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Packington Party in the Park - back with A VENGEANCE



The British heatwave continued; England had beaten Sweden to qualify for the semi-finals of the 2018 World Cup and our latest annual village event went ahead without a hitch. What a beautiful July evening it was. The African drums echoed; the cheers for tug of war were louder than ever plus we witnessed Batman being hijacked by Great Grandad – well done kids for rescuing Batman!!

Terry welcomed us all as he opened PIP 2018 and we enjoyed a variety of fun games for all the family. Ollie, our singer, returned for a second year with another superb performance and Derren, was back behind the decks, serving us well throughout the evening with his choice of favourite floor fillers.

Parish Council Election

Thursday 19th July

Polling at Memorial Hall Venue 35

(Meeting Room) 7.00 to 22.00

Details of Candidates on Page 3

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The Parish Council has bought a new noticeboard for the Recreation Ground car park. This was erected by Councillors Pearson and Miles in early June. What looked like an easy job at first turned out to be a trial of strength and endurance for the Councillors.

At the June meeting it was noted that Councillor Sumnall had resigned and Councillor Martin has given his indefinite apologies. The Councillors agreed that Polling Cards would be issued in the event of an election and the cost, expected to be in the region of £300, would be met by Packington Parish Council.

An email report from the police to the Council, stated that in May no incidents had been reported apart from illegal immigrants seen getting out of a lorry.

Concern was raised with County Councillor Nick Rushton about the state of the road bridge in Bridge St. It was resolved that a letter be sent to LCC Highways with a view to weight restrictions and signage. In the Financial section of the June Meeting it was agreed to award a grant of 50% towards the cost of the extension of the Memorial Hall from the Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund. A grant requested by the Packington Horticultural Society to pay for the hire of the Memorial Hall for their annual Show in September was also approved. HS2 was also debated again in the light of their Road Shows being held in July. We will be seeing just how difficult it will be during the construction phase. The council along with the Residents' Group, will be looking to mitigate the impact of the line and the considerable disruption of the 5 year construction phase.

Following numerous concerns of speeding motorists within the 30mph boundaries of the village, the Council is requesting a Community Speed Watch exercise within the village. When we have details we will be asking for help in this matter.

We have also asked for a meeting with LCC Highways to help us understand the rationale behind speed limits around the village. For more details of Parish Councils decisions and notices please go to our website.

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Chris Miles (Chairman)

Holy Rood Church Packington

HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION IN PACKINGTON MAY 2018

The House to House envelope collection in Packington raised a total of **£876.28**.

A big thank you to everyone who helped distribute and collect the envelopes and to all who generously donated.

Doreen Gasson
Christian Aid Rep. in
Packington.



Introducing Clare Beynon

I have lived in Packington for a number of years, with my husband and 2 daughters. As a family we have fully integrated into the village community, involved in various clubs and social activities. I'm a Talent Development Manager for a global brand. This role requires dynamic leadership and upmost Integrity.

I'm passionate about our village and believe I would bring huge value as a voice of the community with a fresh perspective.

INCLUSIVE - More events for young families and other demographic groups. Reaching out via traditional channels and social media

SAFE— I'm passionate we do as much as possible to keep our community safe, ensure transparency with communication of village activity and ensure we identify all effective deterrents.

COMMUNITY VOICE—I'm here to represent YOU. I easily network and connect with many members of the village and will ensure your opinions are heard, from building development, planning applications, use of the recreation ground and, of course, HS2 plans.

NOTE- Neither candidate has been on the Parish Council before.

Introducing Keith Goodwin

My name is Keith Goodwin and I have lived in the village for nearly 45 years since moving into Nethercroft Drive in 1974. Most village residents will know me as the chap who keeps ponies on Spring Lane. I am a Chartered Surveyor and work for the Valuation Office valuing property and land.

I will support the collective opposition to the HS2 project and the protection of the village if the project continues. I will ensure that HS2 causes minimum disruption during construction and that compensation is due to those villagers who are entitled to make a claim.

I will support any initiative to protect our homes and businesses from burglary and theft; either by co-ordinated response and alerts to unusual activities, or by more overt surveillance methods adopting CCTV.

I will review all Parish Council decisions and with your support endeavour to bring a broader representation for all ages and gender; modifying policy when and where required.

Cricket Club

2018 is proving to be a very challenging year for the club, both on and off the field.

On the field we remain in Division 7 South of the Derbyshire league. We're currently mid table but on our day and with the right players available we can beat anyone. We are always looking for new players so if you fancy having a game feel free to get in touch.



Off the field we are making fantastic progress. As some of you will be aware we play our home games at Range Road in Ashby and we rent the ground and changing facilities from the school. A few weeks ago the pavilion was set on fire and is no longer safe to use. A new facility is on its way which is fantastic news for both the school and club. The building works should be completed for the start of next season. So for 2018 we are using temporary facilities including two recently purchased gazebos.

Our main fundraising goal for the year is the purchase of a new mower for the outfield. Our existing one has served us well however it currently takes around 4 hours each week to prepare just the outfield. Our two main events for the year are a large raffle with cash prizes and the annual quiz, hosted by the very talented Giles Bee. This year the quiz will take place on **10th November**. Venue to be advised.

To book your place or purchase raffle tickets please contact:

Gary Downing on 07429 152147

garydowning@ymail.com

Village History Group

Our May meeting took place at the Ashby Museum, where Ken Hillier told us the story of the Museum from its foundation up to the present. We took the opportunity to view the current displays and, in particular, to see the facilities for storing information on past times. This gave us a lot to think about regarding the future of our own archive, which we discussed in more detail when we met in June. We hope it will be possible for the material to remain in Packington, but a secure long-term home is needed to achieve this.

We will not be meeting over the summer and at our September meeting we will finalise our participation in the village's World War One commemoration. It is not too late to let us know if you have any items for a display – anything which throws light on the events of a hundred years ago, or evokes the spirit of the times, will be of interest. Contact:

Robin Boucher 01530 411638.

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Mobile Library

The mobile library is a valuable resource which visits the village every month. A good range of fiction and non-fiction books is available to both children and adults. Richard, the librarian, is very helpful and, if you want a book that is not on board, will do his best to get it in time for the next visit. The library stops opposite the entrance to The Grange between 9.30 a.m and 10.30 a.m. on Thursdays. The dates of the visits until the end of the year are as follows:- 2nd August, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November and 6th December. Do come along and choose a book. To quote George R.R. Martin:

'A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one'.



Mens Group PMG

On Wednesday May 16th several members sailed from the Mercia Marina along the canal into Willington. This journey proved to be very enjoyable and most relaxing. We were able to view much wildlife and exchange 'pleasantries' with people on the towpath. The morning was completed with lunch at the Marina. On a glorious June afternoon 7 members of the Group took part on the annual walk led by Geoff Gasson.



The walk commenced at Moira Furnace and we proceeded along the tow path of the Ashby canal, through Conkers and along the former railway line towards Measham before returning to Moira Furnace. During our walk we came across nesting swans, coots and moorhens on the canal and later many orchids in flower by the paths. The afternoon was rounded off well with tea and cake at the café. The July event will have taken place and was a Boules evening at the Belper Arms Newton Burgoland. Looking further ahead to Tuesday 14th August we have our breakfast at the Bull and Lion 8.15am for 8.30am start.

Contact: **Mike Taylor 01530 414862**

HS2 Update

Members of the Packington HS2 Resident Group recently met with HS2 Ltd to discuss the design proposals of the route. As most of you will be aware when HS2 passes Measham it will follow a route almost parallel with the A42. When it reaches Packington, it will travel along a cutting, at the top of Plants Hill. As it emerges from the cutting it will go over the Gilwiskaw Brook travelling on an 8 metre high viaduct, eventually going under Ashby Road.

We have been discussing with HS2 Ltd ways of mitigating the impact of this huge development, which is going to affect every household in the village in one way or another. The group has suggested having a deeper cutting into Plants Hill (cut and cover) creating a tunnel, which would substantially reduce the noise and visual impact of HS2. This would also reduce the height of the viaduct, which will be a major source of noise. To help reduce this noise, the group has proposed the creation of a noise barrier. This could have the added benefit of reducing the noise of the A42, although HS2 Ltd will not take added benefits into consideration. The group has also been talking to HS2 Ltd to reduce the impact of the building work which is going to last several years and cause considerable disruption to the environment. There is of course no guarantee they will accept our proposals.

In the Autumn everyone will have an opportunity to have a say on the impact on the environment when the Environmental Impact Statement is published for public consultation, so watch this space. In the meantime if you would like to find out more detail contact:

Terry Hammond on 415764

Afternoon Tea

Afternoon Tea in Church on Friday 8th June turned out to be very popular with numbers exceeding previous events. Over 40 adults and children came and enjoyed our delicious selection of cakes.



£112.80p was given in donations towards church funds.

Anne, Faye and Jane

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

Sue from Barker's Café had the difficult task of judging this year's best decorated gazebo: "It was a very close call, Fat Sam's Club by the Buggy Malone crew is fantastic, but the medical drip set up by the Mash tent swung it for me." So, the PIP 2018 Great Gazebo Challenge Award was taken home by the Welsh contingent.



The Tea Tent was a popular choice for many to gather with the self-service hot drinks whilst in the Charlie & the Chocolate Factory tent - Sarah, Carla, Sallie-Ann, Karen, Miki and their many helping hands offered the sweet stop, their festival glitter face painting skills, the tombola stall and, of course, the important First Aid corner.

Many of you will have seen Martin Bassett busy all evening catching those special memories through his lens. Go online to www.bassettsphotos.co.uk to view the PIP gallery and buy your favourite photos now. Martin is kindly donating 100% of all profits to PIP 2019.



This year's Packington Party in the Park was made possible owing to the:

- generous donations received at PIP 2017;
- kind grants from the 'Tesco Bag Appeal' and Peveril Homes;
- Recreation Ground Trustees;
- And many local companies donating their products and services...

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Rebound Trampoline Park

Thank you to everyone who came out,
supported and got into
The Spirit of Packington



Sunday July 22nd

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday July 29th

10.30 am Holy Communion for Woodfield Team at Packington

Sunday August 5th

11am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday August 12th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday August 19th

11am All age service

Sunday August 26th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday September 2nd

11am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday September 9th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday September 16th

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 2nd Sunday of the month at 11am in the back of church in term time

St Laurence Church Measham
11th August
2-4pm

Junk Modelling Crafts
Ready Games
Steady Stick
Gunge!! story

For all children under 11 (under 5's must have an adult stay)
£1.00 per child
For more details:
Ceriann Kelly (Childrens worker) 079946376500
woodfieldchildrenswork@gmail.com
Facebook: Woodfield childrens work

HELP WANTED The 29th Open Gardens in Packington takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August. **Help** is needed on the day serving refreshments, working on the stalls and manning the car park. Donations of homemade cakes and scones and items for the 'Anything gardening', 2nd hand books and garden produce stalls would also be gratefully received. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Geoff or Doreen Gasson (01530 412012) gasson123@btinternet.com Many thanks

**VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS DAY
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**

**27TH August
2.00pm – 7.00pm**

Passport to 12 gardens
£4.00 adults
Accompanied children free

Available on the day from
Measham Road Car Park,
Memorial Hall or
Participating gardens.



Gardening stall, plants,
second-hand books.
Displays and live musical
entertainment
Ice-creams,
afternoon teas at the
Memorial Hall, High Street,
30, Normanton Road and
13, Babelake Street.

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A Glimpse into the Past with Jessie Sherwin



Jessie with daughter Jane Bradbury

Jessie Sherwin (nee Grainger) was born in 1928 in the last of a row of cottages in Normanton Road, to parents Albert and Nellie.

The cottages stood in the grounds of what is now number 16. These were typical 'two up two downs', with outside loo, copper for boiling water and tin bath for doing the washing. The kitchen had a traditional grate, needing daily blacking and a pig was kept in the back yard. "I used to be frightened of that pig!" says Jessie. But the yard also had a beautiful Victoria plum tree which she remembers fondly. It yielded good fruit and vegetables were also grown there. There was no water in the cottage, this had to be drawn from the well outside and most houses in Packington then had their own well. Milk was collected direct from the farmer. Jessie's father Albert worked on the land too, and Jessie remembers cycling to the fields to take him his lunch

Jessie had two brothers and two sisters - Winifred, Evelyn, Frederick and Cyril - three of whom remained in Packington all their lives. Jessie's parents died whilst she was in her early teens and Evelyn became the 'parent' of the family.

Jessie went to school in Packington and one of her best memories is of Maypole dancing and Sunday school which she enjoyed. Jessie went on to teach at Sunday school herself at the early age of 14. In Jessie's day, it was safe to play in the road as cars were so rare - so rare in fact that her brother Cyril was a 'car spotter', excitedly noting the number plates of as many as two cars per day that would come through the village. Jessie confesses that she and others 'used to get up to naughty things' as school children, so little has changed there!

Jessie met and married George Sherwin (who also wrote for the Packington Post), in 1956, in Packington Church, where Jessie had strong ties, having been christened and confirmed there. They moved to a rented cottage beside the chapel in the High Street and daughter Jane was born in 1959. In 1960 Jessie and George bought Rosedene in Normanton Road for the vast sum of £1,100! Daughter Jane is now the fourth generation of 'Packingtonians'.

Jessie worked in Timothy Whites the pharmacy in Ashby as a window dresser and serving customers but remained close to Packington helping at the school as a dinner lady and in the playground and working in the Post Office.

In terms of changes since her early days in the village, Jessie says 'I am sorry to see the amount of building that is taking place in Packington, but I suppose that is necessary progress'. But she adds, 'the village is still friendly and still retains its sense of community'. Long may it continue!

**1st WORLD WAR
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**
November 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, is well on the way to organising several special events.

Friday Film night 9th November

Film to be announced

On Saturday Evening 10th November

an Edwardian extravaganza of music, comedy sketches, singing and verse, together with a supper/dinner of the period. 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 at Holy Rood

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 and the rejoicing of Armistice Day. 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 please contact: **Chris Miles , 414378**

christopher.miles@sky.com

Terry Hammond 415764

Sharron Miller for Food preparation

More pictures in the next issue of Packington Post to help those brave enough to come in costume for the above events.



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Save the Date!

Saturday 1st September is the date of this year's show and it is fast approaching! Last year marked the 75th anniversary of the show and a great day was had by all, with much support from young and old alike. We are again looking forward to another fantastic day and hoping to get your support once more to make the 76th show another one to remember. We are delighted this year to have Peveril Homes as our main sponsor as well as individual category sponsors. We have a new look show schedule which will be with you over the coming weeks but if you'd like to view it beforehand, you'll find it on our website - <https://horticulturalshow.wixsite.com/packington>



Whether you are a novice gardener, baker or a committed grower, whatever your age, there is a category just for you. If entering isn't your thing, then please do come along and view all the wonderful produce and exhibits, you may even be tempted to buy some of the produce during the renowned auction and have a go on our raffle. Proceeds from this year's show will go to support local groups and charities as in the past..

The bar will be open and there will be delicious wood fired pizza's available from 5pm onwards. We really cannot run the show without you and look forward to welcoming you all on Saturday 1st September!

Bob Parry 07527 823269

Day out with the Ponies

Phoenix Charity Open Day was held on Babelake Street last Sunday. The big crowd enjoyed the brilliant weather and many activities and games. Their loyal volunteers and hundreds of happy families had a great time taking part in face painting, hook a duck, welly-wanging and many more.



Councillor John Clarke officially opened the day and the Charity was inundated with many of their beneficiaries who the charity has supported for a long time.

Suze Bower – one of the trustees said “What can I say? I’ve run out of superlatives, it was a brilliant day and the team work was outstanding. Everyone was happy to help anyone who needed something, be it a pen or, as in my case, a pony to be photographed with. Well done Nita, Clare and Liz, the day was a huge success, I know because I asked people as they left.”

The new Hall store-room extension project is now well underway. The build is due to begin on July 23rd and will take five weeks to complete. This will take place during the Playschool's summer holiday period and will not disrupt this group which uses the rear of the Hall for outdoor activities.

As the build will not affect groups using the Hall venues, the only problem will be restricted parking spaces at the rear.

The Management Committee has secured a 50% Grant from the Solar Farm Community Fund and has matched this amount with funds accrued during the last nine years since the refurbishment took place in 2009. This will provide storage of vital equipment for the Table Tennis Club, Youth club, and Hall and in an accessible part of the main building. It will also mean that preparations can soon go ahead to recruit members interested in forming a Short Mat Bowls Club. The completion of this project will mean the disposal of the container at the back of the Hall.

Sally Peterson will be taking on the Booking Secretaries role in July and will follow on from Joan Lawther who has worked hard in this role for the last five years and has at last got the new Avalon Booking System up and functioning well. I would like to thank Joan and her husband Steve for all their hard work.

At the recent AGM no one came forward as Vice-Chairman, but I am happy to report that Steve Salt will be fulfilling this role along with his Website responsibilities. Steve is a community minded family man who has a child at the local school and has volunteered his services to

It is coming up to that time of year when the annual Duck Race is held. Given good weather and some water in the Gilwiskaw Brook, it will be happening on the August Bank Holiday at 6pm. See below for details.

Chris Miles (Chairman)

Annual Duck Race

Bank Holiday Monday 27th August.
6 pm on Gilwiskaw Brook, Mill St.

Duck Race Tickets can be purchased from any Memorial Hall Committee Members
There are three races in all and are followed by the very successful "customised" duck race. There will be prizes for; 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places and for the best decorated Duck.



Cash Prizes
Ticket £1-00

BAR-B-QUE and DRINKS

Proceeds to Packington Memorial Hall Charity. Promoter Mr C Miles for the Charity No. 521484

For tickets and info:

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First Wednesday Coffee Morning

We do not meet in August.
Next date is **September 5th**
10.00 to 12.00

in Venue 35 (Meeting Room)
All Welcome

The story so far.....



Right: Cover from first edition

When you picked up the previous issue of "Packington Post" from your letter box, and, scanned the front page for all the village news, or sat down (with a cup of coffee?) to make a mental note of future events, did you ever wonder who (and what) was involved in assembling, printing, and delivering each copy to you, every two months?

The very first issue of the "Packington Post" came out fifteen years ago this month. It followed on from recommendations made in the Packington Village Appraisal of 2001/2 after a questionnaire had been sent to every household (312 then) in the village. Over 80% of households responded.

One of the questions asked was: "Would you like an independently produced village newsletter/magazine covering all aspects of village news/information?"

390 replied: 273 answered "Yes", 117 answered "No".

The then Packington Parish Council responded by setting up a working party of volunteers and agreeing to fund eight issues of a bi-monthly news magazine. At the end of this successful launch period "Packington Post" became an independent voluntary group: - "Packington

Communications Group" (PCG). The PCG still receives most of its funding from the Parish Council, so every village "Council" taxpayer makes a small contribution indirectly through the "Parish Precept". The "PCG" also produces the excellent local "Email Alerts" run by the first, and longest serving, editor of the "Packington Post" (50 issues), Steve Plummer.

The current editorial team, led by our Editor, Mike Coke, is made up of 11 volunteers. Mike does nearly all of the initial collection and setting up of material which he presents at the bi-monthly, editorial team meetings. Collectively the editorial team decide on the content of each issue. The material is then collated on screen by Mike Coke and Wes Ewing, into the format that, when printed, will become the "Packington Post" you receive in your letterbox.

A pause here... for a special thanks to Wes Ewing who has been involved in the setting up and printing of every single one of the 91 issues of the "Packington Post" since its inception, and who has put in countless hours of his own time during that period, over and above the "printing costs" for which Context is remunerated.

In excess of 30 volunteers contributed in some way to the content of the last issue, not forgetting the 17 members of the "distribution team" who deliver each issue to your door in all weathers.

If, after reading this, you would like to help, in any way, to ensure that this "village institution" continues through the next fifteen years please make contact with the editor, or one of the editorial team.

Spa Day Out



Champneys offered, through the Packington Post, a day of pampering at Springs for a deserving person in the village. Sam Culwick was nominated, and the editorial team agreed unanimously with this choice.

Sam admitted that she and Ali get very little “quality time” together because of their commitments. Following our visit to Champneys, Sam was at last able to arrange child care and finally take up this day out.



“We had the most amazing day!! Ali and I were pampered all day and the food was amazing. We can’t thank Carol enough!!! We didn’t want to come home it was so peaceful and relaxing.”

Over the Moon Edinburgh – 52.4 miles. I DID IT!!!!

Readers of Packington Post may recall that I signed up for a big challenge early in the New Year – the ‘Over the Moon’ double marathon – in Edinburgh overnight on 9/10 June. Yes, that’s two full marathons, a total of 52.4 miles!

It was all part of the Walk the Walk Charity, which raises money for breast cancer research and support. The challenge was to power walk the distance in under 14 hours and I managed it in just over 13! Over 6,500 participants took part in the ‘Half Moon’ and ‘Full Moon’, but only 35 entered for the ‘Over the Moon’ double challenge.

The challenge began at 11.30 pm and started with a steep climb out of Holyrood Park up Arthur’s Seat then down through the city where people cheered all the participants on. Everyone was dressed in decorated bras (even the gents!) in support of the breast cancer cause, and the atmosphere was tremendous.



I finished the first marathon in just under 6 hours then took a short break to refuel with soup and change trainers before setting off again for what they call ‘lap two’! This was definitely more lonely and tough, **But “I DID IT”**

What is most important is that I have raised over £2,000 in support of breast cancer research. I’m planning next year to do both the London Moonwalk and the Edinburgh Moonwalk again, I am also putting together a team under the name of the ‘Liberty Belles’ to do London on 11 May 2019 – if anyone is interested in joining please do get in touch! And if you see a small figure power walking the streets of Packington, it’s probably me. Just say ‘Hi’ and give me thumbs up of encouragement!

Pippa David 07535 607171

Sporting Success!

Once again, we have had a very busy term of Sports!

We held our Sports Day after half term and what a great morning it was! A group of Sports Leaders from Ivanhoe helped lead the activities and their enthusiastic approach encouraged everyone to actively participate.



Pupils demonstrated their teamwork, resilience and determination to compete in their Houses. It was great to hear pupils supporting and encouraging their team mates. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended to cheer the children on and a big thank you to the PSA who organised the drinks station. A special well done goes to all the parents who competed in the Mums and Dads races!

Swimming Gala

Packington were once again a strong presence at this year's Unity Swimming Gala. Congratulations go to the following pupils: Zac(1st Boys 50m Freestyle), Dan(1st Boys 25m Freestyle), Poppy(1st Girls 50m Freestyle), Ben(2nd Boys Breaststroke), Tilly(2nd Girls 25m Freestyle) & Eva(2nd Girls Backstroke). The Girls relay team (Poppy, Abi, Tilly & Eva) came 1st and the Boys (Zac, Dan, Ethan & Ben) came second. Well done to all our swimmers!

Area Athletics

Finally, pupils from Key Stage 2 represented Packington at the NW Leicestershire Area Athletics in June. Mr Emery reports that all the pupils put in their best efforts and were impeccably behaved. Special mentions go to Layla(1st Girls 75m), Poppy (2nd Girls 600m) and Reuben(3rd Boys 50m Sprint).

Science Success!

It has also been a year of success in Science at Packington. We were over the moon to hear that Oliver and Anna came first overall in the 3M Marble challenge. What an achievement! Both children received £50 each and the school have been awarded £750. Then hot on their heels we were doubly delighted to hear that Bridget was the overall winner of the Ashby Science Fayre. Congratulations to them all.

Year 2 Campout.

The weather was perfect for this year's camp out and the Year 2s had a super night camping under the stars on the school ground. It's an activity that the pupils really look forward to and marks the end of their time as a Key Stage 1 pupil.

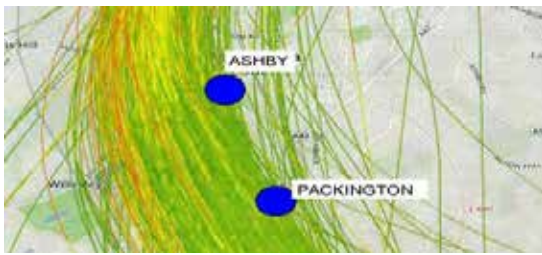
Clarinets Perform at De Montfort Hall

Well done to all our clarinet players who showed their dedication, commitment and passion for learning with their superb playing at this year's Schools' Music Festival.

Welcome to our New Starters

Our new pupils who will start in Reception at the end of August have started their induction visits. We have been really impressed with how well they have made new friends and got stuck in to all the different activities in the classroom and look forward to welcoming them fully in the new academic year.





Aircraft tracks August 2017 above.

Since the issue of increasing aircraft noise over Ashby and Packington, and the map above, was published in the Post in Nov 2017, work has been going on behind the scenes.

We had asked for representation for Packington on the Independent Consultative Council (ICC) which liaises with local communities on issues relating to EMA.

This was turned down simply on the basis of setting precedents which could lead to a large unmanageable committee.

You will form your own views about that!

A meeting was held on Friday 29th June with myself, Colleen Hempson, EMA, Nigel Smith, NWLDC, and Angus Sowter, Parish Councillor for Castle Donington. We were informed that Mr Sowter was delegated to represent our views to the ICC.

The situation is very complex beyond the scope of this short article.

EMA have to produce a Noise Action Plan every 5 years to assess, consider and manage aircraft noise at the airport. It is a key part of delivering broader UK Government noise objectives that are to limit and, where possible, reduce the number of people in the UK significantly affected by aircraft noise.

Five yearly Noise Action Plans are a legal requirement under European Union Directive 2002/49/EC.

The revised **Draft Noise Action Plan (2019-2023)** is currently available for public consultation and can be viewed at the link below.

www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/local-environmental-impacts/noise/noise-action-plan.

Consultation commenced on Tuesday 8th May (who knew!!) and will run for twelve weeks, closing on 30th July.

The Noise Action Plan includes existing and proposed measures to manage aircraft noise and shows how they intend to measure and report progress against targets.

Following this consultation it will be presented for formal adoption by DEFRA in 2019.

The Noise Action Plan is an important document for East Midlands Airport. They are committed to being open in sharing the plan and ensuring that it reflects the views of the airport's users and neighbours.

A questionnaire has been developed as an editable PDF, which you are encouraged to use where possible. The **Questionnaire** can be downloaded at

<http://mag-umbraco-media-live.s3.amazonaws.com/1001/ema-questionnaire.pdf>

A COPY IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE WITH THIS ISSUE OF THE POST

Email your completed form to:-

noiseactionplan@eastmidlandsairport.com

You can post your completed questionnaire or any other comments/complaints to:-

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IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST AND CONCERN FROM RESIDENTS,

EMA have offered to attend a meeting in the village to explain their operation and constraints and address your concerns.

Please email me, Stephen Plummer, at hms@historicmodelships.co.uk or phone me with your views on the value of a meeting.



At the moment there is a 3km corridor within which aircraft should fly. The Eastern edge is through Packington and the Western edge skirts Measham. As the map at the top shows, the majority of aircraft are "hugging" the Eastern boundary. The best hope we have is to push for the aircraft to fly "the preferential noise route" which is down the centre of the corridor and would take them slightly north of Ashby and west of Packington.

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