



Open Sunday 11th June 2017 Hill Farm on Spring Lane opened their gates to over 1800 visitors for LEAF Open Farm Sunday to showcase the fascinating world of farming. As well as being a fun and informative day out for all the family, Open Farm Sunday also gave visitors the opportunity to see first-hand all that farmers do and the impact their work has on all our lives. Talks about food farming explained how we grow wheat and oats that are used in breakfast cereals, flour and biscuits and grow rape seed for oil and mars bars! Visitors learnt we farm sustainably and produce electricity for the farm using solar panels, and have our own bore hole for water. We also explained how we are committed to protecting the environment and manage the hedgerows and flower and nectar strips to encourage wild birds and mammals.

Walks and talks gave an insight into our animals on the farm and their diets.

Visitors were also able to enjoy either a home cooked bison or venison burger followed by homemade cakes, cream scones and ice creams served in our new coffee shop "Antlers and Alpaca".

Open Farm Sunday is managed by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming); the leading organisation at the forefront of delivering more sustainable food and farming. Annabel Shackleton, Open Farm Sunday Manager at LEAF commented: "Modern farming is incredibly diverse and impacts on all of us - from the clothes we wear to the medicines we take and the food we eat, as well as managing our beautiful countryside for us all to enjoy. Farming plays a vital part in all our lives. LEAF Open Farm Sunday gives everyone the rare opportunity to see farming in real life and to learn about the hard work, care and pride that goes into the work farmers do, which is so vital to the environment, our lives and the economy."

Diary note: Next Year's Open Farm Sunday will be on 10th June 2018.

## CCTV Project update



The new **Packington Neighbourhood Watch (PNHW) CCTV Project** is underway.

To date we have received confirmation of support from the Parish Council and have not had any objections to the proposal from within the village.

Potential camera sites have been agreed and will be surveyed shortly.

The following are also being undertaken

1. Privacy impact and risk assessment
2. Operating procedures are being created

We are in consultation with Initsys, Northwest Leicester Council and the Police.

We are considering adding monitoring fly tipping as a further need for the system

If you would like to get involved in the CCTV project or Packington Neighbourhood Watch contact Wesley Ewing NHW co-ordinator (07966019133)

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## Party in the Park - Good Old-Fashioned Community Spirit



Packington villagers, along with their friends and family, came together on a perfect summers day for the inaugural Party in the Park. The event was an enormous success, thanks to the dedication of the organising committee, who worked together to bring us live music, tug-of-war, rounders, a raffle and our very own Terry even sang the "Packington Blues!"

Party goers threw themselves into the community atmosphere, bringing picnics and dressing gazebos in a variety of themes and colour. Judging by the amount of dancing and laughing, a good time was had by all.

The event generated £750 in funds, which will allow the event to run again next year. So, watch this space for the next instalment of good old-fashioned fun...



### Welcome to new Curate

Joanne Dyer moved into Packington vicarage last month with her family, to take up the position of curate with the Woodfield Team. At Leicester on 2nd July Joanne was ordained as a Deacon along with other candidates in a ceremony conducted by Bishop Martyn. Congratulations and we do hope you will enjoy living in Packington

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Packington Annual Horticultural**  
**Show - 75th Year**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**



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## Youth Club

This term youth club has had a busy but fairly short half term. The junior leader team planned the programme and they have lead sessions decorated gingerbread men, played some games including our favourite – dodgeball skittles! We have had a water fight and team games at the park, had a talent night complete with Amanda, David, Simon and Alisha! We made sweetie trees and had a party!



Here is a photo of tonight's sweetie tree making.

Phew! We are all in need of the summer holiday break now and we look forward to welcoming new members as well as our old members back on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## Film Club

**Please note the Film Club does not meet in July or August.**

**Look out for the next film on Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Book the date and have a surprisingly good evening out with friends.**

## Men's Group

On Wednesday 7<sup>TH</sup> June on a sunny afternoon, eight members of the group had a short walk in Bradgate Park to the Visitor Centre. We took a guided tour of the Bradgate House ruins nearby, an area not normally accessible to the public.



The "leet" system of providing water to the house was of interest and at one point there was an illusion of water travelling up-hill! Other features seen were the Tiltyard, a medieval jousting /archery area, a triangular pond which was a source of fish and the Chapel which contained tomb effigies of the Grey family. For the July meeting seven stalwarts turned up to be shown the finer arts of the game by two enthusiastic members of Ashby Croquet Club.



During a thoroughly enjoyable evening a series of "friendly" matches were played. With a bit of luck and help from their opponents, Geoff and Mike came out the winners.

Looking ahead we have the annual breakfast event at the Bull & Lion on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00am for 8.30am.

**Robin Dixon**

## Swift Holiday Home for Hire on the English Riviera



The open plan contemporary interior with its large L shaped seating provides ample space for your holiday experience.

The corner unit contains a television and DVD player.

The kitchen is stylish and well equipped. The bathroom houses a large shower, basin and toilet, mirrored vanity cabinet and shaver socket. Two bedrooms, one with twin beds and the other a double with generous wardrobe space. This accommodation has gas central heating, a real benefit if you are thinking of having a Spring or Autumn break!

Outside there is spacious decking for your enjoyment together with a private parking space. Found on Beverley Bay the holiday home allows use of all the Beverley Holiday Parks facilities, which include food and drink together with a variety of entertainment.

There are indoor and outdoor pools, playgrounds, crazy golf and a shop. The Park is on the coastline, five minutes from Paignton. For further information please call Lesley on **07876035481**.



### Castle Medical Group

#### New Partner

We are delighted to announce that Dr Adam Foster will be joining the Practice from 1<sup>st</sup> September as a GP Partner. Dr Foster is moving from a Swadlincote Practice and has a special interest in dermatology.

#### New Services

We have had some exciting new services start including an NHS Services - Echocardiogram Clinic, Ultrasound Clinic and Balance/Hearing Clinic. Private Services - Osteopathy, Physiotherapy, Acupuncture, Pilates, Over 60's Exercise Class, BhangraBlaze, Hypnotherapy, Foot Health Practitioner, Weight Management and Nutritionist in both the Woodland Suite and Health Educational Room. More details can be found on our website

[www.castlemedicalgroup.co.uk](http://www.castlemedicalgroup.co.uk).



#### Pampering Offer

Champneys are offering a full day's pampering at Springs to someone in the village who really deserves it. Nominate your deserving individual by sending to [editor@packington.info](mailto:editor@packington.info) by the end of August. The Editorial team will choose a winner who will be notified direct and details published in the September Post. The Post would also like a follow up story in the November issue.

#### Measham MU

**Summer's here ...** and it's a great opportunity to join one of our outdoor walking groups (Tuesday or Thursday mornings). Or simply meet up with a friend and plan a short walk two or three times each week. And it's FREE!

#### Care Plans

Do you feel that you or your loved one needs more support to remain as well as possible and to avoid the risk of getting into a crisis situation, which means you may result in being admitted to hospital urgently?

Working with you or your family member to produce a care plan can give you peace of mind and reduce your risk of being admitted to hospital, when it can probably be avoided.

Would you like to develop a care plan to help you or a loved one avoid a health crisis? For more information, please ask for a Care Plan Leaflet from the Reception.

[First Contact Plus](http://www.FirstContactPlus.org.uk) is an online tool which helps adults in Leicestershire find information about a range of services all in one place. The initiative allows residents who require help with one or a number of issues to access a catalogue of information, advice, help and support.

**For more information please visit:**

[www.FirstContactPlus.org.uk](http://www.FirstContactPlus.org.uk)

#### Q4IS

There is an opportunity to view in Packington a selection of quilts made by this non-profit making charitable organisation, Quilts for Injured Servicemen, which is dedicated to bringing colour, comfort, warmth and a smile to our brave, young, injured heroes.



The handmade, personalised quilts, costing well over £100 plus many hours of sewing work, are given as a show of gratitude to injured servicemen and women returning from war-torn parts of the globe.

The quilts will be on display at Packington Church for an hour or so from **4.30pm on August 16<sup>th</sup>** when the founder of the organisation, Brenda Lincoln, will also be there.



Do you want to get on the PackingtonSoapbox and get something off your chest?

Send us your views and get on the Packington Soapbox in the next issue

**Planning Hearing**

Application Reference 15/01051/OUT – Land to the North East of Normanton Road.

Some of you will be familiar with this application or at least the site in question which is basically fronting and also behind Normanton Road from Spring Lane corner towards Normanton and opposite the present Peveril Homes site. It is presently a pony paddock.



After the latest application(s) on this site were recommended for refusal by the district Planning Department and also refused by the NWLDC Planning Committee late last year, the applicant has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against that decision, in regard to the eight dwelling application.

Local residents were then informed by letter in early March this year that the appeal was to be considered by “written representations”, a “basic” type of appeal procedure, but still a formal appeal nevertheless. Strict deadlines for the written representations were set down.

Now at the very end of June letters have been received from NWLDC indicating that the appeal has been stepped up a gear from the original

written representations form to a “Hearing”. As the writer understands it from NWLDC the Inspector has requested this Hearing; as there are seemingly differences between the Council and the Applicant over such things as the River Mease situation, the Five Year Housing Land Supply situation etc., i.e. some particular things from the many that came into play in influencing the original decision to refuse the development.

A Hearing will, it seems, better serve some of the arguments involved than the original written representations so interested parties are being circulated with the details.

The Hearing will start at 10.00 on Tuesday 18 July 2017 at Whitwick Business Centre, Stenson Road, Coalville, LE67 4JP. The Inspector’s decision will be published at a later date.

**Hall Farm**

There is almost nightly trespassing on this site. There were at least half a dozen teenagers rampaging around there again on Tuesday night last week but NW contact, Nev Bray, reports no response to his numerous reports to the Police. While there is a factual reduction in crime reports in the village we do need the Police to explain why no action appears to be being taken to continual trespass and criminal damage for months on the Hall Farm site. You are no doubt aware from the notice displayed on the site, that it is for sale again by private tender on 14th July. Let’s hope the new owners take their responsibilities more seriously.

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Packington Guides

have had a brilliant first term. We have been working on our Danish Challenge badge which has involved making Danish pastries, counting to 10 in Danish, making Hamma bead Danish flags and we still have to learn "taps" in Danish and try different types of liquorish.



We fell lucky with the weather and managed to put up a Bell tent and learn how to make a bedding roll one sunny Thursday evening. Another Thursday we made fimo spoons so that we could easily identify our teaspoons at camp. Division Camp was held at Willesey Campsite the first weekend in July and most guide units in the Ashby Division attended. We camped with Moira and Donisthorpe Guides in their light weight tents. During the weekend we had a go on the Zip-wire, Abseiling, Go-Karts and shooting range as well as decorating bags and making friendship bracelets. The highlight of the weekend was a campfire to celebrate Girlguiding Leicestershire being 100 years old, so of

course we had to eat birthday cake.

As if weekend camp was not enough on the following Monday we went to Hood Park for an evening of games, swimming and a BBQ,

Next term as well as working towards badges we are hoping to camp at Warwick Castle and attend Big Gig (a pop concert at Wembley put on especially for Guides)

The Unit meets Thursdays in term time at Packington Memorial Hall from 18:30-20:00 (unless we are out and about!). There are currently spaces for girls aged 10-14 and anyone with an interest in Girlguiding would be welcome to join as a Unit Helper or Leader. Feel free to come for a taster meeting! If you would like to know more please contact:

**Allison Buswell – Unit Leader**

**01530 224240**

packingtonguides@gmail.com

### Brownies

The brownies helped Save the Children raise money for children and their families around the world who have been affected by natural disasters by being sponsored to build a den on Den Day which was on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017. It gave them an insight into what it would be like to have no home to live in following an earthquake, flood, tornado, fire or drought. They had to find all their materials around the farm and then construct a den that was weatherproof.

There were some budding archers in Packington recently when brownies had a go at archery. Despite the bow being nearly as big as some of the girls everybody managed to hit the target and the competition was high to see who had the winning score.



If you or anyone you know would like to join brownies we restart after the summer break on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at Packington Memorial Hall at 5.45pm until 7.00pm. Further details from **Janice Sumnall** **01530 411984**

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## History Group

The annual History Group walk was very well attended again this year.



Unfortunately, Peter Cooper was too unwell to join us, so we were led by Robin Boucher who did an excellent job of following Peter's notes. This year we walked along Babelake Street, hearing about a potential location for the village hall, the spring water which can be seen running under the road, the site of many long-demolished houses, several listed buildings and a field of ridge and furrow.



It was interesting to look at the end wall of 'Cruck Cottage' and see the beams integral to the structure, and see two pieces of wood protruding from the end of another cottage which showed that the house had

once had another connected to it.

We looked at copies of three maps from 1735, 1882 and 1921. It was very interesting to see how many buildings had come and gone over the period of almost 300 hundred years as we looked at what was standing today.

One point of debate was why there is there is a very pronounced bend in the road just after Blake Farm. The History Group has no answer for this, but it has been suggested that it could possibly have been something to do with an ancient track (now gone) which may have joined the road at that point. There is the shape of what may have been a track on the 1735 map. If you know why the bend is there please let a member of the group know. Many thanks to Peter and Robin for all their hard work and to Yvonne for providing refreshments of all those who took part.

The History Group always welcomes new members. We meet around 9 times a year on a Wednesday afternoon at the home of Yvonne Eaton. If anyone is interested in joining us? **Please contact Yvonne for more information (01530 412269).**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 27th September.

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## Table Tennis

This club continues to flourish with numbers consistently between 15 and 18. All four tables are used and many juniors and seniors are improving their games on a weekly basis.

The club still meets on a Wednesday between 07:15 and 09:15. The last club night of the summer season was July 12th with the club nights beginning again on September 6th and running for the remainder of the year. The charges remain at £2.50 per adult and £1.50 per junior. A gentle reminder that all juniors need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



The club plans to have a "free open night" in September where everyone is invited to come along and try the game free of charge. A table tennis coach is also being engaged to accelerate the improvement of all players and will be available later in the year.

For any more information please call

**Graham Saunt on  
07764471917**

## 75<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Show Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

The 75<sup>th</sup> show is fast approaching and gaining momentum on the lead up to this great event. The theme is based on the roots of the PHS from its humble beginnings in 1942, established by those at home providing vital functions in support of the war effort. The main charity this year is of course Help for Heroes. The itinerary for this year is somewhat different, 1940's dress is hugely encouraged for those who wish to do so and is typically finished with an evening of 1940's music and merriment at the memorial hall, following the auction.

**0800 – 1300 hrs** – Booking in and registering of all exhibits & entries.

**1315 -1615 hrs** – Judging of exhibits, the main hall will be closed during this time.

1645 hrs – Hall open for public viewing of exhibits for auction later.

**1650 hrs** – Presentation of standards provided by the Royal British Legion.

**1659 hrs** – 1 minute silence in commemoration.

**1700 hrs** – Official opening of the show by Brian Crockett

**1705 hrs** – Bar opens and freshly made Pizza is available from the cafeteria.

**1800 hrs** – Presentation of awards for winning entries

**1830 – 1930 hrs** – The grand auction of exhibits / entries.

**2000 hrs** – 1940's music provided by Harmony Belle, nice chance to jitterbug, foxtrot or even a "Hokey Kokey"...



There are prizes for the best dressed couples and singles in the form of a voucher to attend "The Larder" 1940's café in Ashby. We are so looking forward to this great event and look forward to seeing you all again, lets really make it one to remember, we usually do.! PHS Committee

## RISING MUSIC STAR SET FOR PACKINGTON GIG

One of the rising stars of the UK music scene is set to grace the stage at Packington Memorial Hall as part of a tour to promote her new album.



Kim Lowings will be performing on **Saturday 30th September** as the final night of a nationwide tour of 'Wild & Wicked Youth', which is released at the start of the month.

Inspired by the folk tradition, Kim and her band The Greenwood perform their

songs with a contemporary twist. Their live shows are an energetic blend of original compositions and traditional songs.

The concert takes place on Saturday 30th September, with the doors opening at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door, and are available from Chris Miles on 01530 414378, Daybreak Services in Packington, Ashby Tourist Information Centre or Measham Post Office. Alternatively, you can buy them online from

[www.fancourtmusic.co.uk](http://www.fancourtmusic.co.uk).

## First Wednesday Coffee Morning

This social group takes a break in August but will be back on September 6<sup>th</sup>

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### Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall is a major event venue in the heart of our village. Over 20 groups regularly use the Hall, including a flourishing Table Tennis group, a new Keep Fit group, Luncheon Club, Brownies and most recently Guides.

The committee has been actively looking to appoint a new Booking Secretary and update the booking system, continuing with the maintenance of the Hall and developing a programme of future events – including a Duck Race on August Bank Holiday.

#### Hire the Hall

If you would like any information on what events are on at the Hall or if you would like to hire the hall for an event then please visit: <http://packington.info/bloggle/memorial-hall/> which has all of the details you need or contact Booking Secretary 07585 327291

### RECREATION GROUND CHARITY

Approximately 14 years ago a group of volunteers from the village got together to plan the play area which is so well used today. The Trustees of the Charity would like to plan the way forward for the Recreation Ground with those who have an interest in improving its' facilities.

Planning for the current play-area was done by a variety of interested families and individuals. The final design

was paid for by grants totalling £80,000. The central picnic area was installed by some hardworking parents and grandparents.

#### What could we do today?

Install some fitness stations? Expand the play-area? What new apparatus would you include? What about a hard-play area to cater for basketball, tennis or five-a-side games?

**These and many more questions can be resolved by you.**

If you would like to be notified of a first planning meeting sometime in September

**Contact Chris Miles  
414378.**

[christopher.miles@sky.com](mailto:christopher.miles@sky.com)

Chris Miles Chairman of Trustees

#### Container on the Recreation Ground.

Have you a key for this facility? Do you have any equipment stored in this Container?

Would you like your group to use this facility? Have you still got any borrowed equipment from this container?

If the answer is yes to any of the above please let me know your interest so that I can make arrangements when we can all meet and review the facilities and procedures of this storage facility.

**Contact Chris Miles  
414378**

### Breakfast for Nepal Trip



Packington resident and Ashby school student Alex Bridgen has so far managed to raise over half of the £3500 needed for his volunteer trip to Nepal. Alex has been very busy giving up his spare time between studying for his A levels to raise the money by carrying out odd jobs for local residents, planting 130 trees at Staunton Harold Estate, providing his Disco & entertainment services at discounted prices and he has also held several other fundraising events. These include the recent fundraising breakfast at The Bull & Lion which helped raise a whopping £500. In response Alex said a Huge thank you to everyone that turned out in support and enjoyed a full English breakfast along with the opportunity to talk to him directly about his trip and fundraising whilst he served the breakfast along with several other Packington residents. He also gave special thanks to Phil and Emma for wonderful food and kind support.

### Bike Ride Success

Marc Stapleford completed his challenging bike ride which raised money for Rainbow Hospice.

It started with a drunken bet & finished with a whole new sense of achievement and belonging to the biggest cycle family in the world..... After 24 hrs of aches & pain, mental torture, bike mechanicals and sleep deprivation, I finally completed the Mountain Mayhem 24hr in the single-speed class. It was a hard 24hrs due to the heat 30c and the climbing 1000ft a lap. After completely 18laps, which totalled to 126 miles and 15600ft of climbing, I finished 6th overall in the single-speed category and completed my personal challenge. It was a great event & atmosphere and topped of by my children coming to watch me at the finish.



<http://dingy.life/20th-mountain-mayhem-24hr-endurance-race-singlespeed-class>

### Wally Retires



Wally unfortunately has left Packington and is currently, comfortably ensconced in a nursing home @ Hyde Heath, just outside Amersham, close to his son and daughter-in-law, where he is now taking a full and active part in the social activities of the establishment. Wally was always very involved in village activities including the Men's Group and the History Group. He was also a regular volunteer at the Ashby Museum. Wally sends his best wishes to all.

### Best in Show

Sully is the family pet of the Wilson family. They were all delighted when Katie and Sully won their group "child and best friend"



They then went forward to the finals and won Best in Show. A very proud Katie shows off the certificate and rosette.

## An Interview With... Jacqueline Bridgen, Packington Parish Councillor



### **What's your connection to Packington?**

I moved to Packington just over 18 months ago with my two sons. I previously lived in Appleby Magna and Coleorton, so already knew several people in the village. I often walked my dogs in Plummers wood along with popping into the village shop to pick up extra groceries.

### **Tell me about your home life?**

Living with two teenage boys I spend the majority of my time running around as their taxi service, cook, maid and homework supervisor. The three of us spend a lot of time together and we always share our days stories at the dinner table each evening.

### **What is your profession?**

Currently I am a student studying my teaching qualifications. I am also studying a course in Children's Special Needs and disabilities, which is an area I am very passionate about.

### **What role do you play in the community?**

I am an active

member of The Party In The Park committee and as a newly elected member of the Parish Council I am a Trustee of two charities.

### **Can you tell me one thing fellow villagers may not know about you?**

I am very passionate about supporting charities both nationally and locally. To date I have taken part in several cancer research runs, I have raised money for The British Heart Foundation, Help 4 Heroes, Hospice Hope, Macmillan Cancer Support and Rainbows Children's Hospice. Currently I am raising money to help rebuild homes and schools in Nepal.

### **What's your favourite Packington event?**

My favourite event has to be carol singing with the Salvation Army at Christmas. Not only because I love a good sing along, but also because there is a great turnout, raising a lot of money.

### **Why would you suggest people get more involved in the village?**

Evidence shows that helping others is not only beneficial for your own mental health and wellbeing, but it can help reduce stress, improve your emotional wellbeing and even benefit your physical health.

Getting involved in the village really does create new friendships and a strong sense of belonging. I would urge anybody and everybody, whether young or old to get involved with village life. From personal experience, I can say I have benefitted and learnt new skills from the opportunities that were opened up to me by being involved in the village.

### **How has the village changed since you've lived here and how would you like to see it change in the future?**

As I have only been here for a short time compared to most residents I can't say much has changed, other than new houses popping up. In many ways I hope there isn't much change, other than more younger families coming forward and being involved. I have been so impressed by the number of people in this village that give up their own time to bring the community together. We have so many valued organisations and groups that many other villages have lost over the years due to a lack of volunteers. Without the hard work, support and dedication of our residents none of these could survive, and I hope these things never change!

### **What's the best thing about living in Packington?**

It sounds corny, but everything! Packington is a beautiful village with a friendly and caring community at its heart. We have wonderful open countryside walks and scenery, yet we are close to the motorways to get to several major towns in little more than half an hour. We have the best village shop I have ever known (I have heard some people refer to it as our own little Harrods- if they haven't got what you want, they will get it!) we have a fantastic pub that not only serves great home cooked meals, but also puts on lots of events to bring us all together. Unlike many villages, we even still have a bus service!

**Services at Holy Rood**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

11 a.m. Holy Communion

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. United service at Normanton-le-Heath

no service at Packington

**August 6<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

6 p.m. Evening Prayer

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. Holy Communion

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. All age Service

**August 27<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. Holy Communion

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

6 p.m. Evening Prayer

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. Holy Communion

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

Sunday Club for the children meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11a.m. in the back of church

**Leicestershire Historic Churches Bike Ride:**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Is anyone up to ride for Holy Rood Church? This is a sponsored bike ride where 50% of the money raised comes to the local church and 50% goes to the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, who make grants to churches across the county that need help with their buildings. The Trust helped Holy Rood with a grant when the roof was stolen.

If you'd be interested in riding, give me a ring: **Vivien Elphick 01530 270354**

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At the June general meeting, Councillor Jackie Bridgen was welcomed by the Chairman who congratulated on her election to Packington Parish Council.

For the past two years the parish Council monthly meetings have been dominated by the disturbing growth in rural and village crime figures. June however was a crime free month, the first for a very long time. We cannot be complacent and we must all be vigilant in protecting our property. The police urge anyone to report any suspicious individuals and movement of vehicles. The Parish Council are supporting the Neighbourhood Watch initiative of CCTV in the village and await further details of procedures and long-term cost projections. The Council acknowledges all the hard work that has been involved in this scheme by Wesley Ewing and the Neighbourhood Watch Street representatives.

The Council has promoted and funded the verge daffodil planting which has meant a colourful start to the Spring. This is to be carried on this Autumn when we have ordered another 4000 bulbs to plant. (Please let me know if you would like to help) We hope that this will conclude the daffodil planting programme and there has been talk of perhaps introducing Narcissi into the scheme the following year. The Council is at present reviewing its' Standing

Orders and Financial Regulations and is at the stage of final draft. We are hoping that the review will be concluded at the next General Meeting.

The Council is aware that a number of late and oversubscribed parties with loud music have taken place in Packington. The Council would hope that events of this type would show consideration to neighbours and that upset and disturbance be kept to an acceptable level. The Parish Council has no power in these events. Anyone who has concerns should contact the Police or the Local District Council in Coalville. A number of residents have asked for more waste bins, particularly on the Normanton Road side of Packington. Two more waste bins will be installed in this area as soon as possible. This will bring the total number of bins in Packington to six and collectively will

cost over £1000 per year to empty.

The Council was informed by the Clerk that Beverly Smith is the new Chief Executive of NWLDC. Parish Council will take up her offer of attending a General Meeting at Packington sometime in the future.

Council was also informed the NWLDC Local Plan was nearly complete and there were just a few updates necessary before implementation. This Local Plan has been in the making for well over ten years and sets the future for planning houses, employment, industry, etc for the next 25 years. Our village development boundary should now be in a better position to be protected. Agendas, minutes, news and links to other websites can be obtained by going to the Packington Parish Council website.

Chris Miles Chairman

**APOLOGY** The Editorial Team wish to make clear that there were two significant mistakes in Packington Post Issue 83 of March 2017, on the page 10 article headed "Casual Vacancy", for which we apologise unreservedly:

**Wrong Attribution.** This article was wrongly published under the heading Parish Council News, and the typesetting of the last paragraph seemed to show the Parish Clerk as the author. This was not the case: the article was written and approved by the Packington Post editorial team, and NOT by the Parish Council nor by the Clerk.

**Wrong Statement of Election Result.** The article stated that "...none of our present councillors was elected - they filled the vacancies in May 2015 without challenge." This was misleading, because technically the councillors at that election WERE ALL ELECTED, and returned unopposed. In addition, Packington Post understands that **some Councillors were upset by the editorial opinions expressed in the article.** We are sorry this is the case; we had chosen to publicise the opportunity of the "casual vacancy" to try to achieve some diversity on our parish council, following input from parishioners at the March Big Breakfast. In no way did Packington Post mean to criticise the current parish councillors, all of whom are hard-working volunteers for our village, many of them with very long service in this function.

**Tesco Bags of Help Scheme**

We are delighted to announce that we came second in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme which meant we received £2000 to help towards the cost of our new climbing frame. We would like to thank everyone who voted for us for your fantastic support. The children are really enjoying spending playtime on this great resource!



**Year 2 Camp Out**

Our Year 2 children had a super night camping under the stars on the school grounds recently and everybody got a good night's sleep. The pupils really look forward to this event that marks the end of their time as a Key Stage 1 pupil. We would like to thank all the parents who provided tents and helped to supervise the children with Mrs Fryer and Mrs Johnston.

**Sporting Success**

What a successful summer of sport we have had in 2017! It began with a great morning for our sports day. The weather was perfect and everybody put their hearts and souls into all the events to support their House Team. Then both our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams got through

to the North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership (NWLSSP) Hockey Finals. Both played extremely well. Year 3/4 came 3rd and our Year 5/6 team took 2nd place. So well done to all those who took part!

There was more success in the NWLSSP Quad kids events with Packington coming 3rd in the team event and Georgie taking 3rd place in the individual competition. The best news was that Packington were awarded with the Spirit of the Games Award for **teamwork, determination, passion, self-belief, honesty and respect.**



Finally, we sent a large contingent to the Key Stage 2 Area Athletics at Saffron Lane. Congratulations to Layla and Georgie who came 1st and 2nd in their individual races as well as the Year 4 girls who won their relay.

**Sea Life Visit**

The Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 visit to the Sea Life Centre was a resounding success and inspired the pupils who were very keen to tell everybody about their experiences on their return. The visit supported the pupils' topic on Ocean

explorers and stimulated a range of writing, role play and artwork.



**Solar Farm Adventure**

Our Year 3/4 children had a fabulous day when they visited the Solar Park on Babelake Street. They spent time learning about the issues of using solar power and also how biodiversity is being supported and encouraged on the land around the solar panels.



**Happy Retirement Mrs Rooms!**

Our teaching assistant in our Year 1/2 class, Mrs Rooms, has decided to take early retirement and we would like to wish her well in her new ventures. She has worked at the school for 12 years and we have valued her commitment to the school and particularly her artistic skills. Have a very happy retirement Mrs Rooms!

**We wish all our Year 6 pupils well as they move to new schools and continue their journey of learning.**





The **Packington Party in the Park Committee** would like to thank everyone who came along, enjoyed the fun and so generously supported this village event.

In addition, we have a large number of families, companies and individuals who donated their time, money and/or equipment plus others who supplied their services to make the **Party in the Park 2017** a reality, not to mention such a huge success.

The money raised on the night will mean that **Party in the Park 2018** can go ahead on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - what an incredible community we live in – thank you everyone !!

If anyone is interested in getting involved and joining this committee, we would love to hear from you.

**Please contact Terry Hammond on 415764.**

### **Congratulations to the winners of the PIP 2017 prizes:**

The Greatest Gazebo was awarded to The Jamaican Society

The Champneys Spa voucher was won by Mr. & Mrs. S Flook

The Bull & Lion voucher was won by Chris Sharpe  
The Rebound voucher was won by Aimee Harrison

### **Thank You**

**Special thanks goes to all of the following, without whom PIP 2017 would not have happened:**

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The Harris-Marsh family  
The Marvin family  
The Taylor family  
Our judges: Emma & Phill from The Bull & Lion  
Our Games Masters: Terry and Vince  
Our First Aiders: Miki & Wes  
Our Stewards: David, Matt, Karl, Richard & Martin  
Last, but not least, all those who kindly donated prizes to our very popular Tombola stall.

### **Lost & Found after Party in the Park**

Mobile phone left on the stage.  
Contact Jackie with full description so that it can be returned to the rightful owner  
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Watch lost\*\* possibly at Party in the Park. It has a black face. If anyone finds it, please contact [alerts@packington.info](mailto:alerts@packington.info)

### **Thanks**

Hi

I would just like to say what a great event the Packington Party in the Park was.

A lot of hard work and organisation had gone into this event to make it a really great family night.

We have only lived in the village for just under 12 months and we have been made to feel very welcome. We have made lots of new great friends and events like this are brilliant for the village. Looking forward to all future Packington events. The Starkey Family, Hall Lane.

*Reflects the view of many Ed.*

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