



Join Us For Our Big Charity Breakfast

Big Breakfast 2019

Saturday 2nd March 09.00 to 13.00

Memorial Hall

The Big Breakfast has raised almost £8000 over seven years for charity. This year we plan to support the youth activities in the village. We do hope old and new residents will come and join in this very social village event.

Where has the year gone? I do hope all the volunteers from 2018 are still around to help out again. There will be opportunities for new volunteers to help, washing up (using our commercial dishwasher), serving tea and toast and washing glasses or joining the cooking team. All volunteer sessions are just ONE HOUR so you can do your stint and either before or after, enjoy a fabulous "Packington" breakfast.



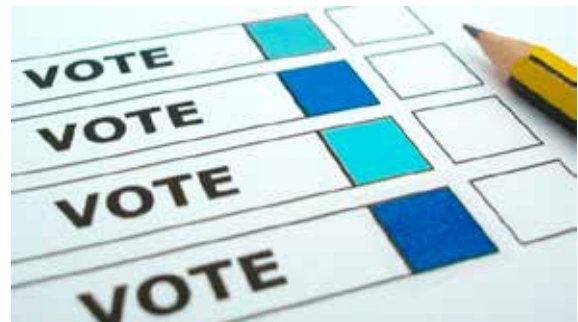
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Meet your fellow villagers for a great breakfast.
If you want to volunteer contact Mike 560430*

Be the VOICE of your Community

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

Come to a Drop-In Session organised by the Parish Council on **Tuesday 5th February at 6:30pm to 7pm** in the **Meeting Room, Packington Memorial Hall.**

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Comment from our most recently elected Parish Councillor

"From the first day of my appointment, the Parish Councillors have made me feel extremely welcome and have guided me through the protocol. The role is very rewarding, being able to make an impact on important decisions for the village and its community.

I would encourage anyone who would like to stand for election to put their name forward and I would happily assist in any way I can and/or advise on the role".

Clare Beynon

clarebeynon@live.com

Further to the account of wheelchair access from Measham Rd to High St in the previous Packington Post, I can report that the official route recommended by LCC Highways for wheelchairs is via Mill St and Little Lane! As most of you know the deadline for the HS2 Environmental response was the 21st of December. The Council submitted a thorough document stressing that accessibility and quality of life of Packington residents should not be put at risk by the building phase of HS2. The Resident's Action group with whom the Parish Council liaised, also submitted an impressive document. The Council wishes to thank them for all their hard work.

Crime in November was reported as one burglary in Mill St where forced entry and jewellery was taken. The Council urge everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour by phoning 101. Most planning applications are given approval by the Parish Council but two applications were objected to in the December meeting. One on Ashby Rd and the other in the middle of Normanton Rd and High St. Reasons for the objections can be found in the minutes of the meeting on the Parish Web site.

The Parish Precept and its Budget has been discussed and resolved. There are no increases in the Parish rate which parishioners pay annually. We also know that NWLDC do not propose an increase but LCC have increase their annual amount by just over 3%.

Improvements to the Recreation ground were discussed and money has been set aside to fund some of the improvements which are mentioned in the Recreation Ground report. Work to improve the appearance of Little Lane and Mill St were also discussed and accepted.

For more details of Parish Councils decisions and notices please go to our website.

www.packingtonpc.org.uk

Chris Miles (Chairman)

MAKE A CHANGE..... BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Packington Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to stand in the local elections in 2019.

What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes.

Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

How long does it take?

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
18 years of age or older

Live in an area that is served by a local council

How can I get involved?

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Contact Packington Parish Council
clerk@packingtonpc.org.uk

07936359959

www.nalc.gov.uk/elections

It has been another busy few months for Officers of the Memorial Hall. Since August the central heating boiler has been acting up and whilst it did work well when switched on, it would randomly switch itself off! Despite spending nearly £500 pounds on spare parts and labour to get it working it was eventually decided to replace the boiler. The replacement was installed on the 5th January and it is hoped that we will have a reliable heating system for a good number of years.

The Memorial Hall's AGM will take place in March when a new Management Committee will be formed. The Memorial Hall has been very lucky over many years to secure the voluntary support of individuals who have given their time in order to manage this well used community facility. We would encourage anyone who is able to help or is interested in the welfare of this facility to come to the AGM. Without this voluntary support the Memorial Hall would cease to function.

At the time of writing this report I know that the Committee will be requiring a Meeting Secretary, so if you are able to help in this regard please come along and volunteer.

The Hall has offered to hire their own tablecloths to users for a number of years. However, this service is on hold until we find a person willing to wash them after use. If you can help in this regard, please contact the Chairman. There is a remuneration for this work of £4.00 per tablecloth.

In my last report it was noted that the Playschool had unfortunately had to finish. I am pleased to report that many of the gaps left in the daytime hours of the Memorial Hall have now been filled. We have some keep fit groups for the elderly and some pregnant Mums and Tots groups as well.

Financially the Hall is doing well and it is hoped that a good team of volunteers will be elected to continue the good work for

the year ahead. **Please put the date of the AGM in your diary Tues 19th March** and come along even if its just to see what is happening at the Memorial Hall.
Chris Miles (Chairman) 01530 414378
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First Wednesday Coffee

With regret this venture will not continue into 2019 after more than four years.

Thankyou to the few regular customers but the overall numbers do not make this viable into the future.

I am hoping to organise a village Coffee Morning to support Macmillan in September

Mike Coke

Recreation Ground Charity

The new apparatus on the Recreation Ground continues to be a great success. The footfall of children and families using the park has increased tremendously so far this winter and the new rides and swings have proved very popular.

The Trustees have approved extra work on the Recreation Ground. The carpark will again be levelled and top dressed and a hardcore, gated roadway from the carpark to the top level of the field will be made. This will enable better vehicle access to the field when it is deemed necessary. Work repairing the swing security gate at the entrance will also be undertaken. Profits from the Bonfire and a grant application from the Community Fund will help finance these projects. Trustees may have to close the carpark for a day or so to allow this work to be carried out. Notices will be placed at the entrance when final dates for this work is known.

The original lock to the Container on the Recreation Ground is no longer in use. The replacement is already in place and as the container was set up to be accessible for all, anyone wishing to become a designated keyholder, should apply to the Secretary to the Trustees.

Mrs Karen Edwards 23 Brittany Ave. Ashby de la Zouch LE65 2QT

Clerk@packington.org.uk

Ladies Group

The Ladies Group programme for 2019 started with the annual coffee morning at 13, Babelake Street on 9th January. The £35 raised from the 'Bring & Buy' stall will go towards this year's charity donations.



The next meeting on the 13th February is the story of Shellbrook Motors – Ashby's very own toyshop, with Gill Weston. On 13th March there's a presentation by Marie Hanson on the charity 'Me and Dee' which provides holidays by the sea for adults and children facing life threatening and terminal conditions. Both meetings are in the Packington Memorial Hall meeting room and commence at 7.30pm.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Doreen for details and copies of the 2019 programme. These can also be picked up on the table at the back of Packington Church.

Doreen Gasson 412012

Brownies

The 1st Packington Brownies hosted their Nativity play before Christmas and had such a fantastic time doing so. Everybody worked hard, and no one was tongue tied when it came to their turn!! Friends and family came to watch and seemed to really enjoy themselves, and the mulled wine went down a treat.



This term we will be starting the new brownie programme and concentrating on developing DIY skills using tools, star gazing and new craft activities. If any girls aged 7- 10 years old fancy joining us at brownies you would be made very welcome. We meet on a Tuesday night at Hill Farm, Spring Lane, Packington between 5.45pm – 7.00pm.

Janice Sumnall 411984

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History Group

At our final meeting for 2018, we were joined by Wendy Freer of Pudding Bag Productions, a group based in Ashby which produces film and drama documentaries on historical themes. Wendy and colleagues are working on a film project about Rev. Thomas Pestell, who succeeded his father (also named Thomas) as Vicar of Packington in 1644 during the Civil War between King Charles I and Parliament. A year or so later he was ejected by a Puritan preacher and accused of various misdemeanours, for which he appeared before Parliamentary Commissioners in Leicester. In 1651 he was present at the Battle of Worcester and narrowly avoided being hanged after Oliver Cromwell defeated the Royalist forces there. He returned as Packington's vicar in 1662, after the restoration of King Charles II, and continued until he died in 1690. Wendy told us that she hopes some of the filming will take place in Packington and there may be opportunities for local people to observe a "shoot" or to appear as an extra in the film. We will be keeping in touch with this project as it develops through 2019.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 29th January** at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room. We are keen to recruit new members, so anyone who has an interest in history, particularly concerning the village and the surrounding area, will be very welcome to join us. After the formal part of the meeting we will have a wider discussion to plan the group's activities for 2019.

At our February meeting (Tuesday 26th February, same time and place) we will welcome Paula Dring who will talk to us about Rev. Joseph Goadby, who was a leading figure in the former Baptist Chapel in the village. The Chapel was in Mill Street halfway down on the left.

We will be pleased to welcome any non-members who would like to hear about him at this meeting.

Robin Boucher, 01530 411638
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1st Packington Guides

The Unit meets Thursdays in term time at Packington Memorial Hall from 18:30-20:00 (unless we are out and about!) There are currently spaces for girls aged 10-14

Allison Buswell
packingtonguides@gmail.com



Happy New Year from all of the girls and leaders at 1st Packington Rainbows! Last term was a busy one with lots of craft activities, a visit from police Sergeant Haines, partaking in the Remembrance Parade through Ashby and our Christmas party with a visit from Santa and his reindeer. This year is an exciting one as we introduce the new programme which means brand new activities and challenges for the girls to achieve, as well as other activities planned such as sewing our own hand puppets and a treasure hunt around the village. Our meetings take place at Packington Village hall on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm. After Easter we will have a few spaces for girls between the age of 5-7 to join us so if you are interested please get in touch.

Judith Dennis 01283 211518

FILM CLUB

Friday Feb 8th Memorial Hall

King of Thieves (15)



Friday March 8th

The Children Act (12A)



Refreshments served from 7.00

Film starts at 7.30

Adults £4.00 under 12 £2.00

Youth Club

Do you want to spend an hour each week chilling out with your friends?

Are you aged between 9-15?

If so, come along to **PACKINGTON YOUTH CLUB!!**

Starting on **Monday 14th January**, don't miss out!

Enjoy the new activities on offer including; **Wii sports, table football, pool, table tennis, darts, craft activities** and the all new **chill zone!**

Monday 21st of January is a **FREE** session. Bring a friend and chill out! Running **EVERY** Monday during term time, 6-7pm in the Memorial Hall!

For further information contact;
Sallie-Ann on 07906739938

New Wheels for Harry

Here's another donation recently made to a local child by The Phoenix Children's Foundation. We have purchased a 5th wheel for his wheel chair costing nearly £400 as his is so heavy the family struggle to push him up and down steep hills. This 5th wheel is battery operated and once charged lasts up to 10 miles, goes up to 3 miles per hour and even goes backwards! His Mum, Sam, said, "We could never manage to get Harry up our steep drive before, so it will be life changing especially as he gets bigger - thank you to The Phoenix Children's Foundation and to all your kind donors".

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

Woodland Walk

Hill Farm are holding another woodland walk on Saturday 16th February starting at 10.30 am. Back by popular demand! Visitors will be guided through our woodlands and farm and arrive back at the farm around 11.45 am for refreshments. Furry friends welcome and child friendly. The walk is free of charge.

Hill Farm Packington will be hosting a bird box making event just in time for our winged friends to start nesting. Join us on Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd February between 10.00am and 3.00pm for a fun day of themed crafts and more. You will be able to make a bird box using wood and tools.



Fun for all the family

We are also taking part in the National Forest Walking Festival starting later this year in March, so watch this space for more information. Details of all events and craft activities are on our Facebook page "Hill Farm Packington".

Janice Sumnall 411984

Table Tennis

The club continues to progress and has just started its 4th calendar year. We meet every Wednesday at 7:15pm in Packington Memorial Main Hall with the plan to run [through every Wednesday until 10th July](#)

Plans for 2019 include purchasing a 5th table and engaging a Table Tennis coach for the 1st Wednesday of each month.

There is always a warm welcome for all levels of player from beginner to advanced. The cost remains frozen for a 4th year at £2.50/adult and £1.50/junior

A recent article from Renowned physician, psychiatrist and brain imaging expert, Dr Daniel Amen, says that 'Table Tennis is The World's Best Brain Sport!

The following was what Dr Amen had to say about table tennis:

- Increases concentration and alertness
- Stimulates brain function
- Develops tactical thinking skills
- Develops hand / eye coordination
- Provides aerobic exercise
- Provides social and recreational interaction

For more information on the Packington table tennis club call

Graham Saunt on 07764471917

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Fun Day

Saturday 6th July 2019

PACKINGTON PIP

Watch out for more details

Services at Holy Rood**Sunday January 13th**

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday January 20th

11am All-age service

Sunday January 27th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday February 3rd

11am Morning Prayer

6 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday February 10th

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday February 17th

11 am All-age/family service

Sunday February 24th

11 am Holy Communion

(with special speaker on the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

Sunday March 3rd

11 am Morning Prayer

6 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday March 6th**7.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion at St Laurence church, Measham****Sunday March 10th**

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 in the back of church in term time

Time for a revamp at Holy Rood Church.

We're getting there with all the preparations for the revamp to start, but it looks like builders won't actually be on site until the end of March. Things never quite happen when you think they might!

Christmas events at Holy Rood.

There was a lot happening around Christmas-time. Advent Sunday saw a full church for the annual Christingle service, with children and their grownups from school and village.

At the same time, Mary and Joseph set out on their travels around the village before returning to Church (Bethlehem) on Christmas Eve.

And a big thankyou to all who gave toys at the Toy Service for the Marlene Reid Centre



**Ready
Steady
Stick**

Games Story
Crafts Songs

2-4pm

19th February 2019
@ St Laurence Church Measham

21st February 2019
@ Holy Rood Church Packington

£1.00 per child

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

For more details: Ceriann (Childrens worker) 07946376500 **C**

Facebook: Woodfield Churches Childrens Work


Carols at the Bull & Lion

There was great carol singing at the Bull and Lion event – with the Salvation Army Band. Many thanks to all who came, to the Bull and Lion for hosting the event and to all who worked hard to put it on. £393.35 was given for the work of the Salvation Army.

Christmas Fayre

The Packington School Association held another successful 'Taste of Christmas' thanks to the hard work and support of everyone. The pupils enjoyed their dress down day and as always they were keen to help with the fund raising efforts. As a result of all your support over £400 was raised. Thank you to everyone.



Panto & Nativity Performances

Our Key Stage 2 pupils were very busy with FOUR performances of this year's Panto, 'Rock Bottom'. The singing, dancing and comic timing were spot on as a result of the hard work by the children to perfect their lines, and it was a real delight to see the pupils grow in confidence as they took to the stage. We have received some marvellous comments and the children should all be very proud.

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils performed this year's Nativity 'Hey Ewe' beautifully to parents and grandparents. There were some tricky lines and songs to sing but the pupils all took it in their stride and performed with great confidence. Well done to all the children – we are really proud of you!



Christmas Parties

Pupils were entertained at their Christmas Parties by Looby Lou entertainment with a magic show and a chance to learn balloon modelling and a range of different circus skills. We laughed at the wand trick and mastered the art of plate spinning. On behalf of the pupils I would like to thank the Packington School Association for organising the entertainment which was enjoyed by all. Father Christmas also managed to find space in his busy schedule to drop in and answer questions and hand out gifts.

Christingle

Rev Lesley Birtwistle, Mrs Eaton and Mrs Avery helped the children make Christingles for the Church Service on 2nd December. Pupils from the school took an active role in the service with a large group singing 'This Little Light of Mine'. They were also involved with giving the reading and leading the prayers. It was lovely to see so many families attending the service.



Upcoming events

During the month of February we will once again be collecting for the Ashby Food Bank. Any donations can be brought into the school office from Monday 4th February. A list of items they need most can be found by visiting www.ashbyfoodbank.org.uk/shopping
Carol Price Headteacher 412425

Last year I achieved what I thought I would never do – a double marathon (yup, 52.4 miles) dressed in a decorated bra to raise money for breast cancer. The challenge was to complete the distance in under 14 hours – I managed it in 13 hours 17 minutes! I said that I would never do it again.... Except.... I have now signed up for a total of 6 marathons – Vienna (April), Moonwalk London (May), Over the Moon (double again in June), Shine London (September) and Yorkshire (October)!



The Moonwalk in London is a particularly fun event and I am putting together a team from Ashby/Packington, “The Liberty Belles” to take part. At the moment there are only 4 of us, but if anyone else would like to join, please contact me! I promise, it is fun and it's a power walk, not a competitive run! The theme this year is ‘Disco Inferno’ and we already have offers of support to host ‘sewing evenings’ to decorate our bras and make sure that we stand out from the crowd.

The official fundraising charity for the Moonwalk events is for Breast Cancer, but this year, I aim to raise funds for Children's Cancer for the other marathons that I am doing. There will be a sponsorship page later.

As an amateur blacksmith, I am going to put all profits from work that I do into these charities. It is that time of year, so I will be making plant supports, bean supports, garden ornaments, etc, and taking on some design commissions (currently working on a sculpture using old tools that someone inherited!) all towards the above causes. Given that the theme for this year's Over the Moon is ‘Circus’ I may just be going as ‘The Strong Woman’ complete with tutu....

If anyone is interested in either joining the Liberty Belles or is looking for garden items, please do get in touch!

Pippa David 07535 607171

(Pippa is a member of the PCG)

Advance Notice



As you might remember last year's **Aldi Ashby 20** was cancelled due to the 'mini beast' from the east. This hasn't deterred us from organising next year's event. In fact, the support and good wishes we received have gone a long way to make the event stronger. Therefore, I'm please to let you know that the 2019 [Aldi Ashby 20](#) will be taking place (weather permitting) on **Sunday 24th March**

Graveyard Clearance

Thanks to the silent volunteers who work for the community. Sometimes they will put up smoke signals.



Clive and Tim Hughes, along with Pete Swift and Terry spent a morning recently cutting back and clearing the top of the new graveyard behind the Recreation ground. Clive especially, has put in over two days work, thinning the trees and shrubs, digging up the brambles and exposing all the overgrown land.



The remaining trees and bushes will now be able to thicken up and the whole area is looking really good. The plan is to start on the opposite side next and make room for another seating area.

Well done workers.



Measham Medical Unit

Volunteers Required who can share expertise with the community. The Patient Participation Group (PPG) at the Medical Unit is working with a range of groups which benefit the local area. Activities include Walking Groups, Walking Football, a Stroke and Disability Group, Dementia Singing Group, Monthly Afternoon Quiz and Social Group, and a Gardening Group.

Could you help us to help others?

It's our aim that these groups will provide great, affordable opportunities for us to care for ourselves, and to improve our health. We may even find the GPs starting to prescribe the activities too! Do get in touch if you can help on:

01530 270 667

measham.doctors@nhs.net

Police Support Volunteer



Role Purpose: The main purpose of this volunteer role is to give support to the Dedicated Neighbourhood Teams.

Some of the tasks we would like your help with:

1. Attending/arranging meetings/visits and providing support at arranged meetings/visits
2. Involvement in crime prevention initiatives, including identifying areas requiring intervention, conducting home security visits, distributing leaflets, etc.
3. Working with partners to solve locally identified problems
4. Conducting telephone call backs on behalf of local officers
5. Arranging/attending community based events
6. Administrative support
7. Involvement in other locally based operations
8. Interested?

Visit: www.leics.police.uk to read more about volunteering and how to apply

Welcome Pack

Do you know of anyone living near you who has recently moved to Packington? Please enquire if they have received a Welcome Pack. If the answer is no, then please contact Becky Taylor who will put that right.



The pack contains a welcome letter plus information about village groups and events. There is also other local useful information such as bus service and visiting library.

Becky cannot be everywhere, so we need ALL residents to keep an eye out. If someone moves in near you then please contact Becky, better to have two or three calls than none.

Becky Taylor 411027

Litter

Is anyone else alarmed at the increasing amount of litter being deposited on the verges around our beautiful village of Packington? A few years ago, the Parish Council organised a very successful "Litter Pick" around the village. Volunteers were supplied with bags and equipment to collect the litter. About twenty to thirty people volunteered. Their efforts made a significant improvement to all the roads leading into Packington. Would there be any volunteers for another clearing up effort? Is the Parish Council able to organise a similar event?

Wanted.....

.... Budding Young Writers.

Are there any young Packington people, currently in secondary education, who would be interested in volunteering to write a report on past or future village events, for a forthcoming issue of the Packington Post?

Applicants may be contemplating a career in journalism or looking to enhance their CV or UCAS application, or just enjoy writing and want to see their efforts in print.

If you would like to be considered for a reporting assignment please contact: editor@packington.info

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