



Packington Joins Action Against HS2 Re-route

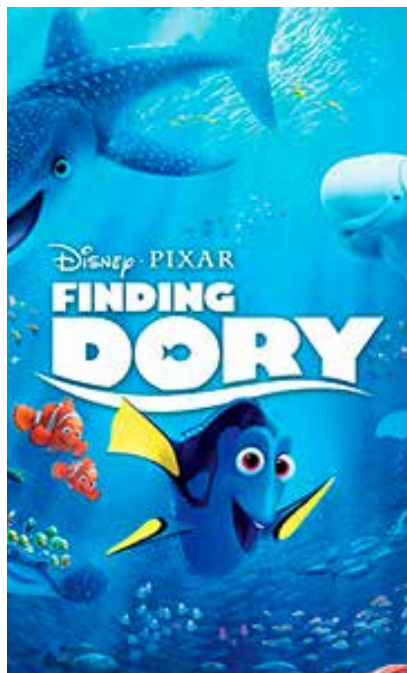


Firstly what a great response from Packington people to the short notice call for this meeting. The Memorial Hall was packed with over 120 attending. As we all know the new proposed route for the HS2 will now be even closer to more people than the previous announced.

The Chairman, Chris Miles explained what had happened since the announcement of the changes by HS2 on the 15th Nov. He mentioned that Measham was greatly affected and had already called a well-supported, meeting in St Laurence's Church and had set up an Action Group. The Measham group would like all local villages who are in the same position to work together and whilst having their own submission to the consultation process, use it as part of a collective approach as well.

The Villages of Measham, Appleby, Packington and Austrey have formed a group called MAPA.
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FREE FILM FOR ALL



Saturday 28th January
Memorial Hall
2.00 for 2.30

Join Us For Packington's BIG Breakfast



Saturday 4th March
Memorial Hall
09.00 to 13.00
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Message from PC Mark Arjoo

Hello to all residents of Packington.

2016 saw myself and my colleagues from the Dedicated Neighbourhood Team working closely again with both Packington Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch.

It has been recently been highlighted about the amount of crime committed in the village. In an ideal world, there would be no crime but sadly the world we live in means that we are going to have victims of crime.

I think that the most important thing to remember is that we work together to try and keep crime levels to a minimum, reduce them, and make the area a safe place to live.

This means taking a number of measures including putting your own simple and inexpensive crime reduction processes in place, and reporting any suspicious incidents to the police at the time. Also, please take time to find out who your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator is. If you are unfortunate enough to become a victim of crime, firstly report it to the police, and then secondly to your NHW coordinator. They will then cascade the information via e-mail, social media, etc, in order to keep other local residents informed.

To look at what incidents of crime have taken place and where, go to the police.uk website.

If you require advice that does not need an immediate response, then by all means send an e-mail and I will get back to you.

PC 1667 MARK ARJOO
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Police Report presented to Packington Parish Council on 10th January 2017

A representative from the local policing team was not available to attend the meeting, therefore a written summary of incidents between 6th December 2016 and 10th January 2017 was provided. These were:
18/12/2016 – Road Traffic Collision on Normanton Road
1/01/2017 – Anti Social behaviour on Spring Lane, off road vehicles driving up and down. No one there when police arrived.
06/01/2017 – Burglary on Heather Lane, vehicle stolen, no sign of forced entry. No suspects.

At the Parish Council meeting on 10th January 2017 Parish Councillors were concerned that the list did not include two incidents they were aware of:

23/12/2016 – Lamping in the fields at Spring Lane
Date unknown – trespassing at the solar farm.

Crime Prevention advice is available on the Leicestershire Police Website: <https://leics/police.uk>

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Neighbourhood Watch

Packington NW require a co-ordinator for the village activities. Main tasks are to liaise with street co-ordinators and call the occasional meeting. Also to be a point of contact for the beat police officer.

Street co-ordinator/s required for High Street. Anyone who can help out or wants to know more contact editor@packington.info

Mini Movers

Fun Play for Parent & Children aged 18 months—3 years
Mini Movers sessions are fun and practical with parents getting as involved as the child in play!



Parent and child are warned to come pre-pared to get messy and wear suitable clothing e.g. tracksuit and trainers and a coat / welly boots for outdoor play activities.

The next mini movers programme will be starting Monday 6th to Monday 27th March 2017
13:00-14:00pm at Hood Park Leisure Centre Ashby LE65 1HS
Please arrive 10 minutes before the start of the session so we can start promptly at 13:00pm Thank you.

Please call the Early Years Physical Activity Service on 0116 272 7523 for more information.

Services at Holy Rood

Sunday 22nd January

11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 29th January

10.30 a.m. Woodfield team service (Holy Communion)

Sunday 5th February

11am Morning Prayer

6 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th February

11 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 19th February

11a.m. All age informal service

Sunday 26th February

11 a.m. Holy Communion

March 1st: Ash Wednesday

7.30 pm Holy Communion at St John's Church, Donisthorpe

Sunday 5th March

11am Morning Prayer

6 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th March

11 a.m. Holy Communion

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

Sunday Club for the children meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11am in the back of church

The Roof

We hope to have contractors on site at the end of January/beginning of February to do the work of re-roofing following the lead theft last year. As stated in last Packington Post, we are re-roofing in stainless steel not lead. We would ask you to keep your eyes peeled for any unusual activity round church once the builders are on site. Scaffolding is

alarmed but makes the church vulnerable; there is no insurance cover for metal theft while building work with scaffolding is on-going (which doesn't do the Team Rector's blood pressure any good) – so **PLEASE HELP!**



Wednesday 15th March
Holy Rood Church
10-11.30 am

Carols at the B&L



Members of the Salvation Army Brass Band provided the music for the carols on this happy and friendly occasion. A large crowd enjoyed singing the popular carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

A big thank you to Phil and Emma for providing the venue again and to all those who supported and helped on the night and gave so generously to the collection. A total of just over £430 was raised for the Salvation Army who were absolutely delighted and immensely grateful for the donation.

Jane Hall

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**Tuesday 14 February
St Laurence Church,
Measham**

**Thursday 16 February
Packington Church
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(Under 5's require an adult to stay)

Further info from Rev Sue Bradley 01530 271327
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Quote from Daily Telegraph article Tues 3rd Jan 2017

“The crunch has finally come. People want to use them (village halls) but they don’t want to commit to running them”

Talking to friends, from rural communities all across the country, over the last few months, it is clear that everywhere there are growing problems finding volunteers to help run village groups, or community activities.

Ageing Volunteers

Volunteers who are active in their communities are frequently carrying on (in some cases well into their 80s) until they become incapable through illness, or even sometimes die in post. In some cases, these volunteers, because they are willing volunteers, find themselves taking on more and more roles. They inadvertently, from selfless reasons, make themselves indispensable.

When they finally depart no one else knows how to run the organisations they have been faithfully keeping going for the last “many years”. In one village I heard about they had to try and find 5 volunteers to do the work one elderly lady had managed on her own for many years.

Defined Period

One solution to this growing problem is to limit the time anyone can spend fulfilling one specific role. This has a number of advantages:

1. It enhances the chance of finding volunteers if they know there is a specific time limit to the role e.g. 2 years, 5 years, or, maybe, in some exceptional cases 10 years.
2. It rotates willing volunteers so that they can work in different areas and build up more expertise, and provide temporary cover for previous roles they have experienced, where necessary
3. It helps bring forward new ideas and solutions, and new energy to help deal with previously insoluble problems.

It has one obvious disadvantage. Unless new volunteers can be found village activities will in due course cease when those currently bearing the burden give up their tenure. In Packington, in the last few months, we have lost 2 groups (Girl Guides, and W.I.) that have each been running for 40+ years. I am confident that there are people in the village who care enough about the wellbeing of their community to ensure the continuity of their Memorial Hall

Secretary now required

I will have completed 10 very rewarding years as secretary of the Memorial Hall Management committee in

March. I thought it would be a good time to remind those who attended last year’s AGM that I agreed, at that meeting, to stand as Secretary for one last year which will end on March 21st 2017 at the next AGM. This will be shortly before my 75th birthday. Time to move on.

Adrian Mongredien

Memorial Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21st March 7.15 pm**

Memorial Hall

A warm welcome to all to come along and hear what the present committee have been doing on your behalf.

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Christmas at Packington

As always, we had a very busy run up to Christmas, with lots of fun and exciting things going on:

FANTASTIC RESULTS!

We were delighted to see that our SAT's results ranked us as 3rd best primary school in the County and in the top 150 schools in the whole of England! Our results consistently place us as one of the best schools in the area and we are extremely proud of all of our pupils.

Christmas Fayre

The PSA Christmas Fayre was once again a great success thanks to the hard work and support of everyone. Santa's Grotto with the real reindeers was fantastic and extremely popular! The pupils enjoyed their dress down day and as always they were keen to help with the fund raising efforts. As a result of all your support a fantastic £1156.40 was raised. Thank you to everyone – it was a fabulous result.



Panto & Nativity Performances

Our Key Stage 2 pupils performed this year's Panto of 'Ye-Ha!' 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 'A Wiggly Nativity' beautifully to parents and grandparents with Packington Playgroup also visiting for a special preview of the performance. Everyone was amazed with the fantastic singing and the confidence of the speaking and acting.



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 30th January. A

list of items they need most can be found by visiting www.ashbyfoodbank.org.uk/s hopping

Christingle



Rev Lesley Birtwistle, Mrs Eaton and Mrs Avery helped the children make Christingles for the Church Service on 4th December. The school took a very active role in the service with a large ensemble of pupils singing 'This Little Light of Mine'. Our pupils were also involved with giving the reading, leading the prayers and helping Rev Vivien explain the meaning of the Christingle. It was lovely to see so many families attending the service.

Situation Vacant

Vacancy for a Clerk to Governors

Post to commence 1st September 2017, training during the summer term.

The clerk is responsible for the administration of the governing body and is required to attend governor meetings, usually 4 or 5 each year, held in the evening.

For a full job description and further information, please contact the school office on 01530 412425.

Youth Club Spring 17January - Mondays

23rd Aboriginal Art

- Australia Day

30th Highland Games night

February - Mondays

13th half term closed

20th Charades

27th Pancake Day

March - Mondays

6th Welsh night

13th Peanut Butter River

20th Mother's Day Activity

27th Irish night

April - Mondays3rd Easter-Egg hunt

10th Easter – Closed

17th Easter – Closed

24th English night

www.carlaharrisglass.com**Packington Book Group**Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall.

If you enjoy reading and would like to join us you would be very welcome.

Over the next few months we will be reading:

January 25th

The Island by Victoria Hislop

February 22nd

The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins

March 22nd

Rembrandt's Mirror by Kim Devereux

April 26th

The Girl who saved the King of Sweden by J Jonasson

May 24th

Any short story by William Trevor

June 28th

Shakespeare's Restless World by Neil MacGregor.

Contact Kate Mongredienkate.mongredien@tesco.net

01530 564613

Film Club**Free showing of
"Finding Dory"**Saturday 28th Jan at 2.30 pm**Florence Foster Jenkins**

(PG-13) will be shown on

Friday 10th February

7.00 for 7.30

Adults £4.00

Next film will be on**Friday 10th March.**

Still waiting to hear back if we can show the latest Star Wars film.

Table Tennis

The plan for 2017 for the Table Tennis club is to change the club night from Thursday to Wednesday night - the time remains the same 19:15 - 21:15.

Every Wednesday is booked at the Village Hall for the club nights until the end of May.

The club nights will then resume (again on Wednesday) in September until December.

The number of attendees so far has ranged from 9 to 15 with a good mixture of juniors (with their parents attending), ladies and gents.

We currently have two tables and have put a request in for some funding for a third table to accommodate the increasing numbers.

An additional fourth table

could be an option and used for coaching juniors as we have a Table Tennis qualified coach as one of our core members.

We are hopeful that the Parish Council will continue to support the club as it would a great boost for this recently formed local group. For any information please contact Graham Saunt on 0776 4471917.

**Cricket Club**

January is a time of planning for the cricket club as we don't start winter nets until February.

We are looking to recruit new regular and occasional players from the community.

We run one men's team playing in the Derbyshire County League, Div. 7.

This is competitive cricket but we like to have fun with it.

Games are played on Saturday afternoon throughout the summer. Home games on the Ashby School playing field, Range Road.

Interested in joining?? Come along to our winter nets (details below)

Or contact Gary Downing – garydowning@ymail.com or 07429 152147**Winter Nets Practice**When - weekly from Monday 6th February 2017

What Time - 8pm to 9pm

Where - Ashby School, Leicester Road building.

Lunch Club

Twenty two members met for a delicious Christmas lunch cooked by our lovely chefs, Rachael, Mel and Hattie. The turkey meal, including all the trimmings, even homemade bread sauce and very special stuffing, was beautifully cooked, served and presented and everyone really enjoyed it. It was followed by Christmas pudding or lemon tart. As Play Group had finished, there was no entertainment by School or Play Group, but the youngsters there welcomed the guests, sold them raffle tickets and generally helped serve. After the meal, the members were presented with a Christmas basket of goodies including hyacinth bulbs, chocolates, shortbread and stollen.



We have had several new members throughout the year and people really seem to enjoy coming. During January and February we are meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Men's Group PMG

On the 8th December Packington Men's Group held their Annual Christmas Dinner at our local Bull & Lion Pub. 21 members attended and were superbly feasted by the hosts Phil, Emma and staff, ensuring that all members were served their meal choices in timely manner and the universal enjoyment shown by the number of clean plates and dishes at the conclusion.



Following on from the meal, the attendees took part in a general quiz, superbly formulated, organised and run by Mike Coke. After much head-scratching, murmuring and clandestine consultation of Google, a local team of Brain surgeons; Rocket Scientists and Leslie Welch were pronounced the winners, leaving the rest of us to wonder where our education had failed. On Thursday 12th January four members of the group gave short presentations on their work experiences which proved both interesting and entertaining. The subjects covered were from areas as diverse as Material distribution, Textile manufacture, Editing and

publishing at the Coal Board, and the work carried out by prisoners of war in the planting/cropping of vegetables.

Our next event on Thursday 9th February is The Men's Group's annual Lunch at the Queen's Head in Belton meeting at 12.30hrs for 13.00hrs meal. Looking further ahead we have on Thursday March 9th a talk on Spa Towns by Mr Ken Hillier in the Memorial Hall @1930hrs for 1945hrs start.

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Over the last two months the Parish Council have been extremely busy. With the announcement of the change of route of HS2 some Councillors have attended two meetings held in Measham and as many you know Packington held a public meeting in the Memorial Hall at very short notice which resulted in the setting up of a group to object to the HS2 proposal. (see separate article). Councillors and clerk also attended a Parish Liason meeting with NWLDC. We then had a presentation from the ASHBY 20 Road Race Committee. The event this year will be on Sunday, March 19th. Details of road closures and timings were given. In broad terms, the route which runs anti clockwise from Ashby road, Mill St, Measham Rd, Gallows Lane, Heather, Normanton Rd, Heather Lane, High St will be closed on the left side from approximately 9am to 4pm. Ivanhoe runners will be doing a litter pick before and after the event along the route. It is hoped that Packington volunteers could add to this activity on the day. Many will recall we collected a vast amount of rubbish one Saturday morning three years ago. The Police report was presented by PC Mark Arjoo and Councillors were amazed at the number of quite serious incidents which were reported. This was replicated at the January meeting and concern by the Council has been growing for

some time. At the 7th February Parish Council Meeting, an invitation for a senior officer to address the Council Meeting has been accepted. There are a number of things you can do to help stop these crimes. 1 Lock all doors. 2 Make it difficult to enter your property from the side and the back. 3 Do not leave keys visible in your house. 4 do not leave any valuables on view in your car. 5. Report any suspicious vans, people and events to the police. The police are under resourced and may not attend but they will take note of your concerns. This item was concluded with a motion. "The police report to be published on the Council's web site within a week of the meeting". This was unanimously supported. The Council then discussed the tendering process for the maintenance of the Churchyard and the Recreation Ground. It was also noted that the poor quality of verge grass cutting last year and Councillors thought that Packington had not had the number of statutory cuts. Following an inquiry with LCC which said we did, we wonder whether they can count to six. A number of planning applications were discussed and the proposal for a development of three houses was objected to on the grounds that it was outside Packington's Development Boundary. No objections were made to the more minor proposals for

the other planning applications. The second meeting by Parish Council was held on Tuesday 10th Jan. Minutes for this meeting await ratification. However the main points of discussion were; Police report, again quite a lengthy list of offences; Budget requirement for the year 2017/18 including the Packington Post grant award; an HS2 report on the public meeting held at the Memorial Hall 6th Jan. and the first HS2 action group meeting held on the Mon 9th January; Chris Miles Chairman
New Clerk to Parish Council



Karen Edwards

I live in Ashby de la Zouch where for the past 5 years I have been Deputy Town Clerk, a post I will be continuing in whilst working in Packington. I have spent nearly 30 years working in local government across the North West and Midlands and recently I have been supporting communities across Leicestershire with the production of their Neighbourhood Plans. I am looking forward to working with Packington Parish Council and the residents of Packington.

Big Charity Breakfast

It's here again, the biggest village community event.

Saturday 4th March.

From 9.00 to 13.00

The cost is £7.00 for the full Packington Breakfast including Orange Juice, Toast and Coffee. Child Portion or Bacon Bap £3.50



Beneficiaries this year are £500 to kick start "**Party in the Park**" with the balance going to **Holy Rood roof repair fund**. Volunteers are still needed especially to help cook the meals. Can you spare an hour to make sure this event is better than ever? Set up will be on Friday 3rd from 7.00pm **Contact Mike Coke 560430 or budding chefs call Wesley 411337**

First Wednesday Coffee

The next dates are February 1st and March 1st
Come and join us
10.00 to 12.00
Memorial Hall Meeting Room



We are pleased to announce that Packington will be holding its own

'Party in the Park'

at the recreation ground on

Saturday 1st July

Starting 6pm.

There will be fun and games for the whole family at the Party In The Park including, the best dressed Gazebo, fancy dress, children's games and live entertainment. Adults will also get an opportunity to embarrass the kids with a range of family games. So cancel your holiday and put it in the diary, for what we hope, will be a real fun evening for the whole family. Party in the park is being organised by a group of local residents who want to bring a bit of fun to the community and generate some old-fashioned community spirit. The event will be funded through a combination of grants and donations for the first year (to help get it off the ground) and then self-funding in future years.

If you or members of your family would like to help in any way; such as volunteering or the offer of

equipment – we are looking for a generator, then do make contact.

There will be further announcement, so keep an eye on facebook and of course the fantastic Packington Post.

If you would like to know more call

Rachael 07941 078087

Terry 07882 325416

Watch this space!

Morris Men at the Bull & Lion on Boxing Day

The annual event was a great day – book it in your diary for next year!



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Proposed 50mph speed limit



Five Lanes End is where Gallows lane, Willesley Woodside and Packington Road join Ashby Road, Measham and Measham Road, Ashby all in close proximity to each other. Due to the number of accidents on the approaches to this junction it is proposed that on Ashby Road, Measham and Measham Road, Ashby the existing national speed limit is reduced to 50mph. This will effectively join the 50mph speed limits as you approach Measham and Ashby giving a continuous speed limit of 50mph between Ashby and Measham.

On Gallows Lane it is proposed that a section of the road that is currently national speed limit is made 50mph as you approach the junction. On Measham Road, Packington the proposal is to make the length of road from the current 30mph terminal signs to Five Lanes End all 50mph.

The proposals are shown in plan TM4441/1/2016 and are being made in the interests of road safety.

Horticultural Show



With 2016 firmly behind us let's now look forward to 2017.

In my update following the last show I did say that the figures for the amount raised were not then available, we now have the numbers.

As I mentioned in my previous report, The committee already has its sights firmly set on next year's "75th" Anniversary of the PHS Show, this will of course be a milestone in the history of the society, as such, this will be marked in classic style and certainly be one to remember. Additional funds will be required to do it justice, this means the amount available for donation to various chosen charities is reduced slightly. Full details to be published in the next issue of the post. Our apologies for this, but the reinvestment for the 75th anniversary will be well worth it to all concerned.

Once again, the committee would like to take this opportunity 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.

Kindest regards and see you at the 75th Show on September 2nd.

Kay 811494

Introducing Your County Councillor



"I'm Nicholas Rushton and I live in Ashby de la Zouch with Daniella and my 19 year old son, Bertie. I'm your County Councillor for the Valley Division, on Leicestershire County Council and the leader of the County Council. I work very closely with Andrew Bridgen MP to serve the residents of Packington.

Your concerns are my concerns and if I can help in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch."

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1st Packington Brownies go Stateside

Over the autumn months the brownies have been undertaking various challenges for their stateside badge.

The challenges have included making a "statue of liberty" and crown for New York, a model of the White House out of sugar lumps, for Washington DC and holding a Disney Evening and making a rocket ship cake for Florida.



During the spring term we have already started the stargazer badge by learning about the solar system, made models of the phases of the moon using Oreo cookies, and finally went outside last week to study the stars and managed to find all the planets in our solar system.

If girls think they might like to have a "go" at brownies do come along and spend a few weeks with us. You can even bring a friend with you. You do not have to commit to joining unless you are happy to do so. We are a friendly bunch and have lots of fun.

Brownies meet in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall on High Street every Tuesday from 5.45pm – 7.00pm.

Contact Janice Sumnall 01530 411984 for further details.

Willesley Wood

Willesley Wood is 57Ha of woodland, grassland and open water created on a former mining site in the heart of The National Forest. Owned and created by the Woodland Trust, this site is where the first tree of the new National Forest was planted in 1991 by Michael Heseltine.

In addition to the planting of fifty five thousand new trees, two areas of semi-mature woodland include wetter areas, which support native black poplar trees. Both areas have ancient woodland species, such as pendulous sedge, bluebell and dog mercury.

Most of the existing paths and rides on the site are unsuitable for battery powered scooters, wheelchairs, buggies, pushchairs and mobility impaired user groups.

The Woodland Trust has received planning permission for the creation of new aggregate footpaths and upgrades to the existing paths, which will, when complete, allow every visitor to follow a one and a quarter mile route around the lake. There will also be an improved path to the war memorial.



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Santa drops in to Hill Farm

On Saturday 16th December Santa made a lightning stop over to see lots of children and check whether they were on the naughty or nice list. Rudolph has a quick rest with the other red deer already on the farm.



His elves Millie and Sophie were kept busy all day both keeping both Santa supplied with mince pies whilst making sure the children waiting to see Santa were kept amused playing in the snow machine.

There are a number of events coming up at Hill Farm.

Sausage Making and Tasting Day **19th February,**

10.00am – 2.00pm

We are holding a sausage making event where you can come along and make some to take home with you and also try our range of different varieties. Cost £4.00 per person.

Build a Bird Box **18th March,**

10.00am – 2.00pm

Come along a build your own bird house Cost £4.00 Booking is not essential but advisable for both events. Refreshments available.

HS2 Report

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This was followed with a screen presentation and an explanation of the exact new route proposal. Questions were asked and answers were given where possible and members of the public who had obviously researched this topic also provided answers and information.

Despite the short notice call of the meeting five Parish Councillors were present along with Nigel Smith our District Councillor and Andrew Bridgen our MP. After many had spoken of the vast expense, the waste of resources, the lack of reality, and the determination all main political parties to go ahead with this scheme, Mr Andrew Bridgen was asked to speak. He was most forthright in saying that he agreed with the reasons that many had given to reject the whole of HS2. He had always voted against it and apart from twenty-eight other MPs who have also spoken against the project, it seems that it is going ahead. He did say that there were a number of MP's who had misgivings on HS2 but were not prepared to speak out against the project.

To sum up this debate would be to say that everyone felt HS2 was a complete waste of money and would bring little benefit to the country and particularly to North West Leics. The Chairman then proposed a motion that a working party be formed to respond on behalf of Packington and MAPA to the HS2 consultation. Following a short debate regarding the exact instruction to the working party a motion was formed and passed unanimously.

Volunteers for the working party were then asked for and eleven Packington residents stepped up the plate for which we thank them.

Members of the working party are Alan Pearson; Sharon Bond; Richard Jones; Charlie Edgington; Steve Lawther; Richard Evans; Steve Flook; Richard Taylor; Chris Miles; Adrian Page; Debbie Woodcock.

What can you do?

Every reader of the Packington Post can send in their own response to HS2 and the Government by simply saying "I am against the HS2 proposals which were announced on 15th November" You can do this on line; through the post; or by e-mail to the following addresses. You can also fill in the official response form.

Contacts

route2b@dialoguebydesign.co.uk

Consultation response form copies from; www.gov.uk/hs2 or phone; 0207944 4908

Completed responses to the following address;
FREEPOST HS2PHASE 2b
ROUTE REFINEMENT
CONSULTATION

ENQUIRIES e-mail for queries HS2Enquiries@hs2.org.uk Or Phone 0207944 4908

Joint working group MAPA e-mail AG1@yahoo.com

Members of Parliament
<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/?qclid=CISBkuPovNECFRGeGwodGFIBSQ>

Extra search.

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/search/?q=HS2>

Comments and responses should be in by March 9th 2017

Chris Miles

Chairman Parish Council