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100 years on Packington Remembers

A Special Service of Remembrance

Sunday 11th November

There was a good attendance for this special service on the exact day the Armistice came into force 100 years ago. The names of Packington men folk who died in both World Wars were read out. A wreath was laid, and the Last Post sounded to lead into the two minutes silence.

Theme of the service, conducted by Rev Joanne Dyer, was reconciliation as well as remembrance. The service ended with an act of commitment to work together for peace.



Thanks to the Parish Council for organising the poppies that adorned the village, and to Chris Miles and Alan Pearson for putting them all in place.

Packington's First World War Centenary Commemoration

Saturday 10th November

Edwardian Music Hall

What a great evening! It is best described by a letter received by one of the organisers written by an appreciative attendee. "It was absolutely splendid, Well done and many, many thanks to all of you. It was indeed a night to remember. It had a great community feel about it and was brilliant in both concept and in the running of it. The catering ladies deserve medals, everyone and the local thespians too. The professional company gave a fantastic performance and the whole evening was a great success, with just the right mix of jollity and laughter and of solemnity and poignant remembrance. It was fun too to see everyone dressed up for the occasion. Certainly, it was one of 'the' events in Packington's modern calendar - a village highlight and one which I shall remember fondly in the years ahead. Best wishes to you all. You're stars!" It is hoped everyone who came to the evening had similar sentiments. Cont'd on page 2.....



Edwardian Music Hall



The success of the evening was down to a small band of volunteers who met, planned and executed their roles brilliantly. I would therefore like to publicly thank the Supper Team of Sharron, Sallie-Ann, Mel, Becky, Annie, and Henry.



Thanks also to Terry for masterminding and starring in the sketches and for Robin and the History group for researching the Packington WW1 profiles. Thanks to Michael who assisted me in preparing the slide show and the finale, "Last Night at The Proms" sequence. And finally, to Robin for his excellence in playing the last post on trumpet. A true team effort! Thank you!

Chris Miles



First Aid Training

Ten people attended this very informative session. Run by Richard Nevin from the Ashby First Responders and Ben Ryrie from East Midlands Ambulance Service. The basics of dealing with Cardiac Arrest were covered in some detail. The need to act quickly was the key to a successful outcome. Using CPR early on and a defibrillator as soon as possible increase the chance of survival. There were lots of questions and people stayed behind to practice their skills.



"Thank you for organising last night's very instructive event. I "enjoyed" (if that is the correct word) the couple of hours or so and learned a lot

Young Persons Activity Event

Nineteen young people from Packington came to this event on the Sunday afternoon and enjoyed a number of activities. These ranged from being ordered to react quickly on board a ship to the orders of Captain Chris; to a hand grenade accuracy throwing competition; to painting a Commemoration stone. There were some board games dating back over a hundred years, a colouring competition and a memory test on the contents of a serving soldier's bag.



Rations were served and whilst they were eating the youngsters watched silent movies dating back to the WW1 years. Clips were seen of "Fatty Arbuckle", "Charlie Chaplin" and the "Keystone Cops." The Afternoon was rounded off by a power point presentation of WW1 Images set to music, followed by a few questions. Prizes for the best dressed WW1 period costume were distributed followed by prizes won playing the games.

Thanks again for the Afternoon Team of volunteers who made this event so enjoyable. To Sharron, Terry, Simon, Robyn, Alisa, Carla, and Sarah.

Chris Miles





Crafts Ready The Christmas Story
Songs Steady
Games Stick Party Tea

Christmas Party

8th December
2-4:30pm

St Laurence Church, High Street, Measham
In the church hall
£1.00 per child

For all children under 11 (under 5's must have an adult stay)
For more details: Ceriann (Childrens worker) 079463 76500
Facebook: Woodfield Churches Childrens Work

First Wednesday Coffee Morning

Weds 5th December

10.00 to 12.00

Memorial Hall Meeting Room



In the last Packington Post I began my report with concerns over speeding motorists on roads in and around Packington. Councillors have met with Leicestershire County Council Highways Officers. After a full and frank discussion, the LCC officers could offer no further help in traffic calming and said we should contact the police who may be able help in setting up a regular speed watch programme run by trained volunteers.

The absence of a dropped kerb to assist wheelchair users accessing High St at the Bull and Lion was also discussed and the LCC Officer said that it would be dangerous if it was put in and anyway it would cost £20,000 if they did!! Needless to say, we are in deadlock!

At the November Parish Council Meeting a discussion, concerning the Unitary Proposals for Changes to Local Government within Leicestershire, took place. The 99-page document produced by LCC makes difficult reading and offers few or no benefits for the N W Leicestershire area, or Parish Councils. Whilst the discussion on this topic has only just begun, I understand that all MPs in the County are opposed to the idea, as well as the Local District Authorities.

HS2 has again reared its head and, with the recent round of public consultation events having finished, we now have a few weeks left to respond! The Environmental Statement and Equality Impact Assessment is quite an off-putting statement. It should read; **HOW HS2 WILL AFFECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT DURING BUILD AND BEYOND.** It is your last chance to have any influence on this project. We need to speak as one on ways to mitigate noise and disruption, including long road closures, extra traffic etc. To help you respond, we will be holding a drop-in morning at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 1st December. (see report on Page 14)

We will have our experts from the Residents Action Group there to help you. Now is the time to make that extra special effort and respond. For more details of Parish Councils decisions and notices please go to our website.

www.packingtonpc.org.uk

Chris Miles (Chairman)

Be the VOICE of YOUR Community

Why not consider putting yourself forward to serve as Parish Councillor for the May 2019 elections?

More information from the Parish Clerk

clerk@packingtonpc.org.uk

BIG CHARITY BREAKFAST Saturday 2nd March 2019



Book the date now in your new diary,
calendar or phone now



What a super evening! Weather mild and dry, firm under foot and the smell of burgers and sausage mixing with the smell of burning wood, you could not have asked for anything better on Bonfire night. However it did get better, From the moment the fire was lit, and boy didn't it go, to the last firework explosion, the bonfire and fireworks for 2018 in many people's eyes, surpassed all previous years.



The spectators were many and an estimated crowd of over 500 saw a fantastic show and a bonfire to marvel. The food and drinks tent ran out of supplies with twenty minutes to go and the worn-out helpers were able to pause and enjoy the last few amazing fireworks for the first time in years.

The youngsters' sparkler interval again was popular and over 150 sparklers were distributed. The evening, though short, was memorable and a true success in all aspects.



To achieve this there has to be a team of workers to make the event happen. Packington has a team to be proud of and the volunteers increased this year. Thanks, therefore must go to the ground workers and marshals; Bob Pl, Bob Pa, Chris, Dean, Allen, Graham, Dave and Steve. Special mention here must go to Bob Plant who finally builds the bonfire and sets it ablaze absolutely brilliantly. Also, thanks to the Food Tent Crew of Pauline Sally-Ann, Becky Carla, Sharron; to the chefs Dean and Chris.

Finally, thanks must go to the donation collectors Marion and Janet who greet everyone at the entrance and supervise gift aided donations.



Above are the facts, now let us look at the figures. Was it all worthwhile? The response by spectators say yes it was a great night and the figures also say what a great night. Over £1500 was taken in donations and a fantastic £751 taken in the food and drinks tent. With some of the food and generator cost sponsored by anonymous donors, the surplus for the evening stands at a fantastic £1,370. Gift aid brought in around £250 giving a profit on the night of over £1600. What a fantastic outcome. Thank you to all who came, and rest assured the money raised will go toward maintaining, improving and enhancing Packington Recreation Ground.

Well done Packington!!

Chris Miles, Chairman of the Trustees.

Venture Theatre



The Venture Theatre Ashby is staging a beautifully crafted ghost story 29 November - 8 December. Bracken Moor is set in the bleak midwinter in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors. It's not snowing, but in the hearts and minds of the occupiers of the house, they are frozen in time.

www.ashbyventuretheatre.org.uk/tickets

Hill Farm Packington is unique. Alongside traditional livestock, including Aberdeen Angus cattle, Mangalitza pigs, sheep, Shire horses, donkeys, poultry and of course the obligatory farm cats, you will find red deer, alpaca and bison! It also has camping facilities, lodges with hot tubs and a farm shop that offers breakfasts, bacon and sausage cobs, cakes and sells meat, all produced on at Hill Farm.

Owned and managed by Janice and Andrew Sumnall, Hill Farm has been in the family for generations. The original farm house adjoined the Bull and Lion pub in the centre of Packington and Andrew's father took over the farm in 1941, with Andrew continuing to farm there from 1963 at Hill Farm's present location on Spring Lane.

Conventional farming incomes have fallen significantly over the years and prices for produce such as milk have fallen to such levels that people are paying more for bottled water than a pint of milk in supermarkets. Many farmers have faced the challenge by diversifying and Hill Farm is no exception. In 2006 Janice and Andrew expanded their scope creating woodland with walks, a deer park and began to farm bison. Bison meat is growing in popularity as a great source of lean protein, rich in vitamin B and is thought to provide many other health benefits, so it's good news for the local community that there is a supply on the doorstep at the Hill Farm shop!



Councillor Michael Sprecht from NW Leics District Council with Janice Sumnall at the preview evening to introduce this new product range

Alpaca were introduced to the farm in 2007. They are shorn once a year and the farm shop sell their own natural, undyed,

unbleached wool and products from the Hill Farm herd. Janice and Andrew travelled to Peru, where alpaca originate from, earlier this year to see for themselves how the traditional and colourful woven textiles are made. They visited the Quechua tribe, high in the Andes, and learned about the production process. The Quechua men herd alpaca but it is the ladies who weave textiles on 'backstrap looms' made of wood, bone and strings that are easily portable from home to field. They now import these Fair-Trade handmade products from Peru and sell them in the farm shop. The sales of these products help the community in Peru to become more self-sufficient and, most importantly, enable them to invest in their children's education.

Janice worked previously in urban renewal in the City of Leicester and has worked with the Joseph Rowntree foundation to tackle inner city housing issues. Farming was a total change, and Janice says, 'it was not so much of a steep learning curve but a vertical one!' Farming, that involves livestock is a 24/7 commitment and the compliance and legislation involved are complex. But Janice's background in urban development proved invaluable in getting to grips with these issues.

As if she wasn't busy enough with all of Hill Farm's activities, Janice has been involved with the local Brownies for over 23 years and Hill Farm will stage the Brownies nativity play on 11 December. Other events at Hill Farm include 'Open Farm Access' for schools to visit and learn about farming and find out where their food comes from and 'Open Farm Sunday open to the public. This year also sees the Hill Farm Christmas Open Days, where visitors can meet Santa in his log cabin, see his reindeer and other farm animals in their winter homes. There will also be craft activities, a bar, hot food and refreshments. The Christmas open days are at the weekends on 8/9 December 15/16 and 22/23 December open from 10.00 am until 17.00 pm. Looking forward into 2019, Hill Farm will continue to host 'Open Farm Sundays' for the public and there are other events being planned.

For those interested in any of the events at Hill Farm, please call **01530 411984**.

Services at Holy Rood

Sunday November 25th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday December 2nd Advent Sunday

11am Morning Prayer

4pm Christingle Service

Sunday December 9th

11 am Holy Communion and Toy Service -

We will be receiving toys (preferably new) at this service. They will go to the Marlene Reid Centre in Coalville for distribution to children who might not otherwise get Christmas presents. Can you help? Bring them along to the service or you can leave them in church which is open in the daytime. Please don't wrap the presents as the Marlene Reid needs to see what they are in order to distribute wisely! Wrapping paper is however welcome.

Sunday December 16th

11am All age service: Follow the Star

Sunday December 23rd

6 pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday December 24th: Christmas Eve

4pm Crib service - a delight for all ages

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday December 25th Christmas Day

9.30 am Christmas Day communion at Normanton-le-Heath

Sunday December 30th

10.30 am Woodfield team united service at Donisthorpe Church

Sunday January 6th

11am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday January 13th

11 a.m. Holy Communion

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

Angel Tree

Missing someone this Christmas? Then in Packington Church, add an angel to the tree, a special way of remembering them.

Carols with Salvation Army at The Bull and Lion



Friday 21st Dec 7.00 pm
Mince Pies and Mulled Wine
Join the singing with the SA band.
All money raised will go to the Salvation Army.



Many thanks to all who are leaving food, toiletries and more for the Ashby Food Bank. Do keep contributions coming. They can be left at the back of Holy Rood Church where you will see a red box.

Time for a revamp at Holy Rood Church.

At the time of going to press, we are still waiting for permissions to be in place, but we're hopeful work will be starting after Christmas for the new disabled WC, new servery and removal of back row of pews to give more circulation room at the back of church.

We are currently applying for grants to assist us with the work which will come in at around £60,000. It is important that we do this work which will benefit not just those coming to church services but the many from the village who use it. Can you help us? If so, do contact: **Vivien Elphick on 01530 270354** Cheques need to be made payable to 'PCC Holy Rood, Packington'

There is likely to be some disruption in church while the work is in progress, but we'll try to keep you posted.

Charity Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who ventured out in the blustery weather to support our annual event in Church.

Our chosen charity this year was Canine Partners and we were very privileged to have Kate Cross and her highly trained assistance dog, a Labrador Retriever Cross called May, with us for the morning.



Life would be a struggle for Kate without the help and companionship of May. £623.29 was raised for the charity to help with the specialist two-year training programme of these amazing dogs.

Soup and a Pudding

Friday 11th January 12noon – 2pm



Join us in Church for a selection of homemade soup and puddings. Donations welcome for Church fund

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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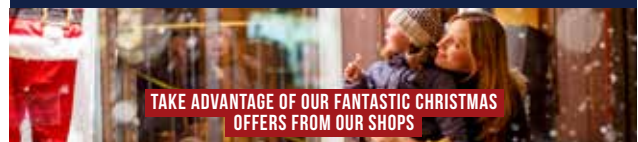
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David Granger Architectural Design is moving to New Premises at The Old Cottage Hospital, Ashby

David's wife, Sally, lived with her parents on Ashby Road in Packington. She went to the village school where, amongst others, she was taught by Mrs Holmes who later on taught David's two daughters when they also attended the school. When David and Sally married, they moved into a house on Ashby Road and David ran his business from his in-law's house next door, using a ground floor study. As things got busier Marion, his Mother-in-law, worked from the kitchen table and an assistant worked from a bedroom upstairs.

As the business grew it moved first to the Coaville Business Centre, then an office in Derby, followed by serviced office suites in Donisthorpe and then to the Old Dairy on Mill Street, where the business has been based for in excess of 25 years.

The barns on Mill Street were in full agricultural use with sheep in the main courtyard when David became involved. A chance meeting between Robert and Sue Plant resulted in David and Sally buying the buildings with planning approval. They took the project on board and over a period of time converted them for residential use, retaining The Old Stables and The Old Dairy for their own occupancy, David's intention always being to convert The Old Dairy to his office accommodation.

During the time the business has been based at The Old Dairy things have changed a great deal, in terms of staffing levels, technology, expertise and skill sets.



In total there are presently 15 people working in the company and space is severely restricted. We had to give up our meeting room some time ago in order to create additional work stations and whilst we have overcome this particular issue by using the Village Hall meeting room, we are at breaking point and have been looking for a while for a suitable alternative.

The Old Dairy has been altered as much as it can be and sadly it is time to leave this cherished building behind and move on to pastures new.

When David realised there was a possibility that we could move to the Old Cottage Hospital in Ashby an equally unique building with tremendous scope and offering a wealth of opportunities to expand and diversify the business, it seemed to him to be the perfect time to go.

The intention is to occupy the whole of the restored ground floor of the Old Hospital whilst letting out the first-floor office to other businesses that we have an affinity with, such as landscape design, estate agency and quantity surveying.



David Granger MCIAT ACIOB

David is full of enthusiasm and fresh ideas for the future of the business and whilst there is a sadness about leaving The Old Dairy, having reached the age of the big 60 this year, he feels that this next chapter will mean retirement plans will have to wait a bit longer!

A screenshot of the David Granger Architectural Design Ltd. website. At the top is the company logo. Below it is a tagline: 'David Granger Architectural Design Ltd. offer a friendly and professional service in new build, conversion or adaptation by a team committed to high quality innovative architecture.' There is a photograph of a large, modern brick house. Below the photo are contact details: phone number 01530 560939, Twitter handle @DGDesignLtd, email admin@davidgrangerdesign.com, and website www.davidgrangerdesign.com. At the bottom, there is a banner for 'INNOVATIVE DESIGN SOLUTIONS COUNTRYWIDE' and a logo for 'BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2014' with a star graphic.

Youth Club

Youth Club started off this half term with a full programme of events, which everyone enjoyed. Our activities have been planned and carried out by our junior leader team. These included the ever-favourite Dodgeball Skittles alongside the making of Insect Hotels and our ever-popular Halloween Party, which included amongst others the Dress the Mummy race, Apple Bobbing, Scary Story game and Best Dressed Character.



Enjoying the Halloween party

We still have spaces available, so Come along and enjoy Youth Club's activities. Every Monday during term-time 6-7pm. Contact Carla, Sarah or **Sallie-Ann on 07906 739938** for more information.

Horticultural Show Update

Despite the hot dry summer, we had a fantastic amount of entries and the auction was a great success as ever. We raised just under £1500 and the money has now been donated to Packington Village Youth Club, Packington Old Persons Lunch Club, Holy Rood Church, Packington Brownies, Packington Guides, Ibstock Chapel, WW1 Children's

Commemoration Party and the purchase of some much-needed Football Nets for the Recreation Ground!

A special thanks go to all our sponsors including, Peveril Homes, Daybreak Services and David Granger. A full list along with photos from the event and contact details can be found at <https://horticulturalshow.wixsite.com/packington>. A big thank you to all who supported the day and we would really like to see even more villagers at next year's show on Saturday 7th September. If you have any ideas you would like to see implemented, please do get in touch. PHS Committee

Mens Group PMG

Our September meeting saw one of our members, Peter Last, give an excellent presentation on Hospice Hope. At our October meeting John Louch talked about his early experiences as a police constable in Derby during the late 1950s and early 1960s—a very different form of policing from today when regular beats, push bikes and traffic control duties were the norm. At the November meeting our speaker, Stephen Hill, gave an excellent presentation on the many changes which have taken place in the electrical industry. He explained historically how electricity was developed and how it was produced locally before the formation of the National Grid. Stephen explained in technical terms all the various means of producing electricity, explaining upsides and downsides of each method and the future challenges for electricity supply. Our next event is the Christmas meal on Tuesday 11th December at 6.30pm in the Bull & Lion.

Mike Taylor 01530 414862

Ladies Group

Around 50 people attended the recent Ladies Group 20th Annual Charity evening in the Memorial Hall. They were entertained by the 15th century Lancastrian knight, Sir Thomas Tresham and his Squire, (Paul and Ken Thompson) with an intriguing demonstration of armoury, weapons and fashion of the time as the knight was gradually dressed in his full armour.



Audience participation included examination at close quarters of individual items of clothing and armour as they were passed round. This was followed by mince pies, wine and fruit juice and drawing of the raffle. The result of the evening was a sum of £220 donated to the charity for 2018 'Crisis at Christmas' (Birmingham/Coventry project). Programmes for 2019 will be available from December.

Doreen Gasson 01530 412012

Film Club

Friday 14th December @ 7:30pm

Packington Memorial Hall



Friday 11th January 2019

Refreshments served 7.00

Film Starts 7.30

Adults £4.00 children U12 £2.00



Dear Editor

I was sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Stuart Andrews last month.

Many of your readers may be unaware of the contribution made by Stuart to the renovation of Packington Memorial Hall in the early years of this century. Stuart joined the Memorial Hall management committee, along with me and several others, at an "Extraordinary General Meeting" held on 19th April 2005. This meeting had been called to decide whether the Hall had a future or should be "wound up and closed". The new committee decided the Hall should continue and try eventually to work towards renewing the existing Hall buildings.

After one of several early meetings of the "reconstruction" sub-committee, at Stuart's house in Mill Street, he told me (a "newcomer" to Packington, in 2002) that he had been born in Packington. The village hall meant a lot to him. He had many happy memories of attending dances and socials at the Memorial Hall twenty years earlier with his then girlfriend, later his wife. Now he wanted to "do something for his village" in return. He did!

He started, with fellow committee member Paul Parry, by spending hours re-gilding and repairing a consignment of banqueting chairs, he had bought online, for the Hall. From the start, committee meetings were never dull when Stuart was there. He clearly preferred getting things done to just talking about them. He used his building trade "contacts" to obtain surveys of the state of the building prior to reconstruction. He was also influential in the early search for funding grants for the renovation project. Early in the fund raising he personally advertised, organised, and ran discos at the Hall which raised thousands, and kick started the renovation fund.

When construction started, in early 2009, Stuart volunteered the empty Methodist Church next door, which he then owned, to be used as a store for all the detachable Memorial Hall fixtures and fittings, rent free, for the duration of the construction work. By the time the "new" Memorial Hall re-opened in December 2009 I think everyone on the management committee would have agreed

that Stuart had more than fulfilled his pledge to "do something for his village of Packington".

On a wholly personal note I shall greatly miss the smile with which he invariably greeted me on Friday nights at the Bull and Lion.

Yours sincerely Adrian Mongredien

Dear Residents

"A dog friendly cafe had long been a dream for Barker's owner Sue Bowker, having almost everything in place to get a new business off the ground, all she needed to realise that dream was a perfect location and High Street in Packington was it!

Having first opened the doors to Barkers in March this year, Sue is seeing a steady stream of two legged and four legged customers popping in for a treat or two but she couldn't do this without the continued support of those customers.

If you haven't given Barkers a try yet why not pop in over the festive period and see what it has to offer. You'll be certain of a warm welcome and a friendly smile from both Sue and her staff. With freshly ground coffee, various teas, tasty food and a great selection of homemade cakes always on offer you won't go home disappointed. Neither will your four-legged friends, they can choose from mouth-watering delights such as tasty sausages, bone shaped sandwiches and even a Doggy High Tea, which is proving extremely popular indeed.

Sue would like to thank customers for their continued support and looks forward to seeing both old and new faces in the year ahead."



Congratulations to Packington's young sports people who were nominated and shortlisted for the 21st NWLDC Sports and Health Awards 2018.

The event is held to celebrate the outstanding contributions made by local athletes and clubs to sport, physical activity and health.

They received their awards at an evening presentation hosted by Radio Leicester's Ian Stringer.

Daniel Gammon collected an award for Disabled Sportsman of the Year



Daniel (seen on the left) has represented his school at numerous events including tag rugby and football. He has taken part in many inter-school competitions, always competing on equal terms with his peers. Daniel recently enjoyed a week's residential trip away with his school to Bude and whilst there, took part in all activities ranging from surfing to high ropes.

Will Cross and Ashby Castle Lawn Tennis Club won Junior Team of the Year



The Ashby Castle 12 and under boy's tennis team won the county 12 and under title for the 2nd consecutive year and were county champions for the third year in a row, after winning the 10 and under event in the previous year.

The boys that made up the team have been coached at the tennis club for many years and are all extremely committed to the sport.

Matt Stretton won Junior Sportsman of the Year

Matt has had an excellent 2018 season in cycling with the local Coalville Wheelers Cycling Club based at Griffydam, which culminated with him securing 12th place in the National Junior 10-mile Time Trial Championships in Glasgow.



He had the determination to persevere and complete the race, despite racing with a fractured bone in his hand and also experiencing mechanical gear failure in the last three miles of the event.

He gained 2nd place in the 2018 Junior Midlands Time Trial Championship, posting a time of 21:51 whilst still racing with a fractured hand. This time was good enough to place him 8th overall including the senior men.

He also gained top ten placings in open time trials six times in 2018, competing in large events of 100+ riders of all ages and has set multiple course personal bests.

Residents have until 21st December to respond to the HS2 Environment and Equality Reports. These reports set out HS2's initial proposals which includes both the construction process and the design and operation of the line. If their proposals go unchallenged, the impact on Packington really will be disastrous, adversely affecting residents during a lengthy construction process as well as impacting daily lives and blighting the village once the line is operational. We urge residents to submit a response, as it's the details under consultation that will determine the impact on us.

The Environment Report is the opportunity to feedback on all aspects impacting our environment including; road disruption, views, noise, pollution.

The Equality Report is the opportunity to feedback on aspects that will impact certain groups; school children, the elderly, those needing to use roads to get to work etc. An e.g. you might comment on would be the requirement for school children to have a safe undisrupted route to Ashby schools. HS2 will impact all of Packington regardless of the exact location you live in the village. But we have this opportunity to put forward proposals that could reduce how much it affects us. We can make a difference by communicating on this with HS2.

Therefore, we are urging you and your neighbours to respond to the latest HS2 consultation process. Their reports run into several hundred pages (the full reports can be found on the HS2 website (you need to look for the 'Working draft Environmental statement Vol 2 LA03 and the Equality Impact Assessment report H70) below are some of our main proposals for Packington:

Key during the construction phase: HS2 are proposing closing Ashby Road bridge for vehicles for 19 months. We've been successful in getting a commitment from HS2 that there will be pedestrian access but are pushing for a temporary bridge for vehicles. Residents of all ages access Ashby via this route and losing this route will particularly impact those needing to access the doctor's surgery or schools in Ashby. It is technically viable to provide a temporary crossing, it will cost HS2 money to do so, but we need to point out the impact on residents if we lose this access.

HS2 plan to use village roads for construction traffic – to include; Measham Road, Bridge street, Normaton Road, Coleorton Lane, Ashby Road & Vicarage Lane. I'm sure we can all imagine the noise, pollution and danger of this. We propose a haul route along the route of the line to avoid/ minimise the need for construction traffic through the village.

Design proposals:

We oppose the large Viaduct over the Giliwiskaw. This will be a huge concrete construction, blight the village views forever and increase the traffic noise from the A42, as the noise will pass under the viaduct. We have requested HS2 find an alternative solution and have proposed an embankment and short bridge which would have far less impact.

We propose the line is lowered as it goes across the Giliwiskaw, to reduce noise and visual impact on the village. The risk of a lower line is the cutting in Plant's Hill is deeper, so we are asking for the land to be shaped around the entrance to the cutting to minimize destroying the view out from the village

We are also asking HS2 for photomontages of the before and after views from the top of Mill street (the heart of Packington and of the conservation area) – these have not yet been included on the list of photomontages HS2 will produce.

On Ashby road, although HS2 line is in a shallow cutting, there are no sound bunds (earth barriers) to reduce the noise – just a hedge planted to hide the fence and line a little bit visually. We are pushing for sound bunds to reduce the train noise and trees to hide the girders that hold up the railway's overhead electric wires.

If anyone would like guidance completing their response or to get more information The Residents Team will be holding an open morning supported by the Parish Council.

**Saturday 1st December from 10-12
in the Village Hall,**

For more detail also look at the Alert 548 we sent on 1 November & look out for further Alerts over the next month.

Packington Residents Team

Contact: Terry Hammond 01530 415764
terryhammond@me.com

Bude

At the beginning of October, pupils from Year 5 & 6 returned from their week-long residential visit to Bude.



They all had a fantastic time and there were plenty of opportunities for them to exercise their 'character muscles!' Mr Emery and Mrs Clark were really impressed with the teamwork, confidence, courage and risk-taking on show.

Community Day

Our Year of Community and Living Well got off to a superb start with our whole school Community Day. It was fantastic to see adults and pupils working together as a team to make the school environment a better place to work and learn.



There were so many positive activities and opportunities for pupils to develop learning characteristics such as resilience, co-operation, listening and determination to succeed.

Cross Country

Our Cross Country event was held on Saturday 3rd November and was a great success. The number of children who turned out to represent Packington was marvellous – 47 children in total set off from the starting line and put in their best effort. All the pupils were presented with a certificate in our Growing & Glowing Time. We had some fabulous results with special mention to the following:

Year R Girls: Elsa T 3rd place

Year 1/ 2 Boys: Charlie S 2nd place

Year 3/4 Boys: Reuben K 2nd place, Bailey B 3rd place.

Year 5/6 Girls: Anna M 3rd place.

Year 5/6 Boys: Samuel S 1st place.

A big well done to all our runners!

I would like to pass on our thanks to everyone who helped to make the day a success, and of course all the villagers for their patience with the extra visitors into the village. Your support helped make the day a great success.

Remembrance Service & Our Chain of Poppies

On Friday 9th November the whole school attended a short service led by Rev' Vivien in Holy Rood Church. The service included the playing of the 'Last Post' followed by a two-minute silence at 11:00am and formed part of our Remembrance work to commemorate the end of World War 1.

Our Key Stage 2 children shared their own Remembrance Poems and told the story of Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, who wrote the famous Flanders Fields poem. Our Key Stage 1 children confidently reminded us why we wear poppies and re-enacted the laying of the wreath at the cenotaph.

We hope you have had the chance to see our Chain of Poppies art work outside the school! Every pupil in school contributed by making a poppy to commemorate 100 years since the end of the first World War.



Governor Required

Our School Governors are looking for someone with health and safety knowledge / experience to become an associate governor and help us with our Health and safety work. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office on 01530 412425 or office@packington.leics.sch.uk

Coming up: Do come along to our Christmas Fayre on Friday 7th December, 3:15 to 4:30pm.

As the end of 2018 approaches, I would like to tell Packington residents, specially the newcomers, a brief history of your village shop.

I am proud to continue to open and manage a shop here; a business my parents started 63 years ago. As well as being voted "Best Village Shop" in Leicestershire for two years running in the early 1990s, we have again been nominated for the Countryside Alliance Award; the Rural Oscars. Last year we achieved "Highly Commended."

"If we haven't got any item, we will try to get it by next week" is a phrase often heard about Daybreak Services; so please ask.

I feel that a thriving local shop is an integral part of a village. Those villages that have lost their local shop have lost a vital community resource. The shop provides a valuable service for residents and customers from further afield. A total of ten people are employed in various roles.

Earlier this year I decided to adapt part of the premises and am delighted that Sue Bowler has opened "Barkers" café, another asset for villagers and visitors.

Newcomers to the village may not be aware that Pete Swift's shop provides a full "Christmas Package" of locally sourced produce. Contents include; free-range poultry, fresh vegetables and all the other condiments which go to make up those special Christmas meals. Pick up an order form next time you visit and collect your goods on Christmas Eve.

Daybreak Services Christmas Opening Times

17th to 22nd December
Normal Opening Times
Sunday 23rd Open
Monday 24th Open
Tues 25th and Weds 26th Closed
Thurs 27th 0 Open till 1.00 pm
Sun 30th Closed
Mon 31st Open
Tues 1st Jan 2019 Closed

With Christmas approaching we are stocking up on Seasonal Fare. The usual order form will be available shortly. You will be able to order your Free-Range turkey and other delights.

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