beginners Bridge



A course for adults will start in the Autumn at Hood Park. Experienced players and newly trained English Bridge Union approved tutors, Carol and Shelagh, will lead this training. Learners will also be part of the club and be supported by club members as a whole as they gradually integrate into it. If anyone is interested in taking part, please contact either Carol at <u>carol1960stephens@gmail.c</u> om or Shelagh on

01530231165. Bridge is a complicated game but is not as complicated as you might think as well as being great fun and keeping the brain cells working. More information on the club web site

www.bridgewebs.com/ashby

duck race

Duck Race

What a Great evening!!! The Annual Duck Race was again a fantastic, successful event. The weather was brilliant and with crowds arriving early and tickets being snapped up from 5.30pm onwards there was a buzz in the air. All races were sold out and the customized duck race proved popular again, with a near record entry of 48.



"Duck Nudger", David Dring, did a sterling job of rounding up the ducks and with a good flow in the Gilawiskaw. and Gemma and Zac catching the ducks at the finish line. the races ran like clockwork. During the evening, the Bar-B-Q was doing a brisk trade and the Memorial Hall Committee, who organised the event, would like to thank volunteers, Dean, Pauline, Sally Ann, Alison and Ellie who manned the food stall, for their excellent work. Now for the results. 1st Race Winner: Jake Goodwin (2). Second: Odin (35) Third: Karen Starkey (52) 2nd Race Winner: = Isobel Holden (204); and (276); Third: Watkins (235) 3rd Race Winner: Gemma Lawther (22); Second Walshaw (54); Third = Harrison Dring (149) and Odin (70)

The final race was the hotly contested **Customized Race**. A near record entry of 48 Ducks saw an enthusiastic dash to the start by contestants ranging from babes in arms to 70 plus.



Chief Duck Steward Chris Miles briefed participants at the start and the race started as though it were the final of the Olympic 100m. As soon as the contestants had released their creations from Hall Lane Bridge, children and the bigger 'children' were chasing down Mill St to keep up with their special bird.



The duck, which proved the quickest, was "Flat Bed Duck" owned by Emily Marvin (who is a well-known duck trader living on Mill St.) Well done Emily, she retained her title of last year and I think she secretly tries out a new designer duck every day in order to prepare for next year's race ?? The 2nd place duck was owned by Terry, a Hall Committee Member who when about to claim his prize was 'beaten' away by his better half who

said it was her duck. There's always next year! In 3rd place Was Henry with Co Owner Joy Gravestock collecting the prize.

Many thanks to everyone for making it a great night and to the new family from Australia for loaning us their forecourt for the evening. Thanks to the ticket sellers who sold prior to the event particularly the Bull and Lion and to Judith, Joan, and Abi, for manning the ticket office on the night.

A great family evening and I am happy to report that the event realised £465 which will be used to improve and maintain our lovely Packington Memorial Hall. Well done Packington! **Chris Miles 414378**



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Bonfire Party Saturday 5th November 6-45pm

We hope to repeat the success of previous Bonfire Parties and as you can see we are keeping to the traditional date again this year.

There is a need to build a safe bonfire, so we are asking those of you who bring material to burn to check the contents before you take it to the site with Chris Miles. Over the last few years the bonfires have been terrific because we have built it from pallets and fencing etc. Smoke was limited because we did not have green material.

Anyone who has any easily combustible wood such as old fence panels, pallets and old sheds, can bring them to the bonfire site or make arrangements for collection by calling the contact numbers below. We hope to start accepting wood from Wednesday 19th October. The Bonfire Party will be run on similar lines to previous years. The bonfire will be lit as near to 7pm as possible and there will be two sessions of Display Fireworks. In the interval there will be a sparkler session for youngsters accompanied by an adult and this will be free of charge. The event itself is free but we shall ask you for a donation which can be gift aided and will help the charity to pursue its aims.

Entry to the Recreation Ground will be via the top entrance to the Plav-area in Vicarage Lane. Anyone parking in the Recreation Ground car-park will be asked to walk up Vicarage Lane to this entrance as it is a safer access in the dark. Hot doas, burgers, punch and drinks can be purchased and we hope you all have an enjoyable time. Please come and support this event no matter what the weather. There will be over £400 of display fireworks and as the charity has had to pay a hefty £400 insurance premium to stage this bonfire, we need to see the whole of Packington on the Recreation Ground. Please Do Not bring any of your own fireworks to this event. This includes sparklers. It is a condition of the insurance that only authorised fireworks are displayed in a safe and secure environment. The money raised at last year's bonfire night has been spent on maintenance and repair of the jungle apparatus.

We always require more volunteers to run this event. We need to; a) help set up, b) help on the night, c) to pack away. Anyone who can help, please contact me prior to the event so that we can get organised. Don't hold back, please volunteer your services as soon as you can. Enquiries ring Chris on 01530 414378 or Mob 07856179485.



"Rowans" Spring Lane Friday 30th Sept. 10.00 to 1.30 pm



Coffee & Chat

Holy Rood Church Our coffee mornings are held in Church every third Wednesday of the month Do join us at our next one on 19^{th} October 9.30am – 11.30am

First Wednesday Coffee Morning

Memorial Hall Meeting Room 10.00 to 12.00

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forthcoming events

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Ange Hardy & Lukas Drinkwater in Concert 7th October @ 7.30



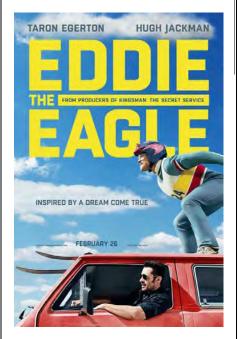
Chris Miles, Chairman of Packington Memorial Hall, said: "We are very excited to have attracted an act of this calibre to the hall as part of a high-profile tour of the UK. Ange and Lukas are one of the best duos on the folk circuit at the moment, and we're in for a tremendous evening of live music in Packington."

The concert will take place on Friday 7th October at Packington Memorial Hall, with the doors opening at 7.30pm. There will be a full bar available. Tickets are priced at £10 in advance, £12 on the door and are available from Daybreak Services in Packington, , Ashby Tourist Information Centre, online from www.fancourtmusic.co.uk or direct from Chris Miles on 01530 414378 or christopher.miles@sky.com.

Film Club



Friday 14th October 7.00 for 7.30 Suffragette



Friday 11th November 7.00 for 7.30 Eddie the Eagle

Thanks to the Memorial Hall the Film Club have the use of a new sound system.

Adults £4.00 Children £2.00 The Original Flashback Band live early 60s music returning to the Bull and Lion Saturday 22nd October from 8.30pm.

FA Cup Arrives at Daybreak Services

Peter Swift at one time played for Ashby Ivanhoe FC and still takes an interest by sponsoring the team. The FA Cup came on loan (complete with minders) to support the local team who were playing in the FAIIVase at the weekend. Quite a surprise for shopper Roy Sanson.



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mens, ladies and youth groups

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Men's Group

Twenty members plus four guests turned up for the PMG annual breakfast held at the Bull & Lion. Hosts, Emma and Phil served up a sumptuous meal enjoyed by all.



Mike Taylor outlined the programme for the coming year. Chairman David Fill, welcomed our guests and introduced Frank Mugglestone who gave an interesting insight into changes he has seen in the farming industry over more than 60 years.



Robert Dilworth was thanked for his 12 years of service as Secretary and organiser of PMG. As a token of thanks he was presented with two picture frames.

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Report on the visit to Caterpillar works on 13th September in the next issue. The next regular meeting, on the second Thursday of the month, will be a talk on Building Conservation by Dr John Castleman. This will take place in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall on13th October 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Any queries contact **Mike Taylor 414862 or Robin Dixon 412465.**

Youth Club

12 Sept: Getting to Know You & Games in the Hall 19 Sept: Electronic games night 26 Sept:: T Shirt designing 3 Oct: Trip to Rebound Ashby 10 Oct: Talent Night 17 Oct: HALF TERM - no meetina 24 Oct:Race Challenge Night 31 Oct: Halloween Party 7 Nov: Heroes (Fundraising launch) 14 Nov: DJ Dance off 21 Nov: Dodgeball Tournament 28 Nov: Animal Antics Night 5 Dec: Christmas Makes 12 Dec: Packington Carols and Cookies

Youth Club runs for13 Weeks and we would ask for prepayment for the term £13.00 per member Youth Club is for anyone year 5 and above 6pm to 7pm in the meeting room at Packington Memorial Hall

Church Ladies Group SHOEBOX APPEAL

In conjunction with 'LINK TO HOPE' the Ladies Group are again planning to send Christmas shoeboxes for relief in Albania, Ukraine, Moldova and Romania and are collecting items for inclusion. Alternatively, individuals or groups can put together their own boxes which should be returned by the end of October. Anyone interested, wanting to have a list of suitable items or willing to donate Christmas wrapping paper should contact Doreen Gasson on 01530 412012 or e mail qasson123@btinternet.co

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Services at Holy Rood

September 18th 11 am All-age service September 25th 11am Holy Communion October 2nd Harvest Thanksgiving 11 am Harvest Festival 4.45 pm Harvest Tea – all welcome 6 pm Harvest Songs of Praise October 9th 11am Holy Communion Sunday Club October 16th 11 am All-age service October 23rd 11 am Holy Communion October 30th 11am Morning Prayer November 6th 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

Churchyard Clean Up

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

FROM 9.00 am onwards

Can you spare a couple of hours to

help tidy up the churchyard at Packington?

If you can just turn up on the day.



All are Welcome! (Under 5's require an adult to stay) Further info from Rev Sue Bradley 01530 271327 £1.00 per child

The Churchyard

Many thanks to all those who give of their time to maintain Holy Rood Churchyard in good order. All the help is voluntary and much appreciated. More help is always welcome so do contact Revd Vivien Elphick (01530 270354) if you are willing to join regularly or at one of the working parties.

The churchyard has a long history. The original churchyard immediately surrounded the church. This is a medieval (or earlier) churchyard and is probably what I call a triple decker (i.e. they were quite happy to 'bury over' in the old days. There weren't headstones (too expensive) and often people were buried in shrouds.

In 1893 a further 1/3rd acre was added on the south side of the church. The land belonged to the Earl of Loudon. When he paid for a new school on Mill Street in 1893, he gave the land to the church because the churchyard had become insufficient for current use. It was consecrated by the Bishop of Peterborough on July 10th 1893.

The new burial ground (across Vicarage Lane) was added in 1974 and consecrated on 9th December of that year. It is this part of the churchyard that is currently in use. Pete and Terry have worked hard over the last 12 months to get the burial ground looking as good as it does. This tidy up was more to generally have it looking good as there would be visitors to the village on Bank Holiday Monday. Pete and Terry have maintained it for a while now and with additional help from Clive and Colin to cut the hedges.



open gardens and lunch club

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Village Open Gardens A Day to be Proud!

Our village once again opened 14 of its wonderful gardens, to welcome in fellow villagers and visitors alike, on what was a quintessential British summer's day. The sunshine and sights to be seen attracted an extraordinary turnout, raising £4000 towards the upkeep of the building structure of Holy Rood Church.



The gardens offered a delightful variety for all to enjoy, from English country garden through to modern living, bringing the outside in. To complement the gardens, visitors could also enjoy cream teas, live music and face painting. Following the Queen's 90th birthday, the Packington Village History Group displayed '90 items from the story of Packington' in the Church.

Thanks to all those who opened their gardens and to those who attended, it was certainly a day to be proud, with probably the best open gardens in Leicestershire for another year!

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Lunch Club

The Club goes from strength to strength as Rachael, Mel and Hattie continue to provide nutritious meals for the group. We have had three new members over the summer.



As Mel is a teacher, her timetable has changed and she is no longer free on Thursday. The group was canvassed to see if they could all get on Wednesday. They could and the meeting room was free so the group will meet on the third Wednesday in each month. Sadly, this means that Adrian and Marion, part of our washing up team, are unable to continue. They were presented with thank you cards and gifts of cider and an orchid. I'll leave you to guess who had which. Anyone wishing to join or to help wash up should contact **Pauline 414378 or Rachael 413795** to check availability.

Here are the dates for the rest of this year

Weds September 21st Weds October 26th Weds November 16th Weds December 21st

Temporary Closure of Mill Street & Hall Lane from 17th October Due to bridge repairs, Mill Street and Hall Lane may be closed. This will mean a sign posted diversion will come in to effect. The likely time is 2 weeks but it maybe longer.



school news

We've had an excellent start to the school year and we are all really pleased with the way pupils have settled in to their new classes. It's been great to see their super learning attitudes and how they are trying hard on our focus this year to 'Be the best we can be'.

Super SATs Results

We were pleased to receive our 2016 SATS results. Initial data indicates that attainment remains above national which we are delighted with, especially in light of the new challenging assessments. Well done to all of our old Year 6 children who worked extremely hard.

WE'VE GOT GOLD! – Sports Kite Mark Success

Our sporting year has got off to a great start with the news that we have achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Kite mark for our sports work. This is great news and a feather in our cap to be one of the first NW Leicestershire Primary Schools to receive the award.

Awards for All Lottery Grant

We are delighted to announce that the Packington School Association has been successful in a bid for an Awards for All Lottery Grant. The funding will enable us to continue our toddler keep fit club (Tiny Tots) and will also be used to pay for a lunch time club, an after school club and several free holiday play schemes for pupils at the school.

Tiny Tots

Our Tiny Tots club is a free parent and toddler group held in our hall on Tuesdays, 2:30-3:15pm during term time. All children are welcome to attend, regardless of whether they have siblings in school. The sessions are run by a NGB Level 2 qualified coach and will give pre-school children a great opportunity to develop their motor skills, co-ordination, agility and balance. For more information, please call the school office on **01530 412425**. **New Houses and Friendship Groups**

This term we have introduced friendship groups within our houses. We have organised the hall so that during collective worship the children sit in their houses and with their friendship groups. This means that they can move into their groups to work together during worship. For example, they can discuss ideas and act out plays. It allows everybody to take part and share their ideas.



Religion & Belief Roadshow

On Thursday 15th September we will be hosting a special 'Religion & Belief Roadshow' which has been organised through the St Philips Centre in Leicester. This will be a whole day experience during which our pupils will have the opportunity to learn about different religions in a hands on practical way.

Introducing Our Year of

Wisdom *"Wisdom is a tree of life to all who embrace her, Those who lay hold of her will be blessed."*

– Proverbs 3.18

This year at the school we want to think, act, learn and speak wisely to 'be the best we can be' and as a result we have decided that 2016-17 will be 'Our Year of Wisdom'. Over the year the pupils will think about the wisdom of their words and actions, develop an understanding of the difference between 'being clever' and being wise, develop their growth mindsets, develop an appreciation and respect for the wisdom of others and reflect on what is of real value in life.

Life Education Bus

Once again the Life Education Bus will visit us to help support our Science work. The bus will be here on 23rd September and all the children will take part in an age appropriate workshop looking at issues relating to health and the body. As always there will also be an opportunity for parents to participate in a presentation to find out what it's all about.

Cross Country

The Unity Schools Cross Country event in Packington has been given a provisional date to take place on Saturday 29th October give villagers prior notification of our plans. The event involves up to 20 schools and we appreciate your support in making the day a great success and putting Packington on the map.



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Your Parish Council have been working hard on your behalf on a number of issues, some having successful outcomes, others have proved difficult to gain a satisfactory conclusion. Firstly, the Parish Council has a new website www.packingtonpc.org.uk

The County Council had previously hosted this but that contract ended for all parish councils on 31st August. Working with the Parish Council's local Association, a new provider was identified who could support links with NWLDC and meet freedom of information objectives. The website has only been up and running for a few days, but is worth a visit. You can view planning applications with just a few clicks, agendas and minutes of the parish council. The initial set up cost with training provision was £650.00. The new website provides the parish council with much more functionality than before and is more interactive for its users. Annual running cost for this service and an email account will be £425.00. Planning issues. Even though the Local Planning Authority have a healthy five year land supply for housing and have said that there is no need to build and plan for more housing (see NWLDC LOCAL PLAN). Packington seems to be a hotbed for new builds despite the recent

influx of over 38 new homes passed for Packington in 2015. With the approval of a

single house in a pony paddock on Babelake Street, it seems that Packington may be on its way to a new home boom. The Parish Council has been consistent in sticking to the policy that any application to build outside Packington's Development Boundary should be opposed. However, the controlling NWLDC Planning Committee does not uphold this Planning Policy and regularly give permissions. The Parish Council also debated the application for B1 use and alterations and improvements to farm buildings near to the Recreation Ground. It is understood that the farm is diversifying and has already got a new entrance planned from Measham Rd. The council could see no reasons to object to this proposal but made observations with regard to possible traffic hazards.

Our Clerk Victoria Roe has been with us for four years and because she recently became Clerk at Kegworth Parish and has been offered increased hours, she feels that she can no longer devote the time necessary to be Clerk at Packington. We therefore have a vacancy for that post and ask anyone who thinks they have the necessary communication and IT skills to contact the Clerk to get an application form. It may well be found on our new website. We had a Police report at our

meeting on the 6th Sept and it is a little disturbing to note that the criminal incidents

which have occurred in Packington over the last two months are the worst I can recall since joining the Council in the 90's. One that really made me wonder was theft of dog out walking with owner when car stopped grabbed dog and raced off'. The other of course was the lead theft at the Church, and after all that hard work by the Open Gardens Team. Finally, may I take this opportunity to remind those households who border onto roadways, footpaths, Little Lane, etc that it is their responsibility to cut back obstructing trees, hedges and vegetation. Failure to do so will mean that the LCC highways will do the job and send you the invoice. Chris Miles (Chairman) **Contact 414378**



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memorial hall news

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Memorial Hall News.

The summer holiday "quiet" period has enabled the management committee to arrange for a specialist firm to "clean" the cooker in the kitchen, and have the dishwasher and glasswashers serviced. In addition the new sound system has been installed ready for the first Film Club Show of the autumn season. On the 2nd August the "Big Lottery Fund" emailed the Chairman requesting a visit to the Memorial Hall that week to check that the Hall was meeting its funding grant obligations. On Friday 5th August the Chairman and Secretary of the management committee met 2 representatives of the Lottery at the Hall.

They were shown around the premises and given a verbal report by the Chairman on new equipment and fittings acquired since the 2009 refurbishment, and details of new groups using the Hall on a regular basis. The Secretary backed this up with a written report detailing the increase in individual hirers using the Hall, and supplied recent copies of the

"Packington Post" showing photos of the "Big Breakfast" in February, and other Packington groups using the Hall over the last 12 months.

The following day the Chairman received an email from the Big Lottery Fund thanking us for showing them around "your fabulous Memorial Hall" and wishing us all continued success in the future. If you wish to use the "fabulous" Memorial Hall for any forthcoming event please contact the Booking Secretary (Details) Adrian Mongredien, Secretary to the Hall Management Committee.

Castle Medical Group

The new Health Centre in Ashby has been open 8 months now and although there have been various problems to deal with (including collapsing ceilings!) things are gradually getting sorted and hopefully we shall get the service we would like.

The latest reports says the Woodland Suite is now complete and offering new services. Currently there is a direct access non obstetric ultrasound clinic fortnightly; please ask your GP to refer you.

There are also private services available (not NHS) for Audiology and a weekly Osteopath clinic. See website for more details www.castlemedicalgroup.co. uk

I am a member of the Patient Participation Group and, as such, am in a position to pass on concerns from patients if you don't get an opportunity yourself. Please feel free to contact me on **413520.**

Ronna Dring



Progress is happening at a pace with Hospice Hope since the Big Breakfast in March, we have now submitted planning permission to the local council to turn a property in Griffydam into a muchneeded Day Hospice for people with terminal illnesses in North West Leicestershire. NW Leicestershire needs a Day Hospice to support terminally ill people and local charity Hospice Hope have now been informed that planning permission has been granted for conversion of a domestic property into their Day Hospice, located in peaceful Griffydam. Once conversion work is done, we will be looking to employ a **Clinical Nurse Manager and** Deputy Nurse Manager, both RGN's with palliative care experience, on a four-day a week basis. To register your interest for either position, please send an email to info@hospicehope.org.uk and an application pack will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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invitation to bonfire night

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Measham Library

The library is running smoothly, but we are still in need of volunteers. E-Mail: coordinator@meashamlibary.or g for more information. If you would like to join our fundraising team contact as above. Join us on Saturday 1st October for our MacMillan coffee morning, 10am to 1pm.

Party At The Rec!

Following the succesful party in June to celebrate the queens 90th Birthday a small group has met to plan a similar event for 2017. Want to get involved? **Contact Carla Harris-**Marsh 07799020174

PACKINGTON **RECREATION GROUND CHARITY INVITES EVERYONE**



Bonfire Party on Saturday 5th Nov Bonfire lit at 7-00pm

Entrance by donation and please sign the gift-aid slip if appropriate. Your donation will help to pay for the fireworks, and insurance. Any profits will be used to maintain the facilities on the Recreation Ground and help towards the cost of re-painting replacement and repairs. So please give generously.

Please do not bring your own fireworks available.

Hot food and drinks will be

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Signed.....



Lead Theft from Holy Rood

Between 10 past midnight and 3:40am in the early hours of this morning (Wednesday 31st August) Holy Rood Church on Vicarage Lane, Packington, was the victim of a lead theft. A quantity of lead was stolen from the roof.

From our initial enquiries, we believe that three males were dropped off on Bridge Street/ Measham Road, and made their way on foot up Vicarage Lane, up to the church, where they stripped the lead.

A long wheel base van, white in colour, with red writing on the side, was then seen to turn into Vicarage Lane some time later, before leaving the location and turning right, in the direction of the A42. We would like to speak to anyone who may have seen any suspicious activity anywhere in the village during those times, and/or who may have any CCTV footage that can assist us with our enquiries.

Please can I ask you to help us by reporting any suspicious behaviour, on the emergency telephone number of 999, non-emergency 101, at the time you witness it. PC 1667 Mark Arjoo North West Leicestershire Neighbourhood Policing Area Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer Beat NN46 - Ashby, Packington, Ravenstone, Normanton-le-Heath. e-mail: mark.arioo@leicestershire. pnn.police.uk Telephone: 101, voice mail identification 1667.