



Harry and Family go to Disneyland. The Culwick Family set off for a wonderful holiday in Orlando thanks to the "Starlight Children's Foundation". Once they arrived the first week was spent at "Give Kids the World Village" Here they were entertained and looked after with lots of special treats including a free ice cream parlour, Then Harry and family spent ten days near to Disneyland with visits to many attractions including Sea World and the NASA space centre. Not everything goes to plan with some sickness to cope with plus Ali ending up in hospital. But nevertheless a wonderful time was had by all with some really happy memories

**Packington Guides  
The Early Years**

The Guide Company was first registered on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1974 as the 1<sup>st</sup> Packington (Holy Rood) Guide Company with Mrs Merleen Pack as Guider. The Company flag was blessed during the Family Service on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1975 – the first Guide Parade. Badge winners in the first year included Rachel Davies Laundress, Craft, Speakers. Julie Melville Accident Prevention, Swimmers, Collectors. Denise Robertshaw & Sally-Anne Rowbree Cooks.

Merleen Pack finished Guides in December 1975 when I took over at the

Guides first year party and ran the company for the next twelve years. Highlights during this time included

Annual summer camps, two being International camps at Stanford Hall.



Packington Summer Guide Camp 1984

Queen's Guide Awards to Joanna Hill and Carolyn Gasson in 1984, regular church parades, carnival floats, and participation in the 'Children in Need' fund raising The Guides went

carol singing at Staunton Harold and Loudon House and Baden Powell awards to Helen Faulkner, Stephanie Taylor and Jill Gasson in 1987.

Lynda Flower took over the guides at the start of 1988. Doreen Gasson



Photo of plate hand painted by Della Allen, formerly of Packington, presented to Doreen for 12 years' service as Guide Leader



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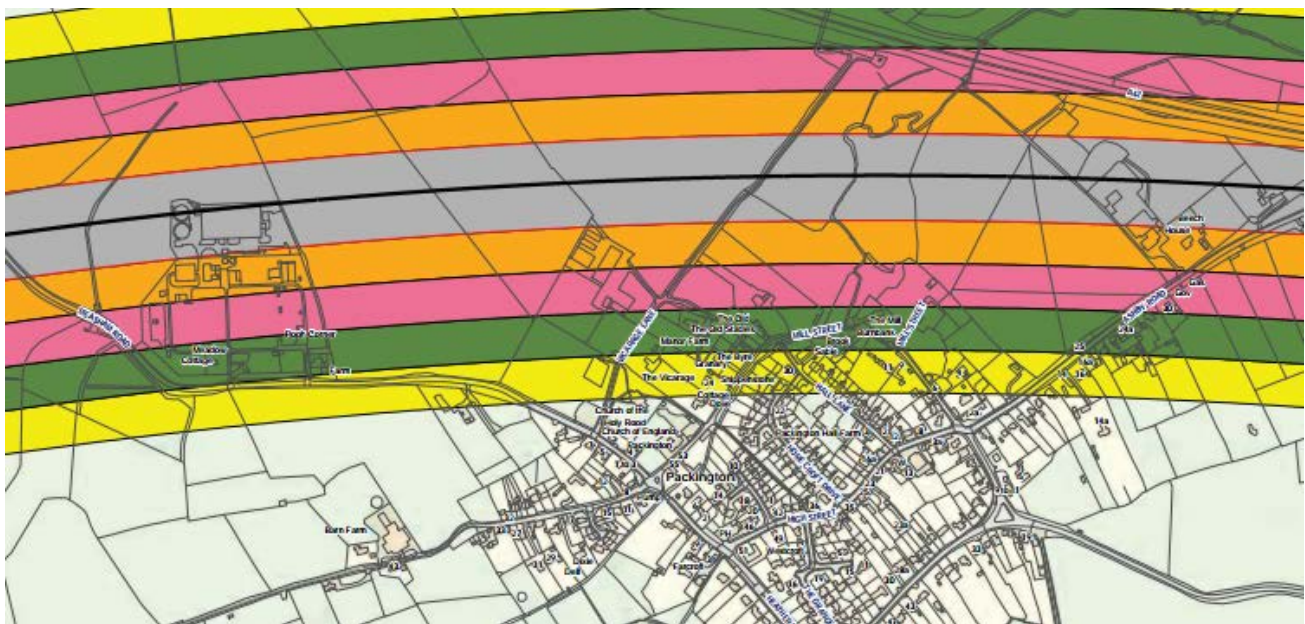
**ASHBY'S BIG  
CHRISTMAS  
WEEKEND**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
3RD & 4TH**



## HS2 Route Moves Closer To Packington

The latest announcement from HS2 came as a shock to many. In a move to go around Measham the line will now go through Appleby Magna and the re-alignment brings it closer to Packington. This web site gives very precise details of the proposed route, with pages 8, 9 and 10 covering Measham, Packington and Ashby. Using the magnifying button you can see by house numbers all the detail. This change will increase the noise and move more properties within the green and yellow bands.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/567677/Leeds\\_Volumel.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/567677/Leeds_Volumel.pdf)



	Rural Support Zone (RSZ)		Homeowner payment (HOP) zone 3: 240m - 300m
	Homeowner payment (HOP) zone 1: 120m - 180m		Local Authority boundary
	Homeowner payment (HOP) zone 2: 180m - 240m		Major Development Sites

The Parish Council will have this on their agenda for the December meeting and will propose a village meeting to discuss our response. There was a full response to the earlier proposal but the council did not hear back. There will be roadshows locally in the New Year to learn more about how this will affect you.

On the village website  
[www.packington.info](http://www.packington.info)  
there is a link to HS2 Consultation  
where you can have your say.

### Ladies Group Shoe Box Appeal

Twenty two shoeboxes and some hand knitted blankets have been collected from the village by 'Link to Hope'.

These will be delivered together with around 40,000 others to needy families in Bulgaria, Ukraine, Moldova and Romania.

Thanks go to all who helped in any way with this project.



Photograph shows Alan Thompson on the left, Area Collector for the Midlands and Northern England, loading the lorry in the village.

### Annual Charity Event

Around 50 people attended the Ladies Group Open Charity evening on 16th November. They were thoroughly entertained by a talk and presentation by Jane Arnold ably assisted by Mrs. Thompson.

It is amazing how things have changed so much since the 1940's.



At the end of the evening a cheque for £250 was presented to Barry Dryden for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Thanks go to everyone who supported the event.  
**Doreen Gasson 412012**

### The Power of the Post

On more than one occasion a request for help, published in the Packington Post, has had a positive response. The requirement now is for someone resident in The High Street to take on the role of Neighbourhood Watch contact. Also a NW team leader is needed to liaise with other contacts and to be a go between with the local police. If you can fill either or both roles please contact the editor or any NW member. The Packington Post is also looking for an Assistant Editor. This role is to take some of the load off the Editor and particularly organizing meetings and taking notes.

**Mike Coke 560430**

### Big Breakfast 2017



The date for this village event is **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Make a note on your new calendar. The groups to benefit will be "Party in the Park". This committee is organising a free village event on 1<sup>st</sup> July, look out for more details in the New Year. The other beneficiary will be the Holy Rood church roof fund. Can you help out for an hour? Please let me know.  
**Mike Coke 560430**

### First Wednesday Coffee

The next date is *Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December* come and join us for a mince pie and coffee 10.00 to 12.00 in the Meeting Room



N.B. We shall not meet in January





Daybreak Services/Pete Swift has been nominated for a 'Rural Oscar'!! These are organized by Countryside Alliance and winners will be announced in Spring 2017. Companies and services are nominated by the public. The Awards recognise and honour those who routinely go the extra mile for their community.

We all know how lucky we are to have this shop in the village and wish Pete and the team well and hope they will be successful.

### New Friendship Group

As a result of the closure it was decided that an informal Friendship group would be started taking place in the Meeting room at the Memorial Hall from 2-4pm on the First Thursday of every month beginning on Thursday 5th January 2017 cost £1.00 All Ladies very welcome. Further details in the January Packington Post, on the village web site [packington.info](http://packington.info) or contact: **Liz Deakin 01530 412119.**

### WI Final Report

The last few months have been very eventful. In July we heard about Life in Jane Austen's Time. Felicity Austin came dressed as Jane. We had a very successful Coffee Morning in August raising over £262 pounds. As a result of that the members decided to give a cheque for £500 pounds to Hospice Hope.

Sandy Long entertained us in September with a cameo of Malaysia and her Chinese Family. Our last speaker for the year was Jolyon MacLaine. He spoke about his life in the Royal Air Force flying a variety of planes including Jets before becoming a Helicopter Pilot.

In November our Annual General Meeting was held. As a result of falling numbers and an inability to elect officers a second meeting was held to decide the future of Packington Women's Institute. After due consideration, and a unanimous vote, it was decided that Packington Women's Institute would close at the end of December 2016. This decision was reached with regret and deep sadness as the group has been in existence for 89 years.

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## Cathedral Honour for Vivien

Reverend Canon Vivien Elphick has been installed as an Honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral. Vivien, Rector of the Woodfield Team, expressed delight at the honour which she feels reflects upon the communities of North West Leicestershire.



At the service in Leicester Cathedral, Bishop Martyn said Canons are people who are invited to bring their wisdom and skills to the Cathedral to help it fulfil its mission in the community. Canons came from different backgrounds and brought the breadth of their experience from the wider Diocese to inspire and encourage. Vivien, who was ordained 26 years ago, moved from Norfolk to North West Leicestershire 10 years ago to be team rector of the newly created Woodfield Team. This involved helping the eight churches grow together from individual parishes into the team that exists today. Vivien is based at Measham. Five years ago she became Area Dean which covers the Coalville and Ashby areas. During this time she has been

responsible for churches which have been waiting to appoint a priest and has care of the clergy and retired clergy living in the area. She has also been responsible for a number of building projects where her background as a lawyer has been particularly helpful.

Spare time is spent walking with her rescue dog Bran.

## Can You Help?

My STORER ancestors lived in Packington from the 1700s to 1960. The first residence I have found them to be living at, in the 1841 Census, is on the corner of Normanton Road/Heather Lane. They lived in a thatched cottage with outbuildings.

In 1960, after my last STORER ancestor died, the Council demolished the property and built council houses on the land.

I am writing to ask if any Packington residents have any pictures of this cottage before the 1960 demolition as I would dearly love to find a copy. My contact details are :

**Val Roberts**  
[valroberts47@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valroberts47@yahoo.co.uk)  
 Tel 01332-518495

## Mission Accomplished



In September I successfully completed the "Ride across Britain", arriving in John O'Groats after 9 days of cycling over 100 miles per day. It was a fantastic, enjoyable experience cycling through some of the most stunning scenery in the UK. Thanks to The Packington Post and all those who supported me, I have raised in total over £3000 for Cancer Research UK and Brake.

Best wishes  
**Jonathan Pilbro**



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Wow! What a great night. Cold but dry weather conditions were perfect for over 500 people to enjoy this Party. The bonfire, the biggest in living memory and constructed over a day and a half by long time expert Bob Plant, was lit as usual at 7-00 o'clock prompt. The dry fence panels, pallets, wooden sheds, posts and all things easily burnable were a-light in minutes. The bonfire, thirty five metres in circumference and nearly ten metres tall, displayed flames as tall as the church tower for most of the duration of the firework display. A splendid sight, and all spectators felt the warmth even though they were fifty metres away.



A well organised team in the refreshment tent started serving early arrivals at 6-30pm and with two barbeques working flat out. I am told the food team were kept busy until all the food ran out after the halftime sparkler session had finished; this despite ordering more food than previous years

The first half of the fireworks display began at about 7-20 and saw a continuous barrage of noise and colour. At about 7-35pm there was a lull in proceedings whilst the firework team were setting up for the finale. This gap was

filled by the ever popular sparkler session for children with a parent supervising. Over 135 sparklers were lit with the youngsters enjoying a safe and supervised environment for this hands on activity.

The firework programme then continued with another best set of fireworks seen in Packington. The finale, was a spectacular sight and had most people spellbound.

Whilst fireworks last a relatively short time I think everyone enjoyed the moment and the very expensive 'cakes' were a sign that you "only get what you pay for" In all over £650 worth of explosions were seen. As the fireworks finished we were all treated to the display at Cattow's farm which appeared in the south. Many stayed and watched making this a real BOGOF event!

The organisers, 'The Packington Recreation Ground Charity' would like to thank the many volunteers who enabled this event to run safely and successfully, particularly to Bob, Alan, and Ian for fire and fireworks; to cooks Dean and Richard ; to Pauline and Rachael for organising the food, soup and drinks and Pauline, Becky. Ian, Ronna, Sally Ann and Carla for serving; to Carla for preparing a fruit punch and to Chris and David for stewarding; also to Marion and Janet who have supervised the entrance for a number of years now performing an excellent job in asking people for their

donations and gift aid contributions:

I would also like to thank Alan, Dean, Zac, Becky, Dave, Ian, Bob and Graham for their fantastic energy and commitment in the on-field preparation for the event and for helping me the following day to dismantle the tents, the fencing, the tables, the rubbish etc.

Once again the Bonfire Night was financially sustainable and with great attendance and with some generous donations and record food and drink sales I am pleased to say that a surplus of over £1700 was made on the night. We thank those who filled in the Gift Aid forms and we hope to add on another £300 to the fantastic total!! 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 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November next year. Thank-you Packington and District for your support.

**Chris Miles**  
**Chairman of Trustees.**





**THURSDAY 7.00pm**

**22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

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If you are eligible, you can drop in to Castle Medical Group to have your flu vaccination on a 'sit and wait' basis during the following times on Monday to Friday Morning — 08:30-12:00

Afternoon — 15:00-17:30

Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Hannah, Becky, Michelle and Jayne to the

Reception and Admin Team as we continually strive to improve the call and queue waiting times in Reception. In the nursing department, we have also appointed another new practice Nurse, Lisa Hunt. Finally, Sarah Humphreys will be joining us towards the end of the month as a Nurse Practitioner.

**Ronna Dring 413520**

*Afternoon  
Tea*

Holy Rood Church  
Packington

The Church would like to invite you to an afternoon of tea and cakes

Wednesday  
11th May  
2 - 4pm

Toys to amuse the tots



**Autumn Bazaar & Coffee Morning**

Saturday 29th October was certainly a busy morning for the church and school. Our Bazaar and coffee morning this year was in aid of Hospice Hope, which as a local charity is a great asset to our community. Total amount raised for them was £546.25 so a huge thank you to all who helped and supported us.

## Cross Country

Our Cross Country event was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October and was a great success. The number of children who turned out to represent Packington was marvellous – 45 children in total set off from the starting line and put in their best effort. All the pupils were presented with a certificate in our Growing & Glowing Time. Special mention goes to Georgie Lewis for getting first place in her race. A big well done to all our runners! I would like to pass on our thanks to the Parish Council for the use of the Recreation Ground and to Mr and Mrs Page and Mr Plant who kindly let us use their land. I would also like to thank the Packington School Association for providing refreshments, the parents who volunteered their time to help Marshall etc. and of course all the villagers for their patience with the extra visitors into the village. Your support helped make the day a great success.



## Remembrance Day

Mr Emery led a special worship on Remembrance Day about a trip he had recently taken with his father to retrace the steps of his great uncle who died during the First World War at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres 99 years ago. We then all headed into the playground for a two minutes silence and I was very impressed with our youngest children who stood quietly throughout.



## NWLSSP Commendation

Mr Emery & Mrs Dyche, along with our School Sports Council, recently attended the North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership (NWLSSP) Sports awards as we were shortlisted for 'School of the Year'. Although we didn't win we were given a commendation and everyone had a great evening with the opportunity to meet an Olympic athlete.

## British Values

As part of our British Values work pupils researched iconic British symbols and decided which they felt most represented Great Britain. We then discussed the Golden Rule of treating others as we would like them

to treat us and how we could represent this through art work.

**Coming up:** Do come along to our annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 3:15pm to 4:30pm approx. We will have the usual array of stalls, games, crafts & refreshments plus a raffle, Santa and a real reindeer!



Do you want to get on the Packington Soapbox and get something off your chest. Send us your views and get on the Packington Soapbox in the next issue.

## Have You NEWS for the POST?

Want to get involved?

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It was sad to say goodbye to our Clerk, Vicky Roe, at our November meeting. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers and some chocolates. She will be missed as over the four years she has been Clerk to the Parish of Packington she has performed her duties with dedication, alacrity and thoughtfulness. The experience she has gained at Packington has meant that she was accepted as Clerk to a much bigger Parish of Kegworth. We wish her well in her new role.

We do however welcome Karen Edwards as our new Clerk and look forward to working with her and benefiting from her experience as she also works as Deputy Town Clerk in Ashby. Councillors are hoping that she will be able to assist in guiding and managing the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Packington, drawing on her expertise in this field.

You may recall that the Parish Council opposed a new build development of eight houses on a green-field site, outside the limits to development on the corner of Spring Lane and Normanton Rd. We are happy to report that this application along with an alternative application for four larger houses on the same site was refused permission by the NWLDC Planning Committee. Two residents spoke against this application and the Chairman of the Parish Council also spoke saying among others things

that it was the District Council's responsibility to stop development in open countryside outside the limits of development.

The Parish Council also considered an application for a Large House, Stabling and other support buildings for a Horse Stud. The proposed site was the corner of a field bordered by Redburrow Lane and Normanton Road. The Council felt this was again another development outside the development boundary and decided to oppose the application.

The Parish Council has a new Web site and it has links to all sorts of local information. Have a look at it and see if you want to have an input by contacting the Clerk who will be administering this site.



**The Daffodils Planting Saturdays** which were going to be used were only a partial success as the second

Saturday was rather overtaken by the Junior Schools Cross Country Event and the Church Bazaar. As I write I still have 2000 bulbs in my garage and hope residents will help by calling for a quantity following an E-mail alert and Facebook appeal.

Finally the Parish Council, who have supported Packington Horticultural Society for many years, have noted that next year the Society marks its 75<sup>th</sup> Year I know that the Society is wanting to make next year's show amazing and want Packington people to have a big input. So watch out for announcements made by the Society in their planning and preparation and give them your help and support.

**Chris Miles Chairman**

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**Services at Holy Rood**

**November 27<sup>th</sup>:**

**Advent Sunday**

11am Holy Communion

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. Baptism service

4 p.m. Christingle service (In aid of the Children's Society)

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**

11am Sunday Club

Holy Communion and Toy Service: bring new toys and wrapping paper for families in need, to be distributed through Marlene Reid Centre

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. No morning service

6 p.m. Carols by Candlelight

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7 p.m. Carols with the

Salvation Army Band at the Bull and Lion (see Page )

**December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)**

**4 p.m. Crib service**

(especially for the younger villagers)

**11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)**

**9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Normanton-le-Heath**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

11 am New Year's Day

8 pm No service

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**

11 am Sunday Club

Holy Communion

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

11 am Family Service

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

**Help us raise the roof! November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

To update you on the progress to re-roof following the lead theft from Holy Rood Church: The Church Council has appointed a contractor to do the re-roofing. Sadly, contractors are so busy because of the numerous lead thefts across the middle of England that it will be the New Year before they can start work.

There is also a shortfall between the cost of the work and the amount the insurers will pay out. Metal theft for churches is limited to £7500 and the cost of the re-roof is considerably more than that. The Boundary Singers are coming to help us to meet the shortfall and are holding a concert in church on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7 p.m. Tickets are £7 available from Brenda on 01530 411178 or can be bought on the door.**

Your help in this endeavour to preserve this historic building would be much appreciated.

Note: the church roof will be covered in stainless steel and not lead once the work is done!

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Our coffee mornings are held in Church  
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Do join us at our Christmas one

<sup>st</sup>  
21 December  
9.30am – 11.30am

We are seeing an increasing amount of fly-tipping around the village which is both unsightly and costly for the District Council to clear up. Obviously fly-tippers tend to leave their items when we are asleep, or leave it in an area that doesn't get a lot of passing traffic. We do seem to have a bit of a problem as well in nearby lanes with cars parking up in gateways and the drivers leaving litter behind. Crisp, sweet and cigarette packets and plastic bottles are common.



We can all do our bit in helping to keep Packington and its surrounding lanes clean and tidy. The District Council deals with an average of 700 fly tips every year and usually manages to clear the rubbish within a week of it being reported. If you are having work done on your house or garden please check where they intend to take the waste.

There are simple checks that you can make to ensure that the person that takes away your waste is authorised to do so. You can get advice from the Environment Agency at

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk) or call them on 03708 506 506

### **Report litter and fly tipping to the District Council**

1. Note the type of rubbish (e.g. rubble, black bags) and how much there is, but don't touch it, it could be dangerous
2. Note the location in as much detail as possible e.g. street name, physical markers so officers find it.
3. If you saw the person who fly tipped, note down their description / vehicle registration
4. Then call the District Council on 01530 454545 or contact them via their website

[www.nwleics.gov.uk/report](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/report)  
Email [street.enforcement@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:street.enforcement@nwleicestershire.gov.uk)

### **Planning Update from the Spring Lane Area**

The following currently known Planning Applications for housing in the lower Normanton Road/ Spring Lane area are listed. The thirty house development off Normanton Road is obviously in progress so let's look at the others lodged with NWLDC, as this part of the Village seems to attract multiple green field applications running at any one time.

14/00109/OUT – four large houses off the lower part of Normanton Road at the back of Spring Lane –remaining as outline permission at the moment.

15/01064/OUT – three large houses, Spring Lane – this is lodged with NWLDC and no update is available.

16/00888/OUT – a large house, garage and stable block, corner of Normanton Road and Redburrow Lane. This would sit at the end of the present thirty dwelling development. Currently out for consultation.

Two separate applications 15/01051/OUT – eight large houses and 16/00925/FUL – four large houses on the same land on the corner of Spring Lane and Normanton Road. At a very recent NWLDC full Planning Committee meeting attended by Parish Councillors and various local residents these were refused planning permission.

You can of course check any applications in Packington that may affect you by looking the NWLDC website.

[www.nwleics.gov.uk](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk)

### **Be a Responsible Dog Owner**

Do you own or walk a dog in Packington? Then we do hope you fall into this category. Unfortunately not everyone does clear up after their dog. This is very important, not just in the public areas, but also in fields of hay and crops. Dog waste can contaminate the crop and make it unsuitable for purpose. You can report anyone you see who does not clear up to:

[http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/dog\\_fouling](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/dog_fouling)

They need to know where and when the offence occurred and if possible who was responsible and the breed of dog.

**PMG News**

On a glorious September morning eight members visited the Caterpillar plant at Desford. We met at the Visitor & Training Centre, then moved on to a tour of the assembly plant. We were impressed with the cleanliness of the site, the numerous quality checks carried out and with the planning required to ensure that all the components were available at the correct time. At the October meeting the group were thoroughly entertained by an excellent talk on building conservation by Dr John Castleman of Norman & Underwood. Areas of particular interest were their work on the restoration of the Dome on the Rock in Jerusalem, Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral and numerous National Trust properties. They had also done some conservation work on the church at Packington. The November meeting was a talk entitled 'We don't get birds in our garden' by Kevin Banton. This covered all aspects of attracting and caring for birds in our gardens as well as a practical demonstration of making a bird feeder.



Looking ahead we have the Christmas dinner/party at the Bull & Lion on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

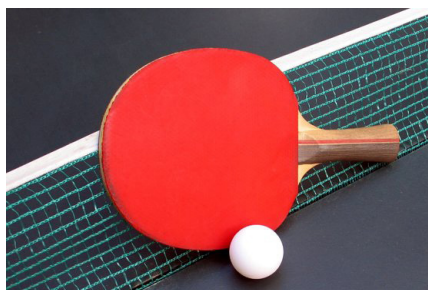
December (6.00pm for a 6.30pm start). On Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall we have a talk by Ken Hillier on 'Spa Towns'. These both promise to be most enjoyable events.

**Table Tennis**

Come and join us for a fun, sociable and sometimes competitive night at the recently formed **Table Tennis Club**.



We meet every Thursday evening at Packington Village Hall from 19:15 to 21:15 (excluding the first Thursday in the month until Christmas). As you would expect from a Diverse and Inclusive village group, all standards, ages, religion and gender are welcome. The charge will be £2.50 (adults) and £1.50 (juniors). We currently have 2 tables with an option on a 3rd. Bats and balls are available at no extra charge. Graham Saunt 07764471917



**Film Club**

Film Club continues to draw in the crowds with a record attendance for Suffragette. The sound system was spot on for 'Eddie the Eagle'. There will be a FREE film for children on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January @ 2.30



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 • **The Jungle Book** •  
 • Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December •  
 • 7.00 for 7.30 •  
 • Cert PG •  
 • Admission £4.00 •  
 • Children £2.00 •  
 • Followed on January 13<sup>th</sup> by •  
 • **Bridge of Spies** •  
 • Starring Tom Hanks •  
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