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## Congratulations to our newly elected Councillors

*Packington Parish Council*

*- 14 May 2019*



Many thanks to the seven volunteers who stood for election.

The results were as follows:

Chris Miles	241 votes
Clare Beynon	239 votes
Robert Martin	211 votes
Ian Dring	193 votes
Jackie Bridgen	183 votes
Keith Goodwin	139 votes

These six will form the Packington Parish Council for the next four years.

Ian Peterson 104 votes Not elected

Also in picture (centre) our new Parish Clerk - Alexandra Stretton



PACKINGTON PIP

Saturday

6<sup>th</sup> July

6-11pm

Packington Fun Day  
Party In The Park



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**Q. What is Packington Neighbourhood Watch NHW?**

A. Its ME & YOU looking out each other and the the village. Everyone is part of it - helping to reduce crime by being alert and communicating suspicious behaviour.

**Q. Are there NHW Street Contacts?**

A. Yes most streets have a contact person see map above.

**Q. How does NWH communicate?**

A. Face to face via your street contact, in the Packington Post and increasingly by Whats App, Facebook Group and email alerts

**Q. Whats the benefit of he WhatsApp group and how do I join?**

A. Instant update to your phone if an incident is in place in the village.

**Contact Graham Saunt 0776 4471917**

**SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 11.00**

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**Literature available on all areas of crime reduction. More info contact Wes Ewing on 07966019133 your NHW street contact.**

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 6-11pm Packington Recreational Ground



*Party in the Park is an annual event to bring the village together; generate some good old-fashioned community spirit; a chance to meet up with your friends and neighbours and those you may not know very well from the next street.*

### Fun Games:

- Organised by our very own Games Master, Chris Miles.

### The Great Gazebo Challenge:

- This year you choose your own theme for our *optional* Great Gazebo Challenge – anything you like – your children's favourite book, dad's 'Pick of the Pops' or Granny's best loved film. You've got to be in to win it!

### Entertainment:

- The music marquee will host the live music and disco
- Our Walk About Magician
- A Prosecco Bar
- An Ice-cream Van
- Stalls include: Sweets, Festival Glitter Tattoo, Tombola and Photo Booth

*(Please dig out any suitable Tombola prizes and drop them off at **Barkers Café**)*

So: pack up your picnic, chairs, blankets and comfortable footwear; come up to the Rec. after 1pm to set up your gazebo (*please do not come before 1pm as it will affect our insurance and the field must be cleared by 11am on Sunday morning*); and finally to help finance this otherwise free event. Our committee members will be shaking their buckets during the evening – all donations are gratefully received.

This year's Packington Party in the Park has been made possible owing to your generous donations at PIP 2018. Thank you to the Recreational Ground Trustees for allowing the rec. to be used once again and last, but by no means least, thank you to the people who get together regularly to plan this fabulous and worthwhile village annual event.

**Let's all get into the spirit of Packington - see you all at Party in the Park 2019**

*For more information about PIP 2019 contact Rachael 07941078087 or Becky 411027*

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The “What’s On in Packington” event, held in the Memorial Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, proved very successful. A fantastic effort was made by officers and helpers from over twenty groups operating in Packington. The displays and communication were informative and well-received by well over a hundred residents and the room was buzzing for ninety minutes.



What was evident was the hard work of organisers of all groups and societies and the need for Packington people to get behind and support the groups. It is the coming together of people in Packington which promotes friendship, fun, education and enjoyment. This is the spirit of Packington which makes it a great place to live, a spirit which dates back through the ages and for me personally, to the first Packington Carnival event I went to. The following is a list of one-off events for the rest of 2019, which I hope you make a note of in your diary and can support.



### Diary Dates.

July 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday.  
Party in the Park

August 26<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday Monday. 2pm  
Open Gardens  
6-00pm Annual Duck Race

August 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
Folk Night at the Memorial Hall.

September 7<sup>th</sup>. Saturday. Packington  
Horticultural Show.

November 5<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday. 7-00pm Bonfire  
Party

The Memorial Hall Committee who organised the What’s On evening would like to thank everyone who participated. I would also like to mention that two new groups have started at the Memorial Hall this week. The first is a children’s Drama group called Frenzy Youth Theatre Group on a Wednesday in the Meeting Room at 3.30pm.

**Emily Bracher 07969 590 184**

The second is a Zumba Gold dance workout group on a Monday morning at 10am in the Main Hall. **Lexy Stevenson 01530 814376 07947 429 877**

Chris Miles Chairman

### Sofia is May Queen



Local girl Sofia Bond as May Queen at the school May Day celebrations

### May Fayre

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May we held our annual May Fayre and, despite the weather, a super time was had by all. Thanks to the Packington School Association who once again organised a great event.

As in previous years, all classes performed a special dance. Key Stage 1/Foundation Stage treated us to a traditional country dance and the Year 3/4 children performed the Barber's Pole, Spider's Web & Plait at the May Pole.



Our Year 5/6s had been working hard to learn a Bollywood style dance routine with our North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership consultant, Mr Slaney, and did a great job performing at the Fayre. Attendants Amelia and Layla all looked beautiful in their outfits and were happy to pose for photographs. There was a great community feel to the day with parents and pupils past, present and future coming along to share the fun! Overall the fayre was a great success with over £500 raised. Our thanks go to all the parents, staff, pupils and villagers who supported the event.

Prior to this, on 1<sup>st</sup> May, the celebrations began with the village May Day event at The Bull & Lion, Meren was crowned May Queen at this event, accompanied by attendants Amelia, Layla & Georgia.

### Hall Floor

Everyone has been commenting on how lovely our new hall floor looks! The work to replace the old, damaged floor was undertaken during the Easter holidays and the new 'wood effect' floor gives a fresh, bright new look to the hall. Do pop in to take a look.

### Reflection Garden / Top Soil

One of our parents, Mr Keller, caused many admiring 'Wow's' when he came to school in his dumper truck to deliver a huge pile of top soil for our continued work to create our reflection garden. Many thanks go to Mr Keller for this kind donation to school.

### Sporting Events

We have had some successful sporting events for our Key Stage 2 children recently, with our Y5/6 Hockey A team making it to the quarter finals.



Our Y3/4 Rugby team only dropped one point to make it to the semi-finals. Well done to all of our players and good luck to those competing in the upcoming Tennis and Cricket events.

**Coming up:** We have our annual Sports Day planned for the morning of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (weather dependant) on the recreational ground.

**Carol Price 01530 412425**



**Services at Holy Rood, Packington**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

11 am Holy Communion

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

11am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

11 am Holy Communion

3pm Forest Church at Measham

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

11am All age service for Father's Day

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

11 am Holy Communion

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

10am Woodfield Team service at Norton juxta Twycross (no service at Holy Rood)

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**

11am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**

11 am Holy Communion

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**

11am All age service

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11am in the back of church in term time

**The revamp of Holy Rood Church.**

Work is continuing apace. All the old fittings, WC, flooring etc was taken out; we had to have some asbestos removed from under the flooring in the toilet and in the electrics. Then it was starting on the new.

We can now see how the new toilet area looks, and can catch the vision for the change from a vestry with a sink to a servery. It'll look great!

We continue to hold Sunday services as normal but just check venues for weekday events as we are dependent on what the builders are doing.

**ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH**

**FOOD GUSTO FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**BATH GROUNDS 10.30-5.00**

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**OPEN GARDENS DAY 2019**

Last year saw the twenty-ninth Open Gardens in the village. Traditionally, the event takes place on the summer Bank Holiday Monday which this year falls on August 26<sup>th</sup>

However, 'Open Gardens' could not continue without people making their gardens available for the afternoon and new gardens are always needed. If this could be you, someone you know or you would like further details, please contact :

**Geoff Gasson**  
(01530 412012) or E mail [gasson123@btinternet.com](mailto:gasson123@btinternet.com)



**On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 3-5pm**  
**St Laurence Church**  
**High street, Measham**

We are holding a **Summer Celebration**, it shall be an afternoon of fun with a bouncy castle, face painting and more.

**Neighbours prepare to cycle a challenging 100km in one day for Rainbows Hospice**

**Saturday 18th May 2019  
10.00am meet at Barkers Café for breakfast**

For the second year running, a group of friends and neighbours from our village are setting out to cycle 100km in one day, to raise money again for the **Rainbows Hospice**.

Two routes have been planned carefully taking in our local scenery and beautiful neighbouring villages, both amounting to 50kms.

The first leg will leave from **Barkers Café** after breakfast, at 10am, and return for well-earned refreshments and a brief rest. Then, the group will set off together again for their second leg and finally return to the roaring crowd of friends and family at our very own friendly local, **The Bull & Lion**.



Two of our riders, Ed & Richard, have very generously offered to sponsor the supply of a delicious hog roast, which will be served at The Bull & Lion after the ride. Your £10 per freshly carved hot pork cob will go directly to the Rainbows Hospice. Come along and support this great cause – join as a cyclist or spectator – the more the merrier.

*For more information about Packington 100 contact Ed/Sarah 07863123843 or Richard/Becky 07896165955*




# LEAF OPEN FARM SUNDAY

VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING

## 9th JUNE 2019

Hill Farm, Spring Lane  
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10.30 – 4.00pm Free Admission!

Meet farm animals including Bison, Red Deer, Alpacas, Rare Breed Pigs, Sheep, Cattle Shire Horses, Donkeys and our Shetland Ponies.

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For more info contact

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### Book Club

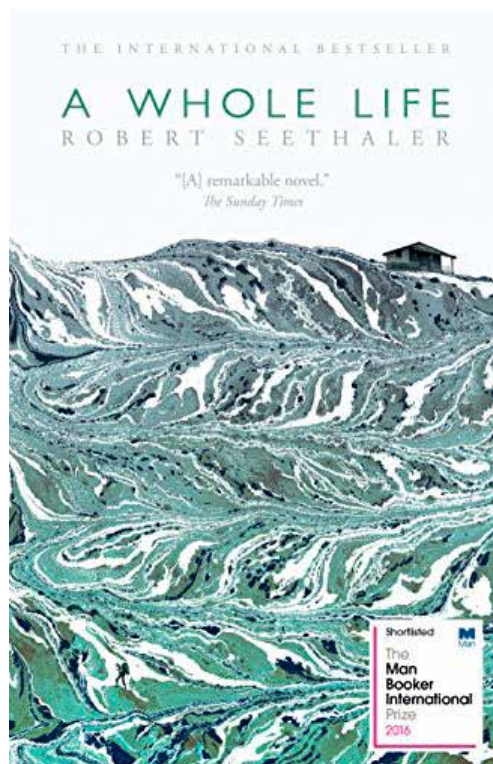
Do you enjoy reading but are stuck in a rut or can't think what to read next? Come and join our friendly group as we meet to chat about a wide variety of books. We don't take things too seriously – the only qualification is that you enjoy reading.

On Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> we are discussing 'Dear Mrs Bird' by A. J. Pearce – “a tragicomedy set amid falling bombs. It's a jaunty, heart-breaking winner.”

On 24<sup>th</sup> July it's 'A Whole Life' by Robert Seethaler – “for even the most ordinary people, life is an extraordinary adventure”.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 19:30 in the small meeting room at the Memorial Hall. All you have to do is just read the book then come along and join us, you will be made very welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

If you would like further information please contact Helen Edgington: Tel: 01530 412808, mob: 07766 086580, email: [helenmedginton@gmail.com](mailto:helenmedginton@gmail.com).



**Men's Group PMG.** On the afternoon of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April eight members were given an excellent guided tour of St Helen's Church in Ashby, followed by tea in the adjacent newly created Heritage Centre. We discovered the history of St Helen's from the time of the Domesday Book, when it was thought that an early wooden church stood on the site, through the establishment of the permanent building about two centuries later, until Victorian restorations took place in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. We were shown a finger pillory, thought to have been in the church at least since the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the recumbent figure of a pilgrim, said to be unique in the country. The Heritage Project began in 2008 and thorough excavations of the site of the former St Helen's Cottage were carried out, revealing locations of former buildings and yielding many interesting artefacts, some of which are on permanent display. Our next meeting in June will be the annual stroll around Hill Farm. Time TBA.

**David Fill 560228**



## Youth Club

Youth Club have had another successful spring-term, with the Beetles and Chips night proving popular all round.

The children continue to enjoy a variety of activities on offer each week, including pool, table tennis and gymnastics.

As the weather improves, we are hoping to be able to utilise the excellently equipped Recreation Ground.

We are still seeking any unwanted bean bags and games. If you happen to have any of these, please contact us on **07906 739 938**, so we can put them to good use.

The Youth Club team: Sallie-Ann, Alisa, Kita, Sharon and Angela.

## History Group



The group welcomed the opportunity to take part in the Open Evening at the Memorial Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> April as a result two prospective new members came along to our meeting a few days later. Our thanks go to the Memorial Hall Committee for arranging the event.

**Packington 2019:** we are currently working on a project to set up a photographic record of present-day Packington, which we hope will be of use to history fans in the future. In our archive we have over 500 photos of the village going back over a hundred years and more, so we know how useful they can be. If you catch sight of someone in your street, taking photos of houses or broader village scenes, they will probably be contributing to this project! You can see some early results by visiting our website [pvhg.uk](http://pvhg.uk) and following the link to "Packington 2019."

## History Walk up Packington High St.

Four years ago, our previous chairman Peter Cooper, led a well-received walk up the High Street pointing out many historical features and items of interest. Robin Boucher will lead this year's walk, using Peter's notes and other material from our archives. Following the walk there will be an opportunity to view photographs of the High St. over the last century on display in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room. There will be no charge for this event – just come along on the evening!

**Date: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Time: 7.00 p.m.**

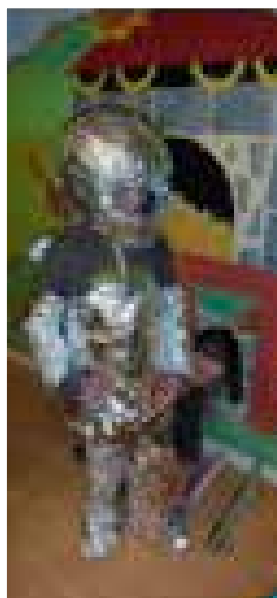
**Starting Point: Bridge St opposite the Bull and Lion** (Please note that, if the weather is against us on 25<sup>th</sup> June, we will postpone for one week and hope for better luck on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July).

Contact: Robin Boucher: **01530 411638**  
[randbboucher@googlemail.com](mailto:randbboucher@googlemail.com).



## Brownies

1st Packington Brownies have been working on their knowledge of outer space, and what you need to survive in it.



They've built some amazing Space stations out of recycled materials they found around their homes, and realistic space suits, just like the astronauts who live on them. They've also been working on their knowledge of self and trying to identify what makes them who they are, and some incredible flags representing the Brownie's came out of it.

Back in 2015 a few of the villagers got together to discuss the possibility of starting a film club and from that the film club was born. We showed our first film "The Second Best Marigold Hotel" in November 2015. It seems really surprising that we are now well into our 4th year, and the committee still continues to work hard to provide a balanced mix of films to suit a variety of tastes for people in the local area. We show 10 films per year, on the second Friday of each month, except July and August.

We have had a range of successful films during these first few years attracting large audiences. These included "Far from the madding crowd", "Suffragettes", "The Greatest Showman" and "King of Thieves" and we hope to continue and build on this. Next Month, May, we will show "First Man" following the life of Neil Armstrong and his journey to becoming the first human to walk on the moon.

We try to show newly released films as much as possible, as these seem to attract the larger audiences. But please remember that if you have any suggestions for films that interest you, please speak to a member of the committee. We are all available before and after the films, or indeed you may bump into one of us in the village.

In the past we have shown several free films for different audiences within the community. Our most recent, in December, when we arranged a free film night for our regular patrons. We hope to continue to do this on a regular basis whilst our funds allow.

A big thank you to all those who regularly attend and allow this community venture to grow and succeed. And we would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to those who have not yet had the chance to come to one of our events.

Remember, for a great night out, the film club meets at the Packington Memorial Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each Month, doors open at 7pm for refreshments, with the film starting at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Packington Film Club Committee*

### **14<sup>th</sup> June Mary Queen of Scots (15)**

Tickets £400 adults £2.00 under 12



Mary Stuart's attempt to overthrow her cousin Elizabeth I, Queen of England, finds her condemned to years of imprisonment before facing execution.

**Director:** [Josie Rourke](#)

**Writers:** [Beau Willimon](#) (screenplay)

[John Guy](#) (based on the book "Queen of Scots: The True Life of Mary Stuart")

**Stars:** [Saoirse Ronan](#), [Margot Robbie](#), [Jack Lowden](#)

Film club will then take a break for July and August and be back again in September.

**EVENT DATES Please Tell Us**  
[editor@packington.info](mailto:editor@packington.info)

## 'D' DAY 75th COMMEMORATION SERVICE

**Saturday 1st June 10.30am**

**Normandy Wood**

**Measham Road Near Packington**

This year is the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings and on June 1st at 10.30 am there will be a short commemorative service at Normandy Wood.



Normandy Wood is the only place in Leicestershire that is specifically dedicated to the D-Day Landings. Various people have been invited this year because of the particular anniversary.

There will be more parking than usual made available at Normandy Wood and if this is not enough people will be directed to the Recreation Ground car park from which a minibus will be available to take them to Normandy Wood.

The event is being organised by Ashby British Legion. If you want any further information contact Brian Senton on **01530 414659, 07770 626 089** [briansenton@talktalk.net](mailto:briansenton@talktalk.net)

## Recreation Ground Report

The work on the carpark has been successfully carried out and the roadway to the field finished. The swing barrier has been reset and a new retaining post bought and installed. The Trustees have sanctioned money from the Recreation Ground Funds reserves for this to happen.

There is another picnic seat to erect and another fun Bear waste bin to put on site and there are other benches and seats which could do with a bit of TLC. The goals posts need to be moved to let the present goal mouth areas recover. Hopefully dads, mums, grandads, grandmas and older children could volunteer to do this on a Saturday morning. If there is a response, similar to the volunteer litter pick held in March, it wouldn't take very long. The Trustees propose that we do this on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Meeting at 9-30am**. This message will also go out on social media and as an Alert to remind possible volunteers of this project.

(A repeat notice.) 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.

[Clerk@packington.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@packington.org.uk)

Chris Miles (Chairman of Trustees)  
**01530 414378**

### Congratulations Food Gusto!

Food Gusto is a Finalist in the Midlands Food Drink & Hospitality Awards 2019 which will be taking place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Aston Villa Stadium. The public can vote by simply going on to the website [www.mfdhawards.co.uk](http://www.mfdhawards.co.uk) and clicking on the voting tab.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to Janet Baldwin who has delivered the Packington Post in Nethercroft for several years.



I completed the Vienna Marathon in 5 hours 45 minutes which, whilst not up there with the elites, is all I wanted to achieve in preparation for the double 'Over the Moon' marathon which is coming up in June. I need to complete this in under 14 hours so I know that if I can do the first marathon in 6 or under



I should (blisters willing!) make it OK! The next marathon will be the Moonwalk in London on 11 May, then it's back to very hard training to make sure I can make the distance in June! Vienna was wonderful - the atmosphere was great and even those of us at the 'back of the pack' were

treated like athletic royalty and felt that we mattered.

At least I overtook the man dressed as Mozart and the giant teddy bear, although I was beaten by a man dressed as a clown running the whole distance in bare feet...

I've already signed up for next year and if there is anyone else in Packington who is interested in doing it I would be happy to talk to you!

In total, I will be doing 6 marathons this year: Vienna - 7/4/19, Moonwalk London 11/5/19, Over the Moon (double) Edinburgh 8/6/19, Shine London, September 2019 and finally Yorkshire in October. I am raising money for Breast Cancer support and research and aim to raise £700 in support. If this is a cause close to anyone and you would like to donate, the page is:

<https://multichallenges2019.everydayhero.com/uk/pippa>.



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Two former Packington Primary School pupils collected top awards at this years annual Ashby School awards night.

They were Ella Ewing (left) & Leah O'Shea (right). Ella received the Dr Allison cup for A-level Physics. Leah was the A-level Business Student of the Year and received the Tina Parker Trophy for Academic Progress.