



Record turnout for Three Great Village Events



Packington Horticultural Show

The chosen charity for this year, as a one off to mark the 75th year, is "Help for Heroes" and a sum of £2013.55 was raised. Thanks to everyone.

For a full list of medal winners and photos from the day will soon be available on our new website :

<https://horticulturalshow.wixsite.com/packington>

With thanks once more for your continued support we look forward to seeing you all next year!

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The glorious weather brought out the crowds for this year's **Open Gardens Day** when there were some thirteen gardens to see.

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There was a quacking buzz in the air at this years' **Duck Race** on the Gilawiskaw.

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Public Meeting

HS2 Update

Friday 29th September

Memorial Hall @ 7.30

Please note the meeting above should not be confused with the Public Information event which HS2 Ltd was held in Measham on the 13th September

The Packington meeting on the 29th has been organised specifically to give residents an update about the HS2 route decision, information on how the Packington Response Team fulfilled the brief given to them by residents at the January meeting, and to discuss the next steps. This will include how the Team promoted an example alternative route, away from the village, and the response that that suggestion received.

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BONFIRE NIGHT

Recreation Ground
Saturday 4th November 6.45



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Packington Post has 3 electronic information services, for stuff that mightn't wait 2 months till the next printed magazine. These electronic media can get the information to you NOW, and you can even arrange to be alerted on your electronic devices when news pops up.

Here are our services:

1) Packington Post email Alerts. We email things that we think have some urgency, and things that are topical. Just let us have an email to alerts@packington.info, giving your first and last names, village address, and telephone, and we'll add you to the distribution list of 229 addresses that currently receive our email alerts. We hate spam and WON'T pass on your address anywhere, and you can unsubscribe at any time. This is a free service provided voluntarily by Stephen Plummer, the well-respected former editor of Packington Post.

2) Packington Post website
www.packington.info

Our responsive village website mainly gives background information about the village and its facilities, with a front-page updated often giving current or topical notices. Good for your club or society or other village event group to advertise your details. This free service is provided voluntarily by web facilitator **Robert Dilworth**.

The website also includes: Details of our modern village Memorial Hall venue and of its current bookings calendar, together with contact details for booking your event. An archive of back numbers of Packington Post.

3) Social Media. Robert also helps post village information on our Facebook - Packington Post - public page, and tweet @PackingtonPost.

Village families also have their own closed Group Page on Facebook. You can quickly get yourself on to Facebook and Twitter to have access to this information without having to take part yourself.

If you have any ideas for improving our electronic communication in the village, please pass them on to

editor@packington.info
If you need technical help to gain access to our electronic information services, email
robert@packington.info *who is said to have a good track record of helping.*

Neighbourhood Watch

Wanted a street contact for Normanton Road.

Both previous contacts have recently stood down and this is the only street in the village with no representative Contact Acting village coordinator **Wes Ewing**
wes@packington.info

Welcome Pack

The Welcome Pack is now being looked after by Becky Taylor.



It is hoped that NW street reps will spot new arrivals on their patch, then ask Becky for a pack and deliver personally. This gives each of the NW street reps a chance to introduce themselves. There is nothing to stop anyone from notifying Becky who will liaise with the relevant person to arrange delivery. There will be an influx of new residents when the Paddocks development starts to be populated. It would be great if someone would take on the responsibility for delivering to this new estate.

Becky's contact details:
beck_t2000@yahoo.co.uk

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As many of you know, the very first PHS show was held back in 1940 at The Bull and Lion as the community joined together to help raise funds for the supply of comforts for the troops. It was then in 1942 the first committee was formed to make this popular show an annual event which has supported local causes ever since, including raising funds for a new memorial Hall which opened its doors in 1957 and became the new venue for the show having outgrown the pub!



The support and success is still as strong 75 years on and a fantastic day and evening was once again had by all.

Before the doors opened at 5pm, The Royal British Legion attended to lower the standard and long time supporter Brian Cockett, gave a few words before handing over to our Chairman, Bob Parry to officially open the 75th Anniversary Show and open the doors to the eager public.



The prestigious Frank Moore Banksian Trophy was awarded to Brian Cockett while Richard Meadows took the R Dickens Trophy for best exhibit in show. The Junior Sections saw both Isobel Holden and Abi Lawther awarded the J Timms cup and the Brian Cockett Trophy respectively for best in class.



The awards were followed with the auction led by Chris Miles, who as always, got everyone digging deep for the wide variety of veg, flowers and bakes for sale. With all the enthusiasm generated, the generosity continued through to the final lot of the evening – the prize winning Dundee Cake.



This was baked once again by Sharron Miller and fetched a whopping £145 in total! The hammer fell on Andrew Sumnall's bid of £120, Andrew kindly donated it back to re-auction allowing us to raise even more with the second winner, Karl Saunt going home with the cake.



After a quick turn-around, the stage was set for an evening of 1940's music from the delightful Harmony Belle who entertained us with a variety of songs and got us all up to have a little boogie. As the evening drew to a close with flowers and a huge cheer for our singer, everyone left with smiles and I'm sure many happy memories were made.

Sharron Miller

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At the August general meeting, Bev Smith the new Chief Executive of North West Leics. District Council was welcomed by the Chairman. She thanked the Council for their invitation to come to the meeting and gave Councillors a brief description of her background. She emphasised her desire to build relationships and partnerships with the local community including local councils. Following some questions by Councillors she said that she would be lobbying hard for the reinstatement of the electrification of the Midland Main Line and emphasised the importance of mitigation measures with regard to HS2. Following a question regarding the poor answering service at NWLDC, she stated that she has asked for a review of customer services at the District Council to identify areas of improvement and to see if better use of space can improve the lack of privacy experienced when public meet officers of the Council. Councillors also informed her that the main issue of concern with the District Council was the lack of consistency in their planning decisions. Bev Smith offered to come back to the Council in six months time to see if there had been any improvement.

The Council also heard a report from Packington Residents HS2 Response Team given by their Chairman Richard Jones.

He outlined their work so far and the work which needed to be done in mitigation to the proposed route. The Council fully supported their actions and agreed to fund a Public Meeting to be held on the 29th Sept. at the Memorial Hall.

The written Police report at the August meeting showed that there were three incidents in July in the village and at the council meeting in September PC Mark Ardjoo reported two traffic accidents, drug abuse debris found on Spring Lane and worryingly, gave details of a three-man raid on a house in Normanton Rd with an intent to steal car keys from the house in order drive vehicles off the forecourt. By chance Police were passing but they had their vehicle rammed as the men got away. To date no arrests have been made. The Council has now reviewed their Standing Orders and these can be viewed on the Parish website.

A discussion on commemoration of the end of World War One took place and it was decided to contact various groups in order to have a co-ordinated approach to this historical event.

Council had sight of the proposed placement of the 30mph sign near the housing development on Normanton Rd. It was decided that the proposed site gave insufficient time for approaching traffic to slow down and therefore the Council have recommended

that the new site should be nearer to the junction of Redburrow Lane or even on the Normanton side of that junction.

Discussion took place on the safety of pedestrians, prams and wheelchair users on the pavements of Packington.

There was also concern regarding street parking and it was decided to invite a representative from LCC Highways to visit Packington with a view to formulating a plan to make our footpaths and highways safer.

Now that NWLDC has their "Local Plan" with the inspectorate, it appears that Packington's Development Boundary is better protected. Recently an appeal application for 8 houses on Normanton Rd was refused by the inspectorate. This has been followed by the NWLDC refusal to permit developments on Spring Lane and Ashby Rd which again were application outside the boundary.

The next Council Meeting will take place in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall on 3rd October If you have any issues or concerns please see your local councillor details can be found on the Council's Website. **Chris Miles (Chairman) 414378**

Flu Vaccinations
Available this month at
Measham Medical Unit
for those who qualify.
Saturday 30 September
8-30am – 11am

Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall is a major event venue in the heart of our village, which hosts a wide range of activities and events for the community. During the summer, the committee successfully appointed a new Booking Secretary – we welcome along Sally Peterson. She will work closely with Joan Lawther as Joan hands over the role which she has undertaken for several years. We thank Joan for all of her hard work and dedication.

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.

Anyone for Bowls?

Short Mat Bowls that is. I am putting forward a proposal to start a new club on Tuesday afternoons. "Packington Short Mat Bowls and Social Club".



It does what it says in the title. Aimed at the "older" generation there will be a chance to play Scrabble, Cribbage and other board games while waiting your

turn on the mat. And we might even get a cup of tea.

Short Mat Bowls can be played by everyone. Men and Ladies and, with the right equipment, by the disabled in wheelchair. Equipment is expensive with a starter kit well over £1000. The plan is to get a dozen or so prospective members each paying a nominal sub so that a bank account can be opened. This is essential before an application can be made to the Solar Farm Benefit Fund.

Please let me know if you would be interested in joining this venture.

Mike Coke 560430
mike.coke@talktalk.net

School News

We've had an excellent start to the school year and we are all really pleased with the way pupils have settled in to their new classes.

Super SATs/ End of KS2 Results

We were delighted to receive our 2017 SATS results. Initial data indicates that progress was similar to national, and attainment remains above national with 94% of children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. (National 61%) We are very pleased with these results, especially in light of the new challenging assessments. Well done to all of our old Year 6 children who worked extremely hard.

Life Education Bus

Once again the Life Education Bus will visit us to help support our Science work. The bus will be here on 21st & 22nd September and all the children will take part in an age appropriate workshop looking at issues relating to health and the body. As always there will also be an opportunity for parents to participate in a presentation to find out what it's all about.

Packington Cross Country

The Unity Schools Cross Country event at Packington has been given a provisional date of Saturday 4th November. We would like to use this opportunity to give villagers prior notification of our plans. The event involves up to 20 schools and I would like to thank you for your patience as we know all the extra visitors to the village make it a busy Saturday morning.

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On **September Friday 29th** we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in school from 9.30 to 11.30. This is in memory of one of our retired teachers, Mrs Swindells, who sadly passed away in August. This will be a community event so do look out for posters going up around the village.

An interview with... Reverend Canon Vivien Elphick



What's your connection to Packington?

I am the Team Rector of the Woodfield Team of eight churches, which includes Holy Rood Church, Packington. The Team area stretches from Sweptstone to Moira and from Normanton-le-Heath to Norton-Juxta-Twycross.

Tell me about your homelife?

I have lived in Measham for 11 years, right by St Laurence Church and live there with my dog Bran. My home is closer to a church building than I have ever enjoyed before. It is not only my home but also my place of work - for work meetings, study and social events.

What is your profession?

I am a Minister of Religion and was ordained 27 years ago - I was among the first women to be

ordained. Before that, I was a solicitor.

What role do you play in the community?

As the Vicar, I have responsibility for the worship life of Holy Rood Church and together with the parochial church council, am responsible for the building and churchyard, and for our service of the village. I'm there (as are all church members), for anyone in the village, whether this is for christening of their children, weddings, funerals, a listening ear or pastoral needs. I also play an active role at Packington Church of England Primary School.

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

I once arrested a ship!

What's your most favourite Packington event?

This has to be a tie between Packington Open Gardens, the Carols by Candlelight at church and carol singing at the Bull and Lion.

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

It brings the community together and the more you put in to village life, the more you get out of it. We can't always rely on other people to do

everything, so we all need to support the village and the organisations and clubs which make up the village.

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

The Memorial Hall has been revamped, more homes have been built, and there have been a lot of people moving into the village. The school has consistently been improving standards. I would like to see the community growing together in relationships and being caring and supportive towards one another, which can be hard to achieve with busy work lives. I would also like to see people coming to the Church and using it more; it's important to have a spiritual heart to a community. The people of Packington have been generous to the church, but it would be great to have more person power as well!

What's the best thing about living in Packington?

There is such a variety of community activities and clubs. Unlike many villages this size, it still has the Church, the shop and the pub. There is plenty for people to do in the village without having to travel.

Services at Holy Rood Sundays

September 24th

11 a.m. Holy Communion

October 1st: Harvest Festival

11 am Family service

4.45pm Simple Tones singing group followed by afternoon tea

6 pm Harvest Songs of Praise

October 8th

11 a.m. Holy Communion

October 15th

11 a.m. All age Service

October 22nd

11 a.m. Holy Communion

October 29th

10.30am United service at St John's Donisthorpe: No service at Holy Rood

November 5th

11 am Morning Prayer

6 pm Evening Prayer

November 12th

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

Pet service with blessing of the animals: October 15th at 9.30 am at Holy Trinity Church, Normanton-le-Heath

A chance to have our 'best friends' join in church. Bring your pet along and all animals (whether furry, feathered, scaly or whatever) will receive a prayer of blessing.

The service will last some 40 minutes.

Harvest Festival at Holy Rood: October 1st

Two services to celebrate the harvest! At **11am** there will be a family service and then at **6pm** Harvest Songs of Praise. Do bring along some harvest offerings of tinned and/or packet food. We collect these gifts for the Marlene Reid Centre in Coalville – the Centre distributes the food to those in need in the local area. But there's even more to enjoy. At **4.45pm** there will be a short concert by the 'Simple Tones' singing group. Then there will be harvest afternoon tea with sandwiches, cakes and drinks.

Come along and enjoy them with us.



Ready, Steady, Stick!

An Amazing Harvest Adventure!



**Tuesday 24th October
Measham Church**

**Thursday 26th October
Packington Church
2-4pm**

Story, Crafts, junk modelling, games, songs and refreshments!

£1 per child

All are Welcome!
(Under 5's require an adult to stay)

**Further info. from Rev
Sue Bradley 01530 27132**

A Grand Night for Singing

A concert by the Nottingham Bluecoat Singers

**SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER @ 7.30 pm
Packington Memorial Hall**

Bar opens @ 7.00

**Complimentary Canapes for All
Tickets £10 under 12s £5**

**To book call Mary 01530 260375
or Sue 07970 216280**

email nia.sutton@live.co.uk

The recent decision to finalise the route of HS2 around Packington, back to its initially planned route, means that our Community Orchard, in Packington Wood, will no longer be in its path. This is good news! I understand the existence of the Community Orchard was listed as a factor in the decision to amend the proposed HS2 route. The Orchard originated following discussions between the National Forest and our Parish Council early in 2012 regarding greater local community involvement with Packington Wood. A PC sub-committee was set up to raise money for fruit trees and the first 30 trees were planted by volunteers on 24th November 2012, with a subsequent planting the following autumn.

The Orchard is now beginning to bear fruit (literally).



I noted apples, pears, and damsons on a recent visit. The amount of fruit produced by the existing trees should increase significantly within the next five years, and annual community jam and fruit pie production should be possible by 2025.



There is still a small amount of money available for some additional plantings this autumn, but further donations of funds for more trees would be very welcome. Because the orchard is planted on National Forest land it is not possible to put labels or messages on or near the trees but donors could have names recorded in the "Orchard" records.

An open meeting for all residents of Packington will be announced in the next issue of Packington Post to consider setting up an independent "Community Orchard" group with its own constitution to ensure the future of our "Community Orchard".

Meanwhile anyone interested in donating, supporting, or helping to plant, prune, (knowledgeable volunteer pruners would be invaluable this winter) or maintain the fruit trees in the orchard, should initially contact **Adrian Mongredien 564613** or **Chris Miles 414378**

Open Gardens



Over 600 people travelled from as far away as Shrewsbury, Stoke and Warwick to visit the gardens, enjoy a range of refreshments and browse the various stalls. A record of £4,182.00 was raised for the village church building Fabric repair fund -much needed following the recent theft of lead from the roof.

Thanks go to all who helped make it an enjoyable and successful day.

Geoff Gasson 412012



Film Club

Friday 13th October

“Beauty and the Beast”
PG (2017)



Doors open 7.00 for 7.30

Adults £4.00 children £2.00

Refreshments available

Film for November

The film for 10th November will be "My Cousin Rachel"

PG-13

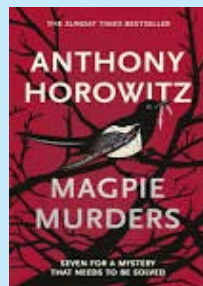


On December 8th
The Film will be “Our Finest”

Book Group

Meets on the 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:

September 27th
Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz



October 25th
One Day in the life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

November 22nd
The Muse by Jessie Burton

Contact Kate Mongredien
kate.mongredien@tesco.net
01530 564613

Ladies Group

SHOEBOX APPEAL

In conjunction with 'LINK TO HOPE' the Ladies Group are again planning to send Christmas shoeboxes for relief in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria and are collecting items to go in the boxes. Alternatively, individuals or groups can put together their own boxes which should be returned by the end of October.

Anyone interested, wanting to have a list of suitable items or willing to donate Christmas wrapping paper should contact Doreen Gasson on 01530 412012
gasson123@btinternet.com



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1st Packington Guides started the new term on 7th September 2017.

This term we plan to finish the Denmark Challenge, by making Lego models, a collage of The Little Mermaid, a roller coaster out of recycled materials and cook some Danish cookies. We will also start on the Leicestershire Centenary Challenge which involves visiting the various areas in Leicestershire or doing challenges related to them. Another badge we intend to complete is the Leicestershire Round badge which involves walking part of the Leicestershire Round. The older girls will be working toward their Baden Powell Award and the new Guides will be working towards making their promise. As if this is not enough there will be the usual fun games, songs and no doubt some cooking.

Term dates

Term Started: 7th September

Half Term: 19th & 26th Oct

Term Ends: 7th December

The Unit meets Thursdays in term time at the 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 Girl guiding would be welcome to join as a Unit

Helper or Leader.

Whether you are an adult or a child feel free to come for a taster meeting!

If you would like to know more please contact:

Allison Buswell: Unit Leader 224240
packingtonguides@gmail.com

Cricket Club

Packington Cricket Club are heading towards the end of season with the last game scheduled for Saturday 16th September at Range Road ground.

The season has not been the best we ever had as we are heading for relegation to Div 8 in the Derbyshire County League.

It has been a difficult season as we lost two star players at the end of last season 2016 with Ben Cox departing with his mum, the vicar, to the new parish in Cheshire and Joe Baron went off to New Zealand.

Together with other regulars having more family commitments than usual, it left us short of players. We managed to borrow a couple of juniors from Ashby Hastings and one from Gracedieu C.C. These young lads have helped us through a difficult season. We are now looking towards some hard work on the square over winter and the prospects of life in Div 8 next year.

Are we downhearted? No, of course not. We will fight back and hopefully get back up to Div 7 with new found vigor and hopefully some new players. Still maintaining the desire to enjoy our cricket rather than "Win at any cost". If anyone wants to join a happy family club then get in touch with **Roger Muggleton (Club President)** on **07833445422**. Or email rwmug@yahoo.co.uk.

Founded Pre 1881


Packington Cricket Club

Founded Pre 1881


WANTED

New regular and occasional players
 We run a men's team playing in the
 Derbyshire County Cricket League div 7.

Competitive cricket but our focus is having fun with it.
 Games are on a Saturday afternoon throughout the summer.
 Home games on the Ashby School playing fields (Range Road).

Interested in joining?

For more information contact Gary Downing

Email- garydowning@ymail.com
 Telephone- 07429 152147



History Group

The next meeting of the History Group will be on Wednesday 27th September at Yvonne Eaton's house on Ashby Road at 2pm. This will be our first meeting since the very sad death of our chairman Peter Cooper, who along with his late wife Laura were founder members of the group.



Peter was an extremely knowledgeable historian and a very nice man, and he will be missed by us all. He always managed to find something interesting for us all to look at. One of the last things he brought in from his huge collection of information on Packington was a copy of the 1638 inventory of the possessions of local husbandman John Presbury. Some of the items included:

	<u>£.s.d.</u>
3 pairs of bedsteads with some furniture	4.0.0
Purse and apparel	3.0.0
The crop of corn and haye	43.0.0
2 swine in the yard with bacon in the chamber	4.13.4
3 mares, a foal, and filly and a colt	20.0.0

Inventories were made to work out the value of an estate on death and can provide fascinating information on the contents of houses, and therefore the lives of people at a given time.

John Presbury's estate was valued at £277.3s6d, so he was clearly a wealthy man. We have no idea of where he lived in the village, so if anyone can help with this we would love to hear from you! At our next meeting, we will be discussing how we aim to move forward and will pass on any news in the next Packington Post.

New members are always welcome, and if you are interested in joining us.

Contact Yvonne 412269

Rainbows

Well what a busy time we have had this year at 1st Packington Rainbows! We've been visited by Fireman Wayne who talked to us about what to do in a fire and how to keep safe. Also our local Police officer paid us a visit and we learned more about his job. This year we have also joined in with some of the events in the community. November brought Ashby's Remembrance Parade which the girls enjoyed taking part in and also we went to the local girl guiding charity event 'Dress up and dance' where lots of fun was had by all.

During our weekly meetings at the village hall we have done a variety of activities that have enabled us to achieve three badges; 'Roundabout Seasons', 'All about me' and 'Roundabout Festivals'. The summer term finished with a visit to Rebound trampoline park in Ashby and then a picnic at the recreational ground here in Packington. We are really looking forward to another fun and busy year.

**Judith Dennis
Rainbow Leader**

Men's Group (PMG)

On Monday 10th July several members of the group were taught the intricacies of the game of Croquet at the Croquet club in Moira. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and our games were surprisingly competitive! In August fourteen members of the group attended the annual breakfast at the Bull and Lion and, as always the food was excellent. We were then entertained by a stimulating talk on the comparison of City life with Village life from Terry Hammond.

Our next event on Thursday 12th October we have a presentation on Modern Media from Robert Dilworth in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room to start at 7.45pm. This talk is about Information Technology so don't forget your iPad for this event!

Mike Taylor 414862



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CONTEXT

Bonfire Party

Saturday 4th November 6-45pm

We hope to repeat the success of previous Bonfire Parties and as you can see we are **not** keeping to the traditional date again this year. This is because the 5th, a Sunday, would clash with activities at the Holy Rood Church.

There is a need to build a safe bonfire, so we are asking those of you who bring material to burn to check the contents before you take it to the site with Chris Miles.



Over the last few years the bonfires have been terrific because we have built it from pallets and fencing etc. Smoke was limited because we did not have green material.

Anyone who has any easily combustible wood such as old fence panels, pallets and old sheds, can bring them to the bonfire site or make arrangements for collection by calling the contact numbers below. We hope to

start accepting wood from Thursday 19th October onwards.

The Bonfire Party will be run on similar lines to previous years. The bonfire will be lit as near to 7pm as possible and there will be two sessions of Display Fireworks. In the interval, there will be a sparkler session for youngsters accompanied by an adult and this will be free of charge.

The event itself is free but we shall ask you for a donation which can be gift aided and will help the charity to pursue its aims. Entry will be via the top entrance to the Play-area in Vicarage Lane. Anyone parking in the Recreation Ground car-park will be asked to walk up Vicarage Lane to this entrance as it is a safer access in the dark. Hot dogs, burgers, punch and drinks can be purchased and we hope you all have an enjoyable time. Please come and support this event no matter what the weather.

There will be over £600 of display fireworks and as the charity has had to pay a hefty £400 insurance premium to stage this bonfire, we need to see the whole of Packington on the Recreation Ground. Please **Do Not** bring any of your own fireworks to this event. This includes sparklers. It is a condition of the insurance that only authorised fireworks are displayed in a safe and secure environment.

The money raised at last year's bonfire night has been spent on maintenance and

repairs to the fencing and the posts of the agility apparatus.

We always require more volunteers to run this event.

We need to;

- a) help set up,**
- b) help on the night,**
- c) to pack away.**

Anyone who can help, please contact me prior to the event so that we can get organised. Don't hold back, please volunteer your services as soon as you can.

Enquiries ring Chris 414378 or 07856 179485.

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4th Oct & 1st Nov
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Aircraft Noise

"Steve Plummer writes"

Not only do we endure the constant "hum" from the A42, the promise of noise from the forthcoming HS2 but this year we have been subjected to substantial increased aircraft noise pollution from above.

Over the last several months Ashby and nearby areas (Packington in particular) have been subjected to excessive noise nuisance from 6.33am to 11.30pm with continuous planes almost every 5 minutes at many times of the early morning, throughout the day and late at night.

It is fairly obvious that the aircraft are "cutting the corner" when turning South East towards Europe

It is not acceptable that the aircraft are flying directly over the densest population in the area immediately south west of the airport.

The population of Ashby and Packington is c. 16000. Whilst aircraft are here to stay and traffic will inevitably increase, it would seem reasonable to ensure that the impact must be planned in a way that affects the minority not the majority.

A slight move of the air corridor to the north and west- possibly past Measham before turning to the south - would take aircraft over open and sparsely populated areas before turning to the south east towards Europe.

It is worthy of note that this repetitive intrusive noise, particularly early morning and

late at night, can lead to sleep deprivation for residents.

There are many studies showing that this leads to poor medical health outcomes.

If you too feel this is a problem which is only going to get worse as air travel increases and needs to be addressed now please send your comments/suggestions

To Stephen Plummer

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Wally Instrall

Not much to add to my last report. Wally is still really happy in the home, gets on with everyone there (as you would expect), and has finally found his way around the place. He seems more relaxed and alert than he was in Packington; the pressure of life in the village was already getting too much for him. Now everything is done for him, and he doesn't have to make any decision of any kind. He now is even more likely to live for ever. The home holds special parties to celebrate letters from the Queen, and Wally is due for one in just over 3 years time. I expect that he will still be living there long after then.

For those who want to keep in touch with him, his address is:
Rayners Care Home
Weedon Hill
Hyde Heath
Amersham
HP6 5UH

Meanwhile, those in The Grange will have noticed that Wally's house is on the market.

Best wishes to all

Rod Instrall

From HS2 Response Team

Residents will already be aware that the Government has announced its decision not to adopt the change of route for HS2 to the east of Measham. This is good news for the village, as that revised route was the worst of all options, not only for Packington but also for neighbouring villages. Many of the objections that we included in our response on behalf of the village are referred to in the analysis of responses supplied to the Secretary of State.

We have been told by HS2 Ltd that they were surprised by both the number and the quality of the responses to the consultation about the route change in this area. SLC, Rail, who are consultants to the District Council, have said that we should be proud of our achievement in overturning the route change proposal, as it is rare for this to happen.

We would like to thank the many residents of Packington, and their friends and family outside the village, who made the effort to submit individual responses to the consultation. Without your involvement we probably would not have achieved this outcome.

The weight of objections really does seem to have made a difference.

Sadly, Packington will still be faced with the constructional and operational impacts of a high-speed rail line close to the village.

The impact has been lessened, not removed.

Consequently, the Response Team will continue to lobby HS2 Ltd during the design stage, in order to minimise the adverse effects on Packington and its residents as far as is possible. We look forward to the continued support of the people of Packington.

Richard Jones. Chairman

Another Great evening!!! The Annual Duck Race on August Bank Holiday was again a fantastic, successful event. The weather was brilliant, the best it has been for some years. The spectators and pundits arrived as if by magic and tickets were being snapped up from 5-30pm onwards. There was a quacking buzz in the air. All races were sold out and the customized duck race proved popular again, with a near record entry of 46. "Duck Nudger", David Dring, did a sterling job of rounding up the ducks in the rather slow current of the Gilawiskaw, and Gemma and Zac did well, catching all the ducks at the finish line.



During the evening, the Bar-B-Q was doing a brisk trade and the Memorial Hall Committee, who organised the event, would like to thank volunteers, Dean, Pauline, Sally Ann, Alison and Debbie who manned the food stall, for their excellent work. Now for the results.

1st Race. Winner: Ian (94).
 Second: Joy Gravestock (49)
 Third: Nigel (109)
2nd Race. Winner: Oliver Roe (246);
 Second: Lesley Leitch (208);
 Third: Aaron Robinson(284)
3rd Race. Winner: Sharon Miller (83);
 Second: Andy Gibson (67);
 Third: Mathais (62)



The final race was the hotly contested **Customized Race**. A near record entry of 46 Ducks saw an enthusiastic dash to the start by contestants ranging from babes in arms to 70 plus. Chief Duck Steward Chris Miles briefed participants at the start and the race got underway as though it were the final of the Olympic 100m. As soon as the contestants had released their creations from Hall Lane Bridge, children and bigger 'children' were chasing down Mill St to keep up with their special bird. The duck, which proved the quickest, was "Little Duck" owned by Summer. Second and third placed owners were James and Evelyn. The best decorated and attractive duck was prepared by Abbi Lawther. Well done everyone for entering.!!

Again, thanks must go to everyone for making it a great night and to the new Curate Joanne and her husband Barry for loaning us the vicarage forecourt for the evening. Thanks to the ticket sellers who sold prior to the event and to Judith, Joan, Robin Katie and Abi, for manning the ticket office on the night.

Another great family evening and I am happy to report that the event realised over £400 which will be used to improve and maintain our lovely Packington Memorial Hall. Well done Packington!
Chris Miles

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Harebells are small hardy little blue bell shaped wild flowers. They are difficult to spot, but if you look carefully, they are there and you can find them.



This year has been a good year for the harebells and they can be found in several areas. They should still be there in September. See if you can find them. They say they make a very small ringing noise in the breeze.....

Peter Last



Packington Cricket Club Quiz Night



Saturday 18th November
Packington Memorial Hall, Packington,

1st Prize – £60

2nd Prize – 6 bottles of wine

3rd Prize – Chocolate hamper

Raffle and Games during the interval

Bar available

£15 per team of 4. Maximum 25 teams

To reserve your place call Gary Downing on
07429 152147 or email garydowning@ymail.com

Doors open @ 7.15pm

Quiz starts @ 7.45pm



Open Farm Sunday

24th September 2017

10.30am – 4.00pm

Free admission

Hill Farm, Spring Lane, Packington
LE65 1WU.

Visit Hill Farm after harvest time and hear about the "Cereal Story"

- Sausage making and tasting activities
- Alpaca felting workshop
- Meet all the farm animals including Canadian bison, red deer, rare breed pigs, sheep, cattle, alpacas, shire horses and our donkeys.
- Machinery display.
- Hot and cold food available throughout the day.
- *Small charge will apply to the sausage making and felting workshops.*



Forest Walk

30th September 2017

2.00 – 4.00pm

Proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support

Hill Farm, Spring Lane, Packington
LE65 1WU.

- Enjoy a guided leisurely forest walk with no stiles taking in the autumn colours of our woodland, followed by afternoon tea at 3.00pm.



- Cost £5.00 per head, children under 10 free, dogs welcome.

- All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

TESCO BAGS OF HELP

Every two months Tesco Ashby Extra has up to £7000 to award to three local projects. We are currently looking for applications for the next two rounds of voting, Nov/Dec 2017 - Jan/Feb 2018. Applications received before the end of September 2017 will be considered for the Nov/Dec vote.

The Tesco Bags of Help Community Funding Scheme which has a wide criteria for community projects. To be eligible your project must benefit the local area and your group needs to be constituted. If you are not constituted you may find that your local parish or town council may be able to help you with your application. The link at the bottom will take you through to the two-part application process - guidance notes and frequently asked questions are at the bottom of the link page.

Tesco customers vote for two months on projects in their area. The popularity of the project will reflect the amount of money the group receives (1st receives £4,000, 2nd £2,000 and 3rd £1000). The maximum a project can receive is £4,000 but groups are guaranteed a minimum of £1000 if they get through to the public vote. It is suggested that projects put in plans for the full £4000 but have proposals to scale down to less amounts should they get second £2000, or third place £1000. Visit the link for more info or pop into the Tesco Ashby Extra.

www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/boh-grant-for-project-tes

Yours *Simon Hemmings*, Community Champion, Tesco Ashby Extra