



New Facilities Planned For Recreation Ground

Recreation Ground Charity Facility Improvements

At the meeting on the 9th October we looked at the questionnaire that had been circulated and as a result we made a list of suggestions received. The following list is in no particular order of merit. Walking labyrinth; baby and toddler apparatus; disabled equipment; gym stations; multi surface sports area; Skatepark; new goals with nets; Zip wire; team swing; outdoor draughts and chess board; flood lighting. Since that meeting further suggestions have been made and include; provision of water and electricity with a base for easy erection of tent/cover for events: make a more suitable hardcore roadway to get onto the field. At the conclusion of our first meeting it was decided that lines of enquiry will be opened to explore the following areas.

- Multi Sports Play Area.
- All-Age Gym Fitness Station
- Zip Wire providers
- Team swing (an inclusive piece of apparatus).



Above: Example of All-Age Gym Fitness Station

Our next meeting scheduled at the end of November will be for the Trustee working party to look at cost, feasibility and providers.

A decision as to the way forward will hopefully be made early in the New Year.
Chris Miles
(Chairman of the Trustees)

Holy Rood Church
& The Bull & Lion
Invite You To
STARLIGHT CAROLS
with the
SALVATION ARMY BRASS BAND



Outside the Bull & Lion
THURSDAY 21st DEC
7 pm

Wrap up warm, bring a torch or a lantern and enjoy the evening with a mince pie and mulled wine.



The History Group

invites you to an

Open Meeting

to discuss its forthcoming activities and encourage new members to join us.

Meeting Room Memorial Hall
Tuesday 28th November 7.30pm
Hope to see you and
bring along your ideas!
Contact Yvonne Eaton 412269



At the 3rd October meeting of the Parish Council only two incidents were reported on by the police. One was anti-social behaviour (loud party) on Measham Rd, the other was a road traffic collision on Coleorton Lane. However, in the month of October and early November, Packington was a hot spot for police related incidents. It was also a bad month for traffic accidents. In all, thirteen cases were reported to the Council by the Police. Further details can be found on the Parish Council web site.

Under separate items the Council discussed an update concerning HS2 and a request by District Council as to whether Packington will be making any preparations to celebrate the 100 years anniversary of the end of WW1. This will be the weekend of November 10th and 11th 2018. It was agreed that something will be arranged and be an agenda item for the foreseeable future.

For some time, Councillors have expressed dissatisfaction with some of the surface and access of footpaths, pavements and roads within Packington and as a result, a list of all the areas of concern was made. At our November meeting a representative of County Highways was present to address the issues with Councillors. Together with the support of the Chairman of LCC and Valley Ward

Councillor representative, Nick Rushton and the dogged determination of Councillor Martin to get things done, many of our concerns had been recently addressed with others shown to be on the repair programme within the next few months.

During the November meeting Councillors addressed the issue of the Council Budget for 2018/19 and during discussions it was agreed to award the Packington Post a grant of £2000 to assist with the cost of printing. The final budget for the New Year will be announced and verified at the December Parish Council Meeting.

As many of you know the village has a Solar Farm Community Fund and funding requests are determined following an application. The Council agreed at their November meeting to award the Packington Communications Group a grant of £300 to assist with the production and printing of the Packington Welcome Pack. This pack is distributed to newcomers to our village and if you are awaiting a pack or are new to the village, please contact the Packington Post team and in particular, Becky Taylor who has now taken over the role of co-ordinator for the Welcome Pack. **(If you need one call Becky 411027)**

The November meeting concluded with a number of planning applications being discussed. The final-outcome for planning issues are the responsibility of NWLDC Planning Committee, however the Parish Council has made an objection to a new build on Redburrow Lane.

This application is outside the limits to development and is detrimental to the countryside.

Further details of meetings agendas and minutes can be found on our official Website and if you have any concerns please contact Councillors or the Clerk to the Council. Again, all these details can be found on the Website.
www.packingtonpc.org.uk/
Chris Miles. Chairman
414378

Daffodils

As you read this, residents are out planting another 4000 bulbs to complete the planting started three years ago. There may still be time for you to help.

Contact Chris Miles 414378



Ladies Charity Evening

People arrived early for our Charity Open Evening this year. Perhaps the word 'chocolate' had something to do with it! Tom Philips of Hannah's Sugarcraft at Quorn set out his stall and explained about the origin of chocolate and how different types were used for different purposes. It was encouraging to know that cocoa is made from a fruit. (one of five a day perhaps!!) He then set out to make a frog sitting on a lily pad! I was surprised to see that decorations were added first rather than piped on afterwards – so white chocolate eyes were piped into the mould first and allowed to set in the fridge before two chocolate coats were added to the mould. Meanwhile, Tom proceeded to make chocolates to be distributed to the audience. Once the various items had been made he assembled the parts and a wonderful chocolate frog was formed!



Tom donated the frog as a raffle prize – which was won by Marion Mugglestone.

There was also an opportunity to purchase a selection of his chocolates. Tom is available for children's parties of 10 plus age, and also day workshops for anyone wishing to try their hand at making chocolates! The evening raised £399.70p for Rainbows and The Children's Air Ambulance and was a great success all round.

The Ladies Group programme of events for 2018 will be available from mid-December. If you would like to have a copy, please **Contact Doreen Gasson 01530 412012** gasson123@btinternet.com

Bakery Project

There are some people you could listen to all evening and still want to hear more; Eugene Schellenberg was just such a person. We sat enthralled as he recounted coming to England from Switzerland, getting married, working with kitchen equipment and eventually with his wife, visiting his son working in a tropical diseases unit in Tanzania.

He then went on to explain how they became involved in equipping a bakery in a wing of a convent 200 miles away from the nearest bakery! It was enthralling. This unassuming couple attempt to raise £30,000 each year, to keep the free bakery going, by doing regular talks such as this one. They take no expenses so all donations are given to the Ifakara Bakery Project and Free Bread Funds.



Ladies Group donated £50 and separate donations swelled the total to £133 which, in his letter he explains, 'Thank you very much. You may like to know that your gifts will enable us to fund 532 loaves of bread for those in Ifakara who have so little but much appreciate their daily bread.' The Gift Aid donations will provide a further 40 loaves.

Eugene goes on to say, 'It is very difficult to put into words how grateful the people are who now receive their daily bread. During our recent visit we were asked again and again to ensure that everybody who is helping us to maintain the bread funds should know how much of a life-line it is for them. We saw how much good the regular supply of nutritious bread does to so many'

If you belong to a group and would like to know more about this work, please email them:

Emschellenberg@aol.com

Packington Village

NHW Alerts- As well as Packington Watch a new WhatsApp Group Chat has been created for communication of suspicious activity. To be added text Graham Saunt 07764 471917 Alternatively if you live in the village join Packington's Facebook Watch Page. wesley@packington.net

Spa Day for Sam

Following the request in the July issue of the Post, Sam Culwick was nominated as deserving of some "me time". The nomination reads "A suggestion for the pampering day would be Samantha Culwick on Hall Lane. She has three kids, one with cerebral palsy and so has a busy life dedicated to looking after her family and even though it must be hard, whenever she walks by, she always has a cheery and friendly way about her. It would be nice for her to have some pamper time, just for herself".

Sam is very excited and is very much looking forward to a relaxing and Pampering day at Springs.



Picture shows Carole Harvey presenting the award to Sam. Many thanks to Champneys for this generous donation.

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Castle Medical Group

Flu vaccination for children

Just a reminder to parents and carers that we now have plenty of stock of the nasal flu vaccination for children aged 2-4 (excluding children in Reception who will be immunised at school). It's just a quick squirt up each nostril for children and will protect them against the really unpleasant effects of flu. Please book with reception now if you would like your child to have this vaccination.

It's coming to that time of year again when coughs, colds, sneezing and sore throats are abundant. These are all the signs of the common cold. If you have any of the following symptoms raised temperature (39-40°C), sweating, overwhelming tiredness, chesty cough and sneezing these are signs that you may have flu. Most healthy adults do not need to see a doctor for colds or flu. You should **rest your body; drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids; ask your local pharmacist for advice AND remember antibiotics will not help colds, flu or sore throats. Children or adults with chronic health conditions, very high temperature or severe pain should seek medical advice.** Contact 414131

Please note that we will be closed on Monday, 25 December and Tuesday, 26 December 2017. Please remember to order enough medication for over the Festive Season, but should you run out your usual pharmacy can also supply emergency medication.

Measham Medical Unit

The darker nights are here so why not join one of our daytime groups?
Walking Football – Stroke & Disability Group – Knitting Group - Art & Therapy Group - Walking Groups
www.meashamdoctors.co.uk

Dementia Singing Group

This new group will start in January and will meet twice each month on Tuesday afternoons in Measham Church Hall. This will be for patients who have Dementia, and also for their carer. We now need four volunteers who will be on hand during these sessions to help the Group's Music Therapist (serving tea, joining in with some of the activities, etc.). If you can help, please email Measham.doctors@nhs.net

Packington NHW Neighbourhood Watch

Find out and help with suspicious activity in and around the village. Join PNHW and get alerts.

07966 019133

wesley@packington.net

Services at Holy Rood

November 26th Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Communion

December 3rd Sunday

Advent

11am Morning Prayer



4pm Christingle service:
All ages & Packington School

December 6th Wednesday

10 am Service of Holy Communion

December 10th Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Communion

11am Sunday Club - meets back of church

December 17th Sunday

11 a.m. No service

6pm Carols by Candlelight

December 24th Sunday

Christmas Eve

11 a.m. No service

4 pm Crib service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

December 25th Monday

Christmas Day

No service at Holy Rood but 9.30 am family communion at Holy Trinity, Normanton-le-Heath

December 31st Sunday

United team service

No service at Holy Rood

2018

January 3rd

Service of Holy Communion (First Wednesday) 10 am

January 7th

11 am Morning Prayer

6 pm Evening Prayer

January 14th

11 a.m. Holy Communion

January 21st

11am All age service

More detail about our special Christmas services

December 3rd at 4pm:

Christingle service to which all are welcome as we start the season of Advent.

December 10th at 11am is a Toy Service. We will be receiving toys (preferably new) at this service. They will go to the Marlene Reid Centre in Coalville for distribution to children who might not otherwise get Christmas presents. Can you help? Toys can be brought on the day or left in church over the two days prior to the service. Please don't wrap any toys up as the Marlene Reid Centre needs to see what toys they have so they can be distributed appropriately. However they do appreciate Christmas wrapping paper.

December 17th at 6pm: a

real highlight of the Christmas season – Carols by Candlelight

December 21st: Carols with the Salvation Army at the Bull and Lion

Christmas Eve 24th

December: 4 pm sees our popular crib service when we go back to Bethlehem and ponder the birth of a very special baby (especially for the young and young at heart). 11.30pm is the traditional midnight holy communion.

Mary and Joseph start their journey to Bethlehem on December 3rd



Above knitted figures of Mary and Joseph.

Advent Sunday marks the start of the journey of our Posada figures (Mary and Joseph). They travel round the village staying overnight at the homes of those who will host them. Hosts are invited to send Vivien an account of their stay (and photos) to go on the church website. They then return to church on Christmas Eve at the Christingle service. Would you like to give them a bed for the night? If so ring **Vivien on 01530 270354** and find out more.

Coffee & Chat

Every third Wednesday of the month



9:30 to 11:30

In

Packington Church

All ages are very welcome to join us for Coffee/Tea/ Cake and Cookies

Phill and Emma from the Bull and Lion

What's your connection to Packington?

We are Publicans of the Bull and Lion, which has been at the heart of Packington since the 17th century.

Tell me about your home life?

We have lived in Packington since 2014 and we live above the pub with our two dogs, so our home is also our place of work. Working long hours, our free time is precious, but we like nothing more than to walk our dogs!

What is your profession?

As landlady and landlord, we manage every aspect of our business, including stock management, recruiting, training and supervising staff, catering, building relationships with suppliers and executing plans for a successful business. We care about our customers and our ears are often there just to listen.

What role do you play in the community?

The pub hosts many community activities, such as regular meetings for the cricket club, film club, 1st Thursday club, HS2 meetings. We run a quiz night every Tuesday and often have live music from local musicians. The Morris Men visit every May Day and Boxing Day and we also organise trips for villagers, like race days and Army vs Navy rugby.



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

*Both: We are not married
Emma: I went to a private military school*

Phill: I have two girls, Gaby and Caitlin and have 8 military medals

What's your most favourite Packington event?

Egg throwing over the pub on Easter Sunday

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

More events can be planned if more people show their support. Villagers like being in the village, so show you are part of it.

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

More houses have been built, which brings more people in. We have seen villagers having children and bringing in new life and friendships. The solar farm was built and money has been invested back into the village. Party in the Park was a great success, but could be better supported.

We would like to see crocuses planted around the village for spring colour and better signage for the church, as many people call in to ask where it is. Also we would like to see the Village Hall utilised more, perhaps greater discounts for villagers to encourage its use.

What's the best thing about living in Packington?

Daybreak. Pete is fantastic; he would do anything for anyone. We wish him all the best in his future adventure.

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Packington Village CCTV Project - Our Operating Procedures and Privacy Impact Assessment are currently with North West Leicester District Council for approval/support. When fully finalised we will be seeking Parish Council approval. Contact Wesley 07966 019133



The Memorial Hall is probably one of the most used village community buildings in the county and much of the credit for this is down to the hard working, voluntary contributions made by the Trustees. I am happy to report that our new booking secretary, Sally, is preparing to take over from Joan who is retiring having done all the ground work for our online booking system. The Hall has streamlined its booking procedures and we hope it will make it easier to hire the Hall. We have recently had two volunteers to manage the secretary's role and in Hilary and Debbie I feel the Hall will receive excellent service. At the last two meetings there were talks on setting up a Short Mat Bowls group and to make the Table Tennis Tables more accessible. At present four tables are stored in the container at the rear of the Hall. The Trustees are exploring the possibility of an extra storage room at the rear of the Hall which can be accessed by double doors to the side of the stage. We are at the design stage and we await instruction from David Granger Architectural Design Ltd who are currently drawing up plans. During the year the Memorial Hall Committee have been reviewing their policy statements for health and safety, social inclusion, fire risk assessment etc. We hope to have them all sorted by early next year.

The Hall has been busy at weekends over the past few months. We hosted the ever popular Packington Horticultural Show; a local wedding where the Hall was superbly decorated; a 50th birthday; a 70th birthday; a Christening;

A Choir Concert; a Folk Concert Night; plus numerous children's birthday parties.

Many people who attend events and functions often remark to me. "What a fantastic venue. It's so bright and clean and so well equipped." This leads me to say thank you to the cleaning staff who often go unnoticed when they are cleaning floors and toilets at 1am in the morning so that the Hall is ready for a 9am booking the next day.

The Hall is looking for somebody to occasionally wash table cloths. We would obviously pay someone to do this and suitable remuneration would be agreed. If there is anyone willing to do this job, please call me Chris Miles (Chairman) on or email christopher.miles@sky.com

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.

Village Welcome Pack

I took over responsibility for the production and distribution of the Welcome Packs this summer. Looking back at the records kept over the last 12 months approximately 15 Welcome Packs have been delivered. The recently updated Contact Sheet plus the newly designed Information Booklet will greatly improve the pack for newcomers to our village. In fact, I have recently received some very positive feedback from Mr Griffin of Normanton Road who was welcomed by his NHW representative, who gave him his pack.

"It was good of Robert to pass on our contact details to you, but I just wanted to let you know that we've already received a welcome pack, which we both find very useful."

Furthermore, after a request in the Packington Post last month for help in keeping an eye out for new arrivals into The Paddocks Estate, Valerie Smith, from Homecroft, contacted me and offered her assistance, in the New Year, for that area. We believe the homes will start to become occupied in March 2018.

Thank you for the Solar Farm Fund of £300 towards the production of these packs, as you can see - they are a being very well received.

Rebecca Taylor 411027
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Big Breakfast 2018

The date has been set for one of the village's favourite events. **Saturday 3rd March** is the date. Whether you are a volunteer or someone who enjoys a good, cooked breakfast, make a note of the date. All regular helpers will be contacted early in the new year but if you would like to help ring the organiser: **Mike Coke 530460**



The charity to benefit this year has not yet been decided, so if you have an idea of a local organisation you would like to support please let the editor know. editor@packington.info

Ready, Steady, Stick!

A very special story!



A fun afternoon celebrating the story of Christmas **Saturday December 9th 2-4.30pm**, includes a party tea
St Laurence Church Hall, Measham

Crafts; Games; Story; Drama; Junk Modelling
Open to all children Year 6 and under. Under school age require an adult to stay. **£1.00 per child**
Further details from Rev Sue Bradley 01530 271327 bradleysusan74@gmail.com

Film Club

Next Film Friday 8th December 7 for 7:30pm



Drama, Comedy, Romance
A former secretary, newly appointed as a scriptwriter for propaganda films, joins the cast and crew of a major production while the Blitz rages around them.

Sheep Killed

Over the days around Thursday 9th-Friday 10th November, a sheep was attacked and died in Plummer's Wood. Evidence on the body indicated an attack by an animal leading to the death of the sheep. Death is not necessarily caused by the actual physical injury, but the animal is literally "frightened" to death if harassed and chased. A second sheep showed evidence of being attacked but survived. Given the size of the sheep it is highly unlikely to have been a fox and a more likely culprit is a dog. Repeated appeals have been made to owners to keep their dogs on leads when in the presence of livestock although this is regularly ignored. If anyone can help in tracking down a culprit **Call 01530 412963**
hms@historicmodelships.co.uk



PACKINGTON PIP

Party in the Park 2018

The committee will be meeting again early in the New Year to start preparations for the next Party in the Park (PIP). We would love to hear from anyone interested in bringing new ideas; helping with the planning and rolling up their sleeves in the preparations to ensure the second PIP will be as successful as the first.

SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2018

Please contact Terry on 01530 415764 as soon as possible - We look forward to hearing from you!

Cross Country

Our cross Country event was held on Saturday 4th November and was a great success. The number of children who turned out to represent Packington was marvellous – 40 children in total set off from the starting line and put in their best effort. All the pupils were presented with a certificate in our Growing & Glowing Time.

We had some fabulous results with special mention to the following:

Reception Girls: Lucy Simkins 1st place

Year 3/4 Girls: Anna Mitchell 1st place, Katie Sisman 2nd place and Jemimah Dring 3rd place.

Year 3/4 Boys: Samuel Sharpe 1st place, Bailey Baker 4th place.

Year 5/6 Girls: Poppy Mathias 1st place.

Year 5/6 Boys: Will Cross 3rd place.

A big well done to all our runners!

I would like to pass on our thanks to the Parish Council for the use of the Recreation Ground and to Mr and Mrs Page and Mr Plant who kindly let us use their land. I would also like to thank the Packington School Association for providing refreshments, the parents who volunteered their time to help marshal etc. and of course all the villagers for their patience with the extra visitors into the village. Your support helped make the day a great success.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Macmillan's Year of Hope had a great start with the Coffee Morning that exceeded our wildest expectations. Our aim was to give some hope for those suffering the effects of cancer. However, we were simply amazed by the support we received. There were cakes galore and so many visitors from parents, grandparents and local residents.

We were especially delighted that Mrs Swindells' daughter popped in for a chat and a coffee and she was delighted that we had dedicated the event to her mum. The pupils rose to the challenge to welcome our guests and ensure that they were all well looked after. Our team of receptionists signed them in, whilst our waiters and waitresses took the orders. It was great to see our young people showing such confidence, taking their jobs so seriously. The school hall seemed constantly full and a hive of activity. So thank you everybody for your support and generosity. We can't thank you enough, the **£750.66** we raised was fantastic!

Harvest Festival

We had a very successful Harvest Festival before half term. The quantity and range of donations for the Harvest Hampers was truly fantastic and then on top of that everyone dug deep into their pockets in these difficult times to buy raffle tickets. As a result, we have raised a marvellous **£190** to give to Cancer Research UK. Thank you to all who supported this great event.



Summer Reading Challenge

There were smiles all round when we received a telephone call to say that we had won the Library Services Summer Reading Challenge again! That means that Packington had the highest percentage of pupils who signed up and completed the challenge to read 6 books from the library over the holidays. Well done to all the pupils who took part – it is a great achievement. We have been presented with a cup which is now on display in the school library.

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Men's Group

At our September meeting Terry Hammond gave an illuminating talk on many aspects of mental health. We were astounded that the cost to the NHS was in excess of £105 billion a year and that the stigma attached to mental illness is still there and needs to be addressed. One of our own members, Robert Dilworth, talked about "Modern Media Communications" at the October meeting. He used the TV in the Meeting Room to show some of the latest technology including a live chat with his son in San Francisco. We all learnt something new but not sure how many will put the new skills to work.



In November the group was treated to a superb talk by our guest speaker Charles Hill, a recently retired Merchant Navy chief engineer. The highlights were his explanation of the mysteries of the engine room, the interesting personalities he met and the use of his cruise ship as a troop ship in the Falklands war. This was a memorable evening enjoyed by all. Our next event on 14th December is the Christmas meal at the Bull and Lion to commence at 6.30pm.

Mike Taylor 414862

Table Tennis

The club continues to meet from 7:15pm - 9:15pm every Wednesday evening throughout the winter at. It is run on a pay and play basis i.e. £2.50 per adult and £1.50 for juniors paid on the night. Numbers on each Wednesday vary between 12 and 20 with all levels being represented.



Going forward the club plans to become affiliated to the Leicestershire Table Tennis association and engage a part time coach.

We are holding a "free" evening where anyone can come and try the game with no charge - this will be on Wednesday 29th November from 7:15pm - 9:15pm. Note all juniors need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Call Graham Saunt
07764471917**

First Wednesday Coffee Morning



**6th December
10.00 to 12.00
Meeting Room
Memorial Hall**

Please drop in and Join us

Cricket Club



Winter approaches and the nights are dark, all thoughts of cricket have long disappeared. The square has been bedded down for winter with loam and new seed is already showing its shoots. Fertilizer has been spread and we now sit back and wait for Spring to arrive?

No we don't.

We get on with the task of planning next season. New players to recruit, fund raising to arrange, store sheds to sort and tidy. A multitude of jobs to be done. The good news of course is that we will remain in Div 7 of the Derbyshire County League next season instead of being relegated. This all occurred due to the restructuring of the leagues. Aren't we the lucky ones! We can look forward to renewing battles with familiar clubs. The Diamond Club continues to flourish (It's like a 100 club) and raise much needed funds.

Winter nets will commence in February at Ashby School on Monday evenings.

If you would like to join this family oriented club, then telephone Club President,
**Roger Muggleton
07833 445422**



Another great day for Packington! Though damp underfoot, the weather conditions were perfect for over 500 people to enjoy this Party. With clear skies and a crisp cold feel in the air, the bonfire was lit by Packington's expert bonfire builder Bob Plant. At precisely 7-00 pm the damp fence panels, pallets, wooden sheds. posts and all things easily burnable were a-light in seconds. The bonfire, thirty metres in circumference and nearly eight metres tall, displayed flames as tall as the surrounding trees. A brilliant sight, and all spectators felt the warmth even though they were nearly fifty metres away.

A well organised team in the refreshment tent started serving early arrivals at 6-30pm and with the barbeque working flat out I am told the food team were kept busy throughout the evening.

The first half of the fireworks display began at about 7-20 pm and saw a continuous barrage of noise and colour. At about 7-35 pm there was a lull in proceedings whilst the firework team were setting up for the finale. This gap was filled by the ever-popular sparkler session for children with parents supervising. Over 150 sparklers were lit with the youngsters enjoying a safe and supervised environment for this hands-on activity.

The firework programme then continued with another set of

colourful explosions and rockets soaring into the night sky. During the intervals we were again entertained with a great view of the fireworks at Cattow's farm which made Packington's night a really great BOGOF event.

The organisers, 'The Packington Recreation Ground Charity' would like to thank the many volunteers who enabled this event to run safely and successfully.

Thanks also to Alan, Dean, Dave, Ian, Bob Parry for their fantastic energy and commitment in the on-field preparation for the event and to Bob and Dean for helping me the following day to dismantle the tents, the fencing, the tables, the rubbish etc.

Once again, the Bonfire Night was financially sustainable. The attendance was slightly down on the previous record breaking year but with some generous donations and excellent food and drink sales I am pleased to say that a surplus of over £1400 was made on the night. We thank those who filled in the Gift Aid forms and we hope to add on another £250 to this very good total!! This money will be used by the Trustees to maintain and keep our Recreation Ground facilities in good order. We hope to repeat the success next year. Thank-you Packington and District for your support.

Chris Miles
Chairman of Trustees.

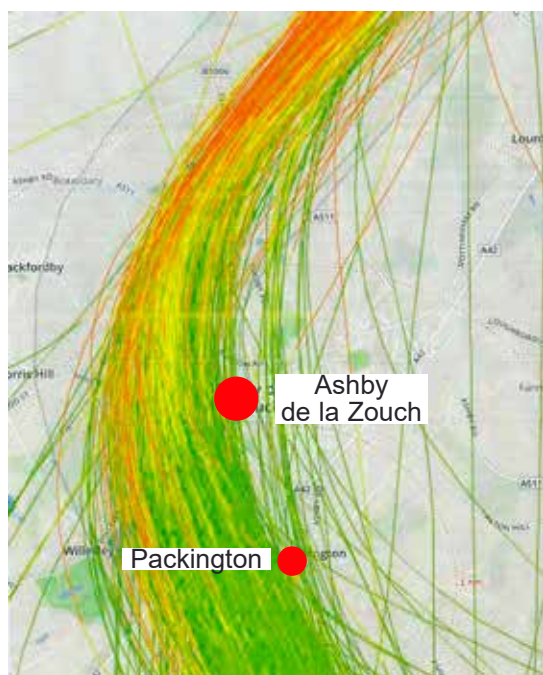
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Guides

Guides have worked on the Denmark Challenge, by making Lego models and a roller coaster out of recycled materials. They have also chosen to do the "Chocolate Go for it" which has involved games using Chocolate and making a box to hold chocolates. This half term we have spent an evening making Poppy pictures which have been displayed in Trinity Church, Ashby.



Term Ends: 7th December
 2017 Spring Term Starts:
 11th January 2017
 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. Whether you are an adult, or a child feel free to come for a taster meeting!
Allison Buswell – Unit Leader 01530 224240
packingtonguides@gmail.com



Following my letter in the September edition of the Post a dialogue has been had with the Civil aviation Authority(CAA) and East Midlands Airport (EMA).A summary of the response and position is as follows;- A complaint has been officially logged and acknowledged with the CAA. There is an official mechanism to lobby to have air corridors reviewed and moved. As to be expected, it is a long and tortuous route and will take time but it is possible.

The current air corridor from EMA to the west is a 3km swathe which was set in 2001. This was long before the current volume of flights from the airport and before the significant expansion of Ashby and surrounding district thus affecting more people now and in the future.

The eastern line of the corridor goes straight over the middle of Ashby and Packington.

The western edge is the western edge of Ashby and east of Measham

The diagram shows all the tracks for a 14 day period in August 2017 and a similar profile also applies to July. (Green indicates flights above 6000ft, Yellow 5-6000ft Red 2-5000ft)

As can be seen from the diagram, the bulk of the aircraft, which are on their way to Europe, are taking the shortest route as they turn south biased towards the eastern edge of the corridor over the middle of Ashby and Packington

From 1st October the schedules have changed and the traffic is significantly reduced but will return from Spring 2018

EMA have provide the charts showing the traffic and proved sympathetic. We have an invitation to visit them to discuss the issue and possible ways of addressing it.

It is not acceptable that the aircraft are flying directly over the densest population in the area west of the airport when we are surrounded by open countryside.

The situation is only going to get worse.

Clearly whatever the outcome somebody will be adversely affected but the objective must be to minimise the number whereas at the moment the maximum seem to be affected.

If you feel that you have the necessary skills to help a small team to get involved in this project we would love to hear from you. Some of the useful skills would be:-

- Negotiation and communication at a senior level
- Secretarial
- Medical knowledge on the impact of noise pollution including sleep deprivation.
- Environmental impact experience
- Project management
- Legal experience

This is not an exhaustive list so if you feel you can help from other perspectives please get in touch REMEMBER we have- A42 constant buzz, HS2 is coming and now.....
Increasing Aircraft noise from above.

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