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# Snowy Conditions Nil - Packington Big Breakfast 225



Despite the snowy conditions the people of Packington did not disappoint and turned out to support our 2018 Big Charity Breakfast. We served 225 breakfasts, down on the previous record year of 250, but still a great result considering the weather. The Raffle had many great prizes and together with a Tombola all added money to the kitty. There were also generous donations from people unable to attend on the day. After expenses a grand total of £1380 was raised to share between this year's charities, Harry's Fund & Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance. Thanks are due to the team of nearly 50 volunteers without whom this event could not take place. Special thanks to our suppliers, Taylors Butchers for Bacon and Sausages and Daybreak Services for all other provisions. Finally thanks to all who joined us for your breakfast - we hoped you enjoyed it!

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Supported by The National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund Packington Memorial Hall Venues Charity No. 521484 Annual General Meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.15pm

Packington Memorial Hall Management Committee would like your group to nominate a representative to act as a trustee on the Memorial Hall's Management Committee. As a working group within the village you are entitled to be an affiliated member of the management committee and help this community facility prosper for the benefit of the whole village.

We look forward to seeing a representative of all groups at that meeting. C Miles [Chairman]



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## interview by philip caren

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#### **Bob Plant**



What's your connection to Packington?

I have lived my whole life here, from when my Parents moved here from Stafford in 1940.

# Tell us about your home life?

I lived in the Manor House until I married in 1973, when my wife and I moved to the Bungalow by the farm, I've lived at the top of Mill Street since 2015, I have 3 fantastic grandchildren who make me incredibly happy! My wife passed in 2010.

# What is your profession?

I am a Farmer and have been all my life. There used to be about 15-20 little Farms in Packington and they've all gone now. It's a challenging time being a Farmer today. What role do you play in the community? I help with the Bonfire & Fireworks and I help decorate the Christmas Tree in the church, a bit of a family tradition which can remember my mother doing in the 50's.

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

I like old Farming equipment and have two tractors we have refurbished, we used my Nuffield with a converted muck spreader as a Wedding vehicle for my daughter a few years ago What's your favourite **Packington event?** I love "Open Gardens" and "The Big Breakfast". The "Film Club" allows me to catch up with films I miss at the Cinema. Why would you suggest more people get involved in the village? There are so many things that you can be involved in and it really helps to build the community. I've lived here all my life and I must admit there are a lot of people I don't know. By

# being involved we get to meet our neighbours.

How has the village

changed since you've lived here? I don't know any different as I have always lived here but there are more houses and the village continues to naturally evolve and it has to, enabling it to be sustainable.

# What is the best thing about living in Packington?

It's a really nice village, and it has a great Pub and an excellent Village Shop too. You may see me wandering over in my slippers to buy my papers.

### Message from PC Mark Arjoo

Hello to all residents of Packington. 2016 saw myself and my colleagues from the **Dedicated Neighbourhood** Team working closely again with both Packington Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch. It has been recently been highlighted about the amount of crime committed in the village. I think that the most important thing to remember is that we work together to try and keep crime levels to a minimum, reduce them, and make the area a safe place to live. This means taking a number of measures including putting your own simple and inexpensive crime reduction processes in place and reporting any suspicious incidents to the police at the time. Also, please take time to find out who your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator is. If you are unfortunate enough to become a victim of crime, firstly report it to the police, and then secondly to your NHW coordinator. They will then cascade the information via e-mail, social media, etc, to keep other local residents informed. To look at what incidents of

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

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

mark.arjoo@leicestershire .pnn.police.uk

Ideas for Interviews? Let Us Know editor@packington.info

## more from the big breakfast

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Twins, Emma and Holly Marvin made wonderful "themed" cakes to take to lvanhoe school for World Book Day.



Unfortunately, the school was closed on the Friday due to the snow! They kindly donated the cakes to be raffled at the Big Breakfast and so added to the days total.



Well done girls!

**CELEBRATE Good News** editor@packington. info



Just one of the teams on washing up duties.



The cooking team hard at work.



Harry came in to see how things were going and seems to be very happy



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## memorial hall

Since our last report in October last year the Memorial Hall has again been busy and volunteer Trustees have worked hard. The Hall's policies and risk assessments which are being updated, are an ongoing task and a new web site for the Hall has been created by our village web site "guru" Robert Dilworth. This new venture is being managed by Trustee Steve Salt. The Memorial Hall Committee would like to thank Robert for all his hard work in this rebranding exercise and I would urge you all to look at the site which you can access by at www.pmhv.uk



New Logo for Packington Memorial Hall Venues

If you have a photograph of a function at the Hall that you think would be appropriate for the new web site please contact me using my email address below. The new store room at the

rear of the Hall, mentioned previously, has now got to the planning stage with NWLD Council and is out for public consultation. If after due process we get permission, then we will be seeking quotations for the build.

Over the past twelve months our Booking Secretary has been grappling with a new electronic booking system called Avalon. This system was specifically designed for Village Halls. However, no Hall is the same and we have found that we have had to adapt the programme in a number of new ways to suit the Memorial Hall. This has led to the delay in retirement for Joan our booking secretary. However, it appears that all is now well and Sally Pieterson will be taking over as booking Secretary shortly.

The Memorial Hall Committee were asked by the Parish Council if they would help the Council in organising celebrations of the 100-year Anniversary of the ending of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. This collaboration had worked brilliantly in the past and once again the Committee were happy to assist in this regard. Preliminary discussions have taken place and a weekend of activities are being planned for the 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. There will be updates on these activities in future issues of the Packington Post. If you feel that you would like to help in anyway during this weekend, please contact. Chris Miles 4143778 christopher.miles@sky.com or Terry Hammond 415764

Tell Us About Village Events editor@packington.info Finally, the Memorial Hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, and a new Management Committee will be formed for another year. Chris Miles (Chairman Memorial Hall Trustees)

# Old-Time Musical Hall coming to Packington



As a part of the celebrations to celebrate the end of the First World War, Packington will be holding an Old Time Music Hall on Saturday 10 November 2018. It will be a great evening, with songs and dancing, as well as possibly, a few comedy acts. we hope also that food will also be laid on. The evening will be set in the Edwardian era, which will give everyone a chance to dress up appropriately. We are also working with the Packington History Society, who we hope will be making a contribution to the evening. Tickets should be available towards the end of the summer. Watch this space for further news.

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## school news

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#### OFSTED

"You have made sure that the vast majority of pupils have achieved exceptionally high standards of attainment."

We were delighted with the outcome of our short OFSTED visit in January. The school remains good and there is sufficient evidence of improved performance to suggest that we may be judged outstanding if we had a full inspection now. The report is highly positive, and it is the inspector's opinion that there is strong practice at school. Therefore, she is recommending that our next inspection be a full inspection. The full report can be viewed via our school website www.packington.leics.sch



#### **Food Bank**

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Once again, we had a very successful month collecting for the Ashby Food Bank throughout February. The classes had a competition to see who could donate the most items and the Robins won! Thank you to everyone who donated, your support is greatly appreciated.

#### Beaumanor

Our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a wonderful outdoor education visit to Beaumanor Hall in February. The children focussed on developing their learning characteristics including resilience, kindness, determination and risk taking. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



#### World Book Day

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March was World Book Day and we celebrated in school by dressing up as our favourite characters from a book. All staff and children took part and there were some fantastic outfits to be seen. The most imaginative costume from each class won a £5 Waterstones voucher. A group of parents also volunteered to read to the children throughout the day and we thank them for their time and efforts.



#### **Little Princess Charity**

We'd like to say a special well done to two of our Year 2 pupils who donated their hair to the Little Princess Charity in February. The hair will be used to make wigs for children who have lost their hair through illness. The girls also raised funds for the charity by collecting donations and raised a fantastic £630! Thank you to everybody who donated.



Packington Village NHW Alerts- Join the WhatsApp Village Watch Group created for communication of suspicious activity. To be added text Graham Saunt 07764 471917

## parish council

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at the Memorial Hall. Early on every agenda, Councillors are briefed by the Police on incidents within the Parish that have happened in the previous month. This brief is often delivered by the police in person or by an email report. Last year saw a large number of incidents and, rightly so, the Neighbourhood watch team have set in motion a CCTV scheme to help deter and catch those stealing from houses and cars. This scheme is well underway and whilst recent in months there has been less crime in the village, we hope that the reduction in illegal actions will continue. The Parish Council has whole heartedly supported the CCTV initiative and thank once again those who have put an enormous effort into making it possible. Following a request by the Parish Council, Leicestershire County Council have agreed that all streets lights should remain on throughout the night for a four-month period, after which, they will review the situation. Residents have complained recently to Councillors about the state of the countryside

by the A42 Ashby Road bridge. Following enquiries, the Council has been informed by LCC that all relevant licenses are in place and the phone boxes seen at the site are not being buried. Another resident concern related to health and safety issues regarding improvements to the electricity sub-station on Little Lane. The Council are pursuing enquiries with Western Power the installers of the new equipment. Councillors have held extra meetings with NWLDC and HS2 Ltd concerning the many worrying issues the HS2 project has for Packington Residents. The detail of build has not been released yet other than HS2 plan to start building bridges, viaducts cuttings, embankments, roads etc over the whole route at the same time then join up the smaller sections over a 2 to 5 year period. There will obviously be a good number of construction sites in our area considering the waterways, hills and roads that affect the route. The Council are working in collaboration with the Memorial Hall Management Committee and residents in forming a group to plan centenary celebration of remembrance of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. The Council has decided that it will fund some of the activities and will also apply for a grant to assist in this project. It is hoped that most residents will be able to attend one or more of the activities planned for the weekend 9th, 10th,11th November.

Please visit the Council's website for more details of actions taken by your Council.

#### Recreation Ground Charity

**Facility Improvements** Update The Trustee Sub-Committee of the Recreation Ground Charity who are looking into updating and providing new equipment, are pleased to announce that the sum of money available has been increased to just over £45,000 pounds. However, whilst we were hoping to announce a start date for the project, plans have been delayed. This is because the interpretation of the wording on the planning 106 agreement which supplies the funds, needs clarification. The working party has met with the officer at NWLDC who deals with 106 agreements and we are awaiting their response to our preliminary proposals. In the light of the extra money available it does mean however that other play facilities can be looked at.

#### Chris Miles (Chairman of the Trustees)

#### Annual Meeting of Parish Council

#### Tuesday 1st May 7.10 pm Memorial Hall

Come along and hear what your Council has been doing in the past year. Also your opportunity to ask questions.

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### groups

#### MENS' GROUP (PMG)

On Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> our members attended the annual lunch held at The Bull & Lion. This was enjoyed by all and our thanks go to Emma and Phil for the splendid fare provided. Our next event is a talk by Stephen Hill entitled ' Electricity supply to our homes .....back to the future'. This will be held in the Memorial Hall Meeting room on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. Looking further ahead on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> we have a visit to Ashby Museum to commence at 3.00pm. Mike Taylor

#### **History Group**

The Group held its Annual General Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January, when several new members were welcomed. Robin Boucher was elected as Chair for the year, taking the place of Peter Cooper who died last year, while Yvonne Eaton continues as Secretary and Treasurer. We agreed that more work should be done to disseminate the substantial amount of information which the Group holds about local history and a sub-group was set up led by Robert Dilworth to progress this. At our following meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February, Robin Boucher gave a talk on "Introducing the AngloSaxons." Among items of local interest Robin informed that: The place-name "Packington" goes back to early Anglo-Saxon times, possibly before AD550. The ending "-tun" indicates a homestead. farm or group of buildings, belonging to the "Packingas" who may have been followers of someone named "Pacca" - or possibly they were the people who carried the baggage or packs for a local leader.

In 731, Tatwine, who had been a monk at Breedon on the Hill, became Archbishop of Canterbury. In 757 Aethelbald, King of the Mercians, was murdered at Seckington. In 1043 Earl Leofric of Mercia founded an abbey at Coventry and endowed it with the village of Packington.

The Group's next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall meeting room. We will discuss how we might take part in village events commemorating the end of the First World War later this year. Anyone interested will be welcome to join us. Also, if you have any letters or papers dating back to around 1918 which you would be willing to share, Robin Boucher 411638 randbboucher@googlem ail.com

#### LADIES GROUP

At their last meeting, the Lades Group welcomed back former residents of Packington vicarage, Alison and Rachel Burton. It's over 20 years since they left for Kidderminster so there was lots of catching up and exchanging of memories. Rachel is currently working in Bolivia with a new charity Novo.



She gave a fascinating presentation into her project of establishing a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre in Santa Cruz, offering a safe and life transforming place were broken people can find healing, wholeness and hope. The April meeting is a visit to the Ashby Museum in North Street and will include a talk and buffet lunch. The date is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April meet at the Museum at 12.00 New members are always welcome. Further details can be obtained from Doreen Gasson 412012

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## well being

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#### Volunteer Drivers Needed

If you enjoy driving, own a car and want to help your local community, then Hospice Hope would love to hear from you! With the expansion of our services and more and more people requiring our support, we are looking to boost our numbers of volunteer drivers. For more details please contact Jane Hagreen Charity Administrator Hospice Hope www.hospicehope.org.uk 07935 800 658 jane@hospicehope.org.uk



#### **Measham Medical**

#### New Dementia Singing Group – for dementia patients and their carers

If you care for someone with dementia, you're invited to come along to our new Singing Group, starting on Tuesday 6 February (1-30pm -3pm). This free activity will be held every two weeks in the Church Hall, Measham. It will be led by a professional music therapist (Catherine Watkins) who aims to provide a happy social time with music activities. She hopes that everyone will feel much better by the end of the afternoon,

including the carers! Contact the Medical Unit on 01530 270667 to book your places.

Would you be willing to help with this group – making tea, joining in with some of the activities, and helping everyone to have a happy afternoon? If so, perhaps joining a rota, please contact Catherine Watkins 07908 774247 or email catherine@attunetherapie s.org

Walking Group (short) Tuesday &Thursday mornings for less active and beginners – meet at tunnel near Gilly's Pantry 10am

Walking Group (long) Thursday mornings for more active; walking boots required; meet at Measham Library 10.30am. Walk for 1.5 hours. Walking Football Tuesday mornings Measham Leisure Centre 11-30am Art & Therapy Group Thursday afternoons -Measham Library 2pm **Dementia Singing Group** – Alternate Tuesday afternoons at Measham Church Hall (for patients and carers). This month – 20<sup>th</sup> March at 1-30pm Stroke & Disability Club Every Wednesday Measham Library 1pm to 3pm...

#### Steady Steps

**Programme –** This is for anyone in the over 65 age group who has previously fallen, or who might be worried about falling in the future. The sessions are fun and relaxed, and take place at Measham Leisure Centre on Mondays (1.30pm – 3pm)

Castle Medical Group

#### Patient Participation Group "PPG"

We would like to thank the members of the PPG for their continued support and in particular with ongoing support to our Carer's Coffee Mornings; obtaining your feedback following Macpherson going into administration and the effect of losing your local bus service and lastly but not least their huge effort in raising funds through their Charity for a blood centrifuge machine which will help us enormously.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of our PPG please contact them direct <u>castlemedicalppg@gm</u> <u>ail.com</u>

## forthcoming events

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Party In The Park "possible windfall"



We are delighted to announce that Party In The Park has been shortlisted for the Tesco "Bags of help" scheme. The scheme has been established to help fund local community projects.

The scheme works through voting with blue tokens. Depending on how much you spend in the store, you will receive a number of blue tokens at the till, the more you spend the more tokens you will receive. You then place the tokens into the charity box of your choice. If enough Tesco customers vote for Party In The Park, it could receive a grant of over £2000, which will help make it a real fantastic day. The voting finishes on the 30 April - so don't forget, when you next shop at Tesco, don't forget to ask the cashier for your blue tokens.

If you would like to know more about Party In The Park contact **Terry 415764 or Becky on 411027** 

#### **Classic Car Meet**

We are delighted to announce that the popular Packington **Classic & Exotic Car** Meet programme will be running again in 2018 at Bull & Lion. With a great bar and food available, bring your friends along to talk carburettors and clutches or just enjoy being amongst some beautiful classic and exotic motorised machinery.



The events will be on the FIRST MONDAY of the month between APRIL – SEPTEMBER inclusive, so the first two dates for your calendars are: MON 2 April and **MON 7May** 6.30 to 8.30pm The first event of 2018 falls on Easter Monday and we would love to see a big, diverse turnout of classic and exotic vehicles. Do come along with your cars, families and friends. Don't forget to keep up to date through our Facebook page. packingtonclassicmeet @yahoo.com

## Egg Rolling

"Eggciting News" the annual Packington Egg Roll will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April. First race starts at 3.30 pm prompt.



All welcome, meet at the top of Mill Street as usual. Watch out for posters and details on the packington.info website.



Volunteers Wanted To Delivery Copies Of The Packington Post Contact Adrian Mongredien 564613

## letters to the editor

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#### **Dog Fouling**

I feel I must respond to the letter in the last edition of the Post. As a responsible village resident and dog owner we never leave the house without a quantity of dog bags at the ready, in fact a pocket of every coat I own always carries a quantity of bags. On my daily walks around the village I often meet up with my fellow village dog owners, so we all know each other. Like me they are furious when some irresponsible dog owner fails to clear up after their dog as we all think it reflects badly on the rest of us. On more than one occasion we have cleared up the mess left by others, just to clear the pavement. With the large number of bins now available in the village, with recent additions being strongly supported by village dog owners, one doesn't have to walk far to locate one. The fact that some people still make no effort to pick up what their dog leaves behind is a sure indication that they have no interest in our village, and as such cannot be residents. What 'Concerned Resident' fails to address, or perhaps doesn't understand, are the non-resident dog walkers, as Packington is not an isolated community. A jogger came running through the village this morning, headphones on and never a backward glance to the dog running along behind her. A large number of people walk or jog to Packington

from Ashby and back, it is fairly common for cars to park at the recreation ground and dogs to be taken out for exercise around the village or on to the local footpaths. A large number of parents drive their children to school. some of whom combine this with walking their dog around the village. Regrettably, there is no guarantee that letters in the Post on this subject are likely to reach those responsible. Please don't automatically lay the blame for dog mess on our pavements at the feet of our village dog owning residents! David Oakley.

#### **Big Breakfast**

Yesterday was the village "Big Breakfast" event. I went up at about 11.00 am. Despite the snow and treacherous conditions outside the Memorial Hall inside it was packed. It took several minutes to find seats. Everyone looked delighted that once again the "Big Breakfast" was a roaring success. We found a table with friends. I sat. amid the tumult and bustle, and thought to myself, with quiet satisfaction, that the scene of activity, in front of, and around me, epitomised everything that the members of the Memorial Hall committee had imagined, hoped for, and set out on the application form, when they had completed and submitted the final application for a £250,000 Lottery grant for the

extension and refurbishment of the Hall almost exactly ten years ago. Looking around I saw smiling faces, meeting friends and making new acquaintances, happily chatting, while eating their breakfasts. All the generations of the village, helping, serving, cooking, and washing up, while socialising, and enjoying a bit of banter, and, most importantly, participating in a communal event that also helped raise money for two excellent local causes. It is reassuring that, the people of Packington can sit down together in harmony and enjoy that wonderfully eccentric meal: a full "English Breakfast". The "Big Breakfast" was the brainchild of Mike Coke, who once again was there throughout, in the thick of things, sorting out problems and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. It is to him, and all those many people of all ages, who helped in any way, to make this once again a wonderful event that, on behalf of the residents of Packington, I offer my heartfelt thanks for turning a bleak winter's day into a day to remember, and for me, and I'm sure all the Memorial Hall committee members of 2008, our thanks for making what was once a dream come true. Thankyou. Yours sincerely Adrian Mongredien

Provide feedback on village events editor@packington.info

## holy rood church

#### Services at Holy Rood

Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. Holy Communion Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)

11 a.m. Holy Communion Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday)

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion at Normanton-le-Heath as we celebrate Jesus' last supper with his disciples **Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)** 

7.30pm The Way of the Cross – we follow Jesus through the events of Good Friday to the cross

Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> (Easter Day) 11 a.m. Holy Communion

6 p.m. Easter Songs of Praise

Sunday April 8th 11 a.m. Holy Communion Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> 11am All age service Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m. United Communion as part of deanery weekend at St Laurence, Measham Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. Holy Communion Sunday May 6th 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer Sunday May 13th 11 a.m. Holy Communion Sunday May 20th

11am All age service

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11am in the back of church

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"Awake, My Soul!": A Guide to Praying the Psalms Deanery Weekend led by Revd Chris Webb (deputy warden of Launde Abbey) April 20th — 22nd 2018

At Measham Church

All welcome – no set charge but donations invited

**Programme** Friday April 20th

7.15pm Arrival; wine, juice and nibbles
7.30 - 7.40 Opening worship
7.40 - 8.40 Session 1: How to Pray a Psalm
8.40 More wine, juice and nibbles

Saturday April 21st 9.00am Bacon butties with tea & coffee 9.45 - 10.00 Opening worship 10.00 - 11.00 Session 2: How to Write a Psalm 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee 11.30 - 12.30 Session 3: How to Sing a Psalm

7.00pm Open Concert: an informal evening with input from Chris Webb *Includes drinks and nibbles* 

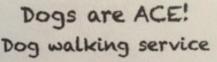
Sunday April 22nd

10.00 am Final Communion *Celebrant: Vivien Elphick Preacher: Chris Webb* 

Coffee served after service

**Event Dates - Tell Us** 

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9:30 to 11:30 In Packington Church

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

READY STEADY STICK Measham Church 24th March 2-4pm Contact Ceriann Kelly 07946376500

## film club & 2 marathon challenge page 12

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April Murder on the Orient Express (12A) Crime, Mystery, Drama



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May Paddington 2 (PG)** Adventure, Comedy, Animation



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#### **Over the Moon**

back-to-back marathon (52.4 miles) challenge raising money for breast cancer causes. Two years ago, I did the 'Moonwalk' marathon in London. This year, I signed up for the big one - the 'Overthe-Moon' Walk, Edinburgh, Scotland on 9/10 June 2018. This challenge involves two back-to-back marathons to be completed in under 14 hours. The Moonwalk challenge is dedicated to raising money for vital breast cancer causes including providing emotional, physical and practical support for those going through the difficult journey through cancer and beyond. Amongst the numerous causes that it supports, it includes funding for scalp cooling, which helps cancer patients (and not just breast cancer patients) keep their hair whilst undergoing chemotherapy. It is not lifesaving, but it helps to make a difference to the quality of life for many people. I will be setting out at midnight to power walk 2 marathons backto-back - a total of 52.4 miles - in a decorated bra. The theme of this year's Moonwalk is 'Hollywood comes to Holyrood', so as an amateur blacksmith, the outfit will be Marvel Comic's 'Lady Thor' complete with hammer and metal armour! I aim to raise at least £1,000 which would help to pay for a cooling cap to help not only those undergoing treatment for breast cancer but others who are going through chemotherapy. The everyday hero link to contribute is here: https://overthemoonultra2018. everydayhero.com/uk/pippa-1



On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, I will be doing a trial walk in costume, through Ashby de la Zouch.... Complete with armour and hammer.... Please support and cheer me on! Pippa David

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