



Green Light for £46k upgrade for village play area

The recreation ground charity has now finalised the upgrading of the play area in Packington. The facility upgrade has been brought about by a legally binding 106 agreement between the new Peveril Homes development and NWLDC, which states that the money can only be used on the children's play area on Measham Road. Following the views and recommendations of the residents of Packington, We are pleased to announce that over the course of the next few months we will be installing outdoor fitness equipment, a zip wire and a disabled accessible rotational swing for the older children outside but alongside the existing play area. There we will also be adding a spinner and a disabled accessible roundabout to enhance the younger children's play area.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents that took part in the surveys and helped shape the decision on what new equipment was required and we look forward to you all enjoying the upgraded facilities during the summer holidays and in the future.

Packington Party in the Park is Back...



Party in the Park is back... so, get out your gazebos, shake out your picnic blankets, dust down your deck chairs and clear your diary for:

Saturday 7th July 6-11pm at Packington Recreational Ground

More information on Page 9



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

I normally conclude the Post report with this sentence but because there is so much to report to residents from the last two months, you will find all subjects visited by the Council on the Parish Council's Web-site. Therefore, to avoid repetition I will attempt to give you a resume' of the work Councillors have undertaken on parishioner's behalf, through their roles as Councillors and Trustees of the Recreation Ground Charity.

March 8th Litter Bins emptied on Recreation Ground.

March 13th Meet tree surgeon on the Recreation Ground to discuss tree pruning around the field.

March 13th A Recreation Ground Working Party Meeting to discuss the upgrading of play-area .

March 20th A Meeting with the 106 Officer at NWLDC to discuss recommendations for new play equipment.

March 29th. Meeting on site with the Playdale representative to discuss equipment and finalise placement of new play equipment.

March 30th and 31st Prepare Annual Report for next week's meeting

April 3rd Packington Parish Council's "Annual Meeting".

April 3rd Packington Parish Council General Meeting.

April 3rd Recreation Ground Trustees meeting.

April 16th Recreation Ground Working Party Meeting.

April 20th HS2 Meeting with NWLDC at Memorial Hall.

April 30th Recreation Ground Working Party finalise proposal for Meeting on May 1st.

April 30th Recreation Ground litter bins emptied, and Bonfire location secured.

May 1st Parish Council Meeting.

May 1st Recreation Ground Charity Meeting. To consider the working Parties Proposal.

Motion carried by 4 votes to 2

May 8th Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to consider the Recreation Grounds Trustees proposals for the Play-area upgrade. Vote taken. Motion carried by 4 votes to 2

As you can see a busy time for all, particularly for those members of the Working Party. I'd like to thank publicly all Councillors

for their commitment to the Parish over the last year.

I would also like to thank the Parish Clerk, Karen Edwards, who has also worked tremendously hard over the year and often works over and above the call of duty.

I will after all end as I began, with! Please visit the Parish website.

www.packingtonpc.org.uk

Chris Miles (Chairman)

Dear Editor

I wish to explain my reason for resigning as your parish councillor this week.

My reasons to become a councillor were to bring fresh ideas to the table, to take part in the decision making for the village and to be able to contribute fully to the parish council to make a difference.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current chairman, Councillor Miles, for all his hard work, dedication and efforts for the village over at least 20 years as chairman. However, it is good governance to rotate the chairmanship to give other councillors both the opportunity to develop their own skills in leading a meeting, whilst at the same time bringing different ideas to the table. Packington Parish Council would then operate in a similar manner to most other parish councils within NW Leicestershire District Council.

Whilst I have enjoyed my time as a parish councillor over the last four years I feel that I have been unable to contribute fully to future policy and decision making in that role. It is therefore with much regret that I feel it is better for me to stand down.

I would like to thank the village for your support and hope I have been able to help in some small way.

Andrew Sumnall

Egg Throwing

This event has now turned into an annual event kindly hosted by Phil & Emma at the village pub, the Bull & Lion.



The game is played in pairs. One thrower and one catcher. The thrower blindly launches an egg from the road over the roof of the pub towards their waiting partner, who is standing in the car park waiting to catch it. However only 10% of the eggs are hard boiled!



Those that catch go through to the next round – Simple!!!

Congratulations to Louis & Martin Bassett, 2018 Champions. Will you venture out next year to take the title?

How lucky are we? Two family Easter events in one great village.

Egg Rolling

Packington's community spirit once again sprung alive for the 2018 egg roll down Mill Street, drawing an "eggstremely" energetic crowd of enthusiastic egg decorators and "eggspert" rollers, both young and old. This year, a new feature was included, which saw laughter and groans from egg related jokes (or should that be yokes...). Winners of the furthest rollers down the hill, with their eggs remaining intact were:

- Best decorated egg – Scarlett Pollard
- Race 1 (Pre-School) – Jack Plummer
- Race 2 (KS 1) – Isabel Holden
- Race 3 (KS 2) – Samuel Sharpe
- Race 4 (Ladies) – Kate Plummer
- Race 5 (Gents) – Paul Horsley
- Final race (all with an egg remaining intact) – Henry Evans



It is heart-warming to see the village coming together and having fun. The event is free to enter and wouldn't happen without the generosity of volunteers and the Packington Youth Club, who donated the prizes for the winners. Special thanks go to Joan and Terry for organising such a fantastic community event. A collection was held during the "eggstravaganza", which raised £29.72 and is gratefully received by the Youth Club.

Principles of Community Safety

Crime reduction is all about onions, writes **Paul Collett**, Community Safety Team leader from North West Leicestershire District Council. Keeping yourself, your family and your home safe is all about building layers of protection – like those in an onion – and this article hopes to explain how you can reduce the risk of being a victim of crime, but also how you contribute to making Packington a safer village.

Nothing is ever risk free. Good community safety is all about reducing the risk and pushing the criminal away. Leicestershire Police play a key role in this, but at the heart of this is you and by securing your home and property, the core of the 'onion' is strong. By supporting your neighbours, you push the criminal away from you. By getting together as a street, such as joining neighbourhood watch, you push the criminal further away. By working as a community, such as the village's new CCTV Scheme, you make it harder for criminals, again pushing them even further away. Working with Safer North West Leicestershire Partnership we can make the district safer, pushing the crime out of North West Leicestershire and if all districts work together we can make Leicestershire safer, but at the heart of all this is you.

So how do you make your home safe? Well, Leicestershire police has an excellent website where you can find all the advice to help keep you safe.

www.leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/crime-prevention

But again, the onion principle applies, this time however it starts from the outside. For example, to keep your home safe, start on your boundary. Look at your home as a criminal would. Does it look safe? Is there an alarm? Is the gate open, can a criminal be seen from the road? Then consider your external security. Do you have good locks? Is the window frame rotten? Are any warning signs/ alarms present? Then consider the inside. Are your car keys left out? Are

expensive items on display, such as iPads left on the coffee table?

The same applies to your online security. Layering your security such as securing your router and firewall builds your perimeter. Good anti-virus software on all devices is the next layer and good passwords are the next. Building the layers of your online 'onion'.

All these layers build your security to reduce your risk, most of which are low cost or even free to implement. To support this work Packington is joining our Supported Parish Scheme. This scheme funded by North west Leicestershire Council will train up a Crime Prevention Champion for the village and supply a security item box to help victims of crime and the vulnerable members of the community improve their personal security.

VACANCY

VOLUNTEER CRIME PREVENTION CHAMPION FOR PACKINGTON

The Crime Prevention Champion will store the security item box and distribute the contents to people in the community. Training will be provided by North West Leicestershire District Council.

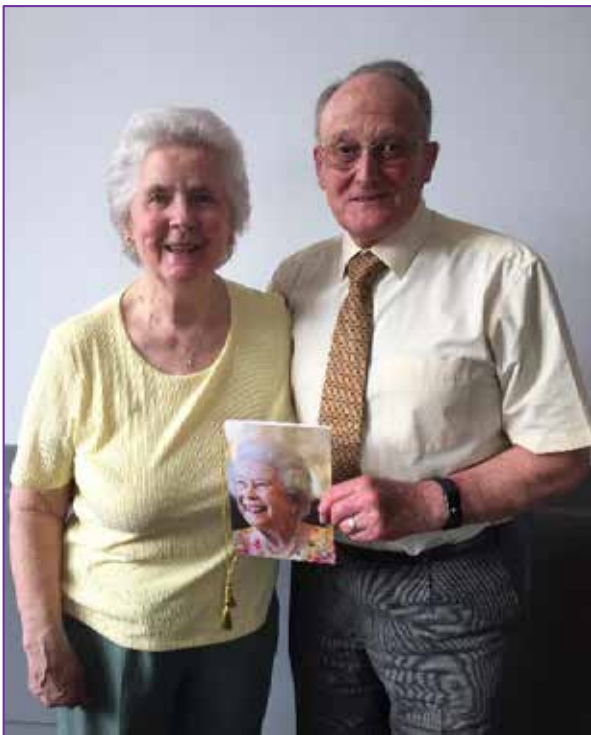
If you would like more information about this voluntary role please contact:

Parish Councillor Bob Martin 01530 413030
or Parish Clerk, Karen Edwards
07936 359949 or clerk@packingtonpc.org.uk



Two couples in the village celebrated significant anniversaries last month.

Mike and Sylvia Coke from The Grange, clocked up their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They celebrated with family during the month and received an anniversary card from HM The Queen!



Chris and Pauline Miles from Babelake Street, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The couple enjoyed a family party at the Memorial Hall, organised by daughter Rachel.



HS2 News

The Packington Action Group are meeting with representatives of HS2 next week. This will be the first opportunity to look at the design and layout plans as they affect the village. Report will follow.

Sharon Bond

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

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The Bull & Lion was a hive of activity on May Day with the Packington Morris Men and the Pennyroyal Garland Dancers in fine form. Music and dance was the order of the day. The Packington Morris Men were supported by Leicestershire Morris Men.



Pennyroyal are looking for new members, dancers and musicians. They meet on Wednesdays in Measham. For more information see www.pennyroyal-dancers.com



Brownies Summer Term

The brownies had a great night making their May sticks and then went on to dance with the Morris Men and Garland ladies!



If anybody in the village is interested in helping with brownies we meet on a Tuesday night from 5.45 until 7.00pm. No experience necessary! Please contact **Janice on 411984** for more details.

May Queen

Then there was the crowning of the May Queen. This year Olivia was the Queen with attendants Kitty and Harriet.



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Friday 8th June

7.00 for 7.30

Adults £4.00 Juniors £2.00

Refreshments available

Please note the Film Club does not meet in July or August but will resume in September.

Village History Group

At the Group's meeting on 24th April, we discussed future arrangements for safeguarding and disseminating the archive of documents and photographs which the Group has collected over several years. We want to make the information more readily available, not just for Group members but for anyone from the village or further afield who wants to find out about the history of Packington. We have well over 3000 items, so this is not a simple matter! However, we have made a start: you can now visit our website at www.pvhg.uk (thanks are due to Robert Dilworth for his work on this).

The Group will contribute to commemorating the end of World War One, at events which will take place in the village in November. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has documents, photographs or other memorabilia which could be put on display. For this purpose, items do not need to have a direct connection with Packington; anything connected with the war and especially its late stages will be welcome. If you have something suitable, please contact Robin Boucher tel. 411638, e-mail randbboucher@googlemail.com

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd May and will be held at the Ashby Museum. We have been asked to be there for 7.15 p.m., rather than our usual 7.30. As always, non-members who would like to join us will be very welcome.



Party In The Park
Saturday 6th July
 Recreation Ground from 6.00pm



May Fayre

On 4th May we had our annual May Fayre and a super time was had by all thanks to the Packington School Association who once again organised a great event. As in previous years, all classes performed a special dance. Key Stage 1/Foundation Stage treated us to a traditional country dance and the Year 3/4 children performed the Barber's Pole, Spider's Web & Plait at the May Pole. Our Year 5/6's had been working hard to learn a song with our music teacher Mrs Pope and did a great job performing at the Fayre.

Our May Queen, Olivia and her attendants Kitty and Harriet all looked beautiful in their outfits and were happy to pose for photographs.

There was a great community feel to the day with parents and pupils, past, present and future, coming along to share the fun! Overall the fayre was a great success and our thanks go to all the parents, staff, pupils and villagers who supported the event.

Rotary Star Award ~ Citizen of the Year



We were absolutely delighted to introduce our new Rotary Star Award by presenting our very first Citizen of the Year trophy to

Our super citizen is now working with staff to select one pupil to receive a Rotary Star badge at each Growing and Glowing time. Our first badge has already been presented to Ella, who was nominated for her hard work helping in school.

Charity Cake Sale



We are super proud of our Year 5 children who worked hard and showed their compassion for others by independently organising a cake sale to fund raise for Harry Culwick. They made all of their own posters and flyers and raised an amazing £129. Harry's mum, Sam, was delighted with the donation and wants to send her sincere thanks to all who supported the sale.

New MUGA!

The lovely men at AGP Grass worked hard throughout a very wet couple of weeks to install our new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). We are very happy with the new area which can be used by all pupils for PE, playtime and clubs. Best of all, we can use it all year round to keep active!

Saturday 7th July 6-11pm

Party in the Park is an annual event to bring the village together; to generate some good old-fashioned community spirit; a chance to meet up with your neighbours and have a chat to people on the next street.

As with last year, PIP 2018 will kick off with some fun games for all the family, followed by live music and a local DJ entertaining us all evening. Plus, do not forget - the best 'dressed' gazebo will be judged, and the trophy will be awarded during the night

The Great Gazebo Challenge:

This year's theme for our Great Gazebo Challenge is **MOVIES** - which we hope will get your creative juices flowing! You might want to look at some of the *great screen musicals* for inspiration - The Sound of Music, Grease, Mary Poppins; or what about a bit of *horror* with the Rocky Horror Picture Show or Phantom of the Opera; or other iconic movies to consider may include Star Wars, Mad Max, Robin Hood; or perhaps the host of *great children's films* such as Snow White, Pirates of the Caribbean or the Jungle Book. What will inspire you?

Tea Tent:

This year the Party in the Park committee would like to extend an invitation specifically to villagers wishing to come along on their own or do not wish to bring a gazebo. We will have a communal Tea Tent with tables and chairs, where you can help yourself to free tea/coffee and catch up with friends and neighbours.

Entertainment:

Our music marquee will host the live music and disco - it may also be handy if the weather becomes a little inclement, but hopefully we will enjoy a bright, warm and sunny July evening!

The previously popular Sweet Stall and Tombola will both be making a re-appearance - to help with this once again we are asking everyone to dig out any suitable Tombola prizes and drop them off at **Barker's Café** ahead of PIP 2018 - Sue has kindly offered to collect these prizes on our behalf.

Things you need to do:

Watch out for the PIP 2018 leaflet coming through your door.

Drop off your Tombola prizes to Barker's Café.

Pick your favourite movie, have some fun dressing up your gazebo.

Pack up your picnic, refreshments, chairs, blankets and comfortable footwear.

Come up to the Rec **after 1pm** to set up your gazebo (*please do not come before 1pm as it will affect our insurance*). You will be able to leave your gazebos overnight and collect them in the morning, before 11am.

Donate- to help finance this otherwise free event our committee will be shaking their buckets during the evening so please give generously once again.

If you are arriving by car, please use the car park.



This year's Packington Party in the Park has been made possible owing to your generous donations received at PIP 2017; the kind grants from the 'Tesco Bag Appeal' and Peveril Homes plus many local companies donating their products and services. We would like to thank the Recreational Ground Trustees for allowing the Rec to be used and last, but by no means least, thank you to the parents and grandparents who get together regularly to plan this fabulous and worthwhile village annual event.

Let's all get into the spirit of Packington

- see you at Party in the Park 2018

If you would like to know more contact

Terry 415764 or Becky 411027

Healthwatch Leicester and Leicestershire Chair & Advisory Board Recruitment

Join our Healthwatch team and work with us to help influence and develop local health and social care services in Leicester and Leicestershire. Healthwatch Leicester and Leicestershire is the consumer champion for NHS, primary care, public health and adult and children's social care services across the City and County. For more information on these exciting opportunities:

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If you would like to discuss the roles in more detail, please contact Micheal Smith (Healthwatch Manager) on 0116 2518313 micheal.smith@healthwatchLL.com

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DID YOU KNOW? You can order repeat medications, book appointments and view your summary medical information on our website. All you need is a PIN and password from us – please ask at reception next time you are at the Medical Unit.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Our last appointments are at 5-25pm. Lines at the surgery are open until 6-30pm (Monday – Friday)

We are open on Saturday mornings from 8am until 11:50am for emergencies- please telephone the surgery first.

Dean & Smedley Pharmacy working closely with the Medical Unit We encourage you to visit the chemist first, rather than come to the Morning Surgery.

We're working closely with *Dean & Smedley Pharmacy* on Measham High Street, and they will see you quicker than your having to wait for an appointment to see a doctor. You are still able to see a doctor for any of the above, but you may have to wait for an hour or so at busy times. We also deal with minor injuries during our entire opening hours.

Also, if a Doctor or a Nurse asks you to have a blood test you don't need an appointment. We have an open access service every day from 08:00 until 10:30.



Castle Medical Group

Are you a Carer? – come along to our event during National Carer's Week (11 – 15 June 2018)

Following last year's success Jayne Buxton, our Carer's Champion together with our PPG have expanded our Carer's Event to three mornings with several companies coming along to offer help and advice. For full programme see web site www.castlemedicalgroup.co.uk.



FREE tea, coffee and biscuits will be served sponsored by Tesco's.

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK.

First Wednesday Coffee Morning

Meeting Room

Memorial Hall

10-12

June 6th & July 4th

All In Village Welcome

Services at Holy Rood

Sunday May 6th

11am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday May 13th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday May 20th

11am All age service

Sunday May 27th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday June 3rd

11am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday June 10th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday June 17th

11am All age service

Sunday June 24th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday July 1st

11am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday July 8th

11 am Holy Communion (Ashby Youth for Christ will be our special guests)

Sunday July 15th

11am All age service

Sunday July 22nd

11 am 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 (back of church).

Normanton Church Garden Fete: June 23rd from 2pm

Highlight this date in your diary and come up to Normanton for their very special garden fete. Stalls, raffle, games and wonderful refreshments. Here's a photo from last year to give you a taste...



St Laurence Church Measham 29th May

Holy Rood Packington 31st May

2-4pm



For all children under 11 (under 5's must have an adult stay)

£1.00 per child

Booking preferred:

Ceriann Kelly (Childrens worker) 07946376500

woodfieldchildrenswork@gmail.com

Facebook: Woodfield childrens work

OPEN GARDENS DAY 2018

Last year saw the twenty-eighth Open Gardens in the village. Traditionally, the event takes place on the summer **Bank Holiday Monday** which this year falls on **August 27th**

However, 'Open Gardens' could not continue without people making their gardens available for the afternoon and new gardens are always needed. If this could be you, someone you know, or you would like further details, please contact **Geoff Gasson (01530 412012)** gasson123@btinternet.com



... **Spencer Clark**



What's your connection to Packington?

I have lived in the village since I was 4 years old, went to Packington Primary School and have lived here ever since.

Tell me about your homelife?

I live with my parents on Nethercroft Drive, have no siblings and have always been a keen cricketer. Then around 8 years ago, I got into golfing and kept building up my expertise and started working part-time at Willesley Park Golf Club.

Where are you now professionally and what are your career aspirations?

After starting to work at the Golf Club, I really wanted to continue being involved in sport somehow. A colleague gave me some great advice and I decided to take up Professional Golfing studies and have just completed my first year. It's an undergraduate distance-learning course at the University of Birmingham with a programme delivered by the Professional Golfers' Association of GB and Ireland. It includes a broad spectrum of topics, such as golf retailing, coaching, sports science and custom fitting. I particularly enjoy the coaching aspect and so, as I also work part-time at the Golf Club, I have started private coaching sessions as this is the direction I would like to continue in.

Why would you encourage others to take up golf?

Golf is a fantastic lifetime sport that everyone can participate in; it's for all ages and all levels of expertise. There are both social and physical benefits. It's brilliant for socialising - you can spend 3-4 hours with other people on the golf course as well as in the clubhouse afterwards and is a great way to meet new

people. Fitness wise, it can be challenging, but it is playable for all levels and people, and a game might be around 5 miles of physical activity. That's over several hours so it's there for everybody to compete in and some people really enjoy the competition element!

Can you tell me one thing fellow villagers may not know about you? *In year 6, I played Jack in 'Jack and the Beanstalk'!*

What's your favourite Packington event?

I don't think they are still going, but I absolutely loved as a child, going to the fish and chip bingo nights in the Village Hall. Perhaps these nights could be brought back?!

As a younger villager, what's the best thing about living in Packington and how would you like to see it evolve?

The location is perfect, with good access to road networks and cities. It's a friendly village as well as being peaceful, so it's nice to come away from town and chill. We have a great pub and shop, but it would be good to see more social activities in the village, as most things are in Ashby that are of interest to younger people.

LEARN GOLF

Learn the basics of Golf in a relaxed group environment with PGA Professional Spencer Clark.

When? Sunday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June.

10am-11am

Where? Meet at the Pro Shop at Willesley Park Golf Club

Cost? £25 for the 4 weeks

What will we cover? Each session will cover a different skill: Putting, Chipping, Irons & Driving

Benefits of Golf:

1. Great for socialising & meeting new people
2. It's a brilliant way to exercise and stay fit
3. It's fun!

To book, contact Spencer on 07975 893366

Limited spaces, so prior booking is essential!

Private coaching also available, please call to book

Hall Farm

Following a meeting with residents the site was secured quickly. Tree work has been undertaken and now demolition works by Cawarden is underway. MD of Lychgate Homes, Daniel Sturgess, says “building work is due to start in about 4 weeks”.



Community Orchard

There is plenty of blossom about at the Community Orchard. Well worth a visit to Packington Wood (off Measham Road) to see how this project is coming along.



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.... Sue @ Barkers Café



Barkers Café is a new and welcome addition to Packington Village. Opened just over 8 weeks ago, it provides a lovely meeting place for a coffee, cake or something savoury – plus Barkers is the only 100% dog friendly café for miles around!

What is your profession?

I have over 30 years' experience in catering, having been head chef at Staunton Harold Hall, catering for weddings, seminars and meetings and spent 3 years running Hicks Lodge Café. I decided to establish Barkers Café when Pete from Daybreak Services suggested the possibility of developing a space next to the shop as a café.

What is your connection with Packington and how has the village changed?

I lived here with my parents in the 70s. The village is largely unchanged, except that of course, like so many villages it has expanded with new housing. But another change has been the development of the village hall which is fantastic! But this is still a friendly village where you get to know people easily.

**CELEBRATE
Good News
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What role do you play in the community?

My husband passed away in 2017 and I wanted to do something positive. I had the vision of creating a community café where people feel happy to come and just drop in for a chat and meet others, particularly if they are on their own which is something that I have personal experience of.

Although the space is not as big as I would like, I am still able to cater for small groups and special events such as baby showers or meetings and as a professional chef, I can also do outside catering.

And what's in the future?

Looking to the future I would like to develop some other ideas such as pudding clubs or cake clubs but would love to hear from the community about what they would like!

And finally.....

Barkers is not just a cake shop – I offer a range of savoury favourites including bacon and sausage baps, quiches, baked potatoes and soups all lovingly home made with ingredients sourced from Daybreak Services next door, so you can't get fresher and better than that! Added to that, there is a special menu for our doggy friends including 'tasty sausage with gravy bones' which will keep them as happy as their owners.

Barkers is on Facebook and Sue can be contacted on 01530 588575

**Do you want to get on the Packington Soapbox and get something off your chest?
Send us your views and get on the Packington Soapbox in the next issue**



**Provide feedback on village events
editor@packington.info**

WW1 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONSNovember 9th 10th & 11th 2018

Most of you know by now that the village is planning a weekend of celebrations to mark this historical occasion. The steering group, which has met twice in recent months, are well on the way to organising a number of special events.

Friday Film night 9th November; We understand that the Packington film club are looking into a suitable film based on the Post War era.

On Saturday Evening 10th November a Period extravaganza of music, acting, singing and verse together with a supper/dinner of the period, is being put together. Tickets for this event will be modestly priced at £5-00 each and will be sold on a first come first served basis. Sales will commence on the 1st September through Terry and Chris (see below details.)

Sunday 11th November Morning Church service. TBA **Sunday 11th November**

Afternoon 2-30 to 4-30 pm A family event is being arranged which will entertain, educate and will focus on giving the younger generation an understanding of the sacrifices that were made. We hope to engage children in Edwardian games, Edwardian dress (prizes for the best), hear actors create moments from WW1 history, look at some humour of period and participate in some songs of the day. A tea will be given to all children and adults will be served with tea and biscuits. At present we hope there will be no charge for this event. We will need to get families to commit to this afternoon and we will be issuing a form to return to the organisers giving us an idea of who is coming etc This will help in preparing food and general organisation. Forms will go out in September.

If you think you could help in any way contact:
Chris Miles, 414378 christopher.miles@sky.com
Terry Hammond 415764.
For food preparation etc Sharron Miller

National Forest Walking Festival

Hill Farm is delighted to be taking part again this year in the National Forest Walking Festival. Why not come along to one of our walks on the following days:

Saturday 19th May at 10.00am

Tuesday 22nd May at 10.00am

Friday 25th May at 7.00pm – followed by a BBQ of bison and venison burgers. Saturday 26th May at 10.00am

Wednesday 30th May at 2.00pm

All walks are leisurely and take about 2 hours and finish with a visit to Antlers and Alpaca, our coffee shop. All Welcome, including dogs!



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Open Farm Sunday

*Come along and **Meet farm animals** including Canadian Bison, Red Deer, Alpacas, Rare Breed Pigs, Cattle, Sheep, Shire horses, Donkeys and our Shetland ponies.*

Children's Play Area

Farm machinery

Cream Teas, BBQ & farm produce available



Men's Group

On Monday evening March 12th several members gave short presentations on their careers'. An entertaining discussion developed when three members recalled their experiences in doing business in Russia.

Our April meeting was a visit to Ashby Museum. Robert Jones gave an interesting talk on the history of Market Street, Ashby and the range of architectural styles developed over the years.



This was followed by a tour of the museum galleries and a chance to look at some of the archives not normally open to the public. Thanks go to Pat Dixon for providing an excellent tea which rounded off the afternoon. Our next event is a visit to Mercia Marina with a boat trip on the Trent & Mersey canal followed by lunch. This event will take place on Wednesday 16th May. Looking further ahead on Monday June 11th we have the annual walk. Further details will be supplied later. **Mike Taylor 414862**

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Horticultural Show

Sat 1st September 2018

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