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Party in the Park is welcomed back, and so is the sun!

After a wet and grey Saturday morning set-up, thankfully the sun came out and PIP 2019 began. It was a beautiful July evening; kids came from all corners of the park to join the games and the English Country Garden took home the Great Gazebo Trophy – judged by Packington's Brownie Leader and Hill Farm owner, Janice Sumnall.



Our very own PIP Jester welcomed us and soon handed over to our new PIP Games Master to have some fun with a variety of family games: Wellie Wanging; the Packington Dash and of course the old favourite Tug of War – to mention just a few. There was great enthusiasm for bringing everyone together, thank you Chris!

The walkabout magician, Andrew, from Acorn Events, was a big hit with lots of laughs and amazement. Ollie was back again, and did a fantastic job entertaining, as he always does, and Derren kept us on track and kept the party going, until we had to shut him down!!

Thanks to all the young people - Ethan Dallow, Georgia Harris-Marsh, Amelia Johnson and Karyn Brocklehurst for planning and running the stalls within the Market Place and the Bryants brought something new to PIP with their drinks wagon – The Royal Box Bar.

EVENT DATES Please Tell Us
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Lastly, we must not forget Miki for being our first aider and Jackie for supplying the music marquee and equipment once again.



This year's Packington Party in the Park was made possible owing to the:
Generous donations received at PIP 2018;
Recreational Ground Trustees;
All our fantastic volunteers who came out to set up, take down and clear the rubbish
Your PIP committee who put in many hours over the weekend to ensure everything ran smoothly and successfully.
Also, several local businesses who supplied many goods and services.

Thank you everyone who came out,
supported
and once again got into the Spirit of
Packington – see you next year!



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Below are some of the actions taken by Packington Parish Council during the last few months.

Steps are being taken to repair and maintain the village water pump in Measham Road. Also to maintain the ancient Round House in Ashby Rd., which is currently being attacked by ivy.

Speeding in the village has been highlighted again to Leicestershire Police, the enforcement body for this offence. The Parish Council is also continually flagging up safety concerns and suggesting safety measures to the County Highways Authority.



To this end we have just started our own Neighbourhood Speed Watch programme. We obviously hope you have not been caught by our enthusiastic team of volunteers. We have been concentrating on the approach roads to Packington. Because of public concerns we are also asking for a 20mph speed limit on High St.

The Council is also concerned at the overgrown appearance of Mill St. To remedy this, we have asked for a quotation from our grass management contractor, to cut the undergrowth by the side of the stream regularly. This should restore the appearance of this lovely part of Packington.

The Council noted the findings of NWLDC Strategic Housing Supply Assessment. It was noted that the two prospective sites within the Parish were outside Packington's limits of development. Because of this it was felt that the land would not be recommended for future development.

At the July Parish Council meeting, Councillors met with representatives from HS2. They informed Council of latest developments and were told that there was a plan to construct a siding to receive construction material. This siding would connect with what is commonly known as the Ivanhoe Line. This would have links with the national rail network at Leicester and Burton-on-Trent.

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

www.packingtonpc.org.uk

Chris Miles (Chairman)

Working Party

A small hard-working group turned up to spruce up the Recreation Ground. Benches were sanded and treated, and other jobs completed. There is still more to do so look out for the next working party date.



Another Group of friends enjoying PIP



Adrian Mongredien writes: On my usual “constitutional” walk around Packington recently, I crossed over Measham Road from the Recreation Ground and turned up Measham Road towards Babelake Street. There is only a narrow pavement on one side of the road for some distance here. At the narrowest part of the pavement a large lorry came towards me. In order to avoid a van speeding in the opposite direction the lorry driver, without slowing, drove as close to the pavement as he could. The lorry passed within a couple of inches of me, and I was nearly sucked into the road by the draft as it passed me. It was rather unnerving. Others have since told me of similar experiences on the same stretch of pavement. Several times at the same spot I have had vehicles approach me, accelerating, past me at speeds, in my estimation, of up to 50mph.



Speeding in Packington is not a new problem. In the Village Appraisal of 2002 residents were asked “Do you consider speeding traffic to be a problem?” There were 410 responses with 70% answering: YES and 30% answering: NO. When asked in a follow up question “If you answered “YES” where would your priority be?” the highest volume of responses (27% in each case) answered “Measham Road” or “All entrances to the village”. When asked “Which calming method would be most effective?” the highest number of responses (30%) replied “Ramps”.

Following the Appraisal the Parish Council lobbied hard for action and finally, along with many other local villages Packington was allotted illuminated flashing 30 signs

which certainly had an initial impact. The effectiveness of these signs appears to be diminishing as traffic increases

Since 2002 the number of vehicles on the UK roads has increased by 28.8% and the population of NW Leicestershire has increased by 17.9% to just over 100,000. Most of them seem to be using our village as a “rat run” to and from the A42

What solution can be found before someone is killed?

On holiday in Wales recently I came across the crossing pictured. It consists of 6 bollards securing those waiting to cross the road, a ramp across the road, and 2 signs indicating those entering the village give way to those exiting. It slows traffic in both directions and provides a wheelchair (or pram) crossing point. If placed at the current school crossing point on Babelake St to Mill St it would offer some safety to the warden and children waiting to cross the road and slow all traffic entering or leaving the village.



Could the costs of this installation (or something similar) be found from the Solar Panel Fund? After all adults and children from the south side of the village need to cross this dangerous road safely to reach the new equipment and play area on the recreation ground paid for out of this fund. What do others think? If there is sufficient support for this traffic calming proposal, or something similar, a village petition could be assembled to strengthen the hand of the Parish Council in future negotiations with the County Council to secure the safety of our residents.

**Bank Holiday Monday
26th August.
6 pm on the Gilawiskaw,
Mill St.**

Duck Race Tickets can be purchased from members of the Memorial Hall Management or on the day outside 14, Babelake St. and from 5-30pm in Mill St.

Contact
Chris Miles for tickets and info
07856179485
christopher.miles@sky.com

There are three races in all and these are followed by the very successful "customised" duck race, where there will be prizes for: 1st, 2nd & 3rd places and for the best decorated Duck. It's a great holiday project to customise a duck!!!

Proceeds to Packington Memorial Hall
Charity
Cash Prizes



Ticket £1-00

BAR-B-QUE DRINKS
Promoter Mr. C. Miles for the Packington
Memorial Hall Charity 521484

Unsightly Barrier

The barricade, shown in the photo below, restricts the view of 5 important visual warnings and road signs. These are: our village sign, its accompanying speed limit 30 sign, our traffic-calming gate fence, our neighbourhood watch CCTV notice, and our NW WhatsApp Group notice, all at the village entrance on Measham Road.



There's absolutely no need for this fence, preventing entry to the new farm, to extend so far. It's a shabby, tawdry anachronism and if it is to last any longer until they sort the sewer underneath, this restrictive eyesore needs to be tidied up and the fence truncated so as NOT to block our notices.

WANTED

A unique volunteer opportunity has arisen for a young person in Village aged 16-20. Interested in journalism/social media. Are you interested in media studies? The Packington Post team wish to offer a young student some voluntary work in helping in the production of the Packington Post starting September 2019. The Post produces 6 editions a year of approximately 16 pages. It is expected that this voluntary work commitment will be around 5hrs each edition.

You would be involved in working closely with the editor collecting content, editing, doing layout, and perhaps some interviewing of local people for this popular newsletter.

For more information and job description contact editor@packington.info

There's more than a hint of "Packington" as highly-rated folk four-piece **Road Not Taken** embark on their first nationwide tour in late summer to promote their debut album, *Fragment*.



Ant is joined in the band by vocalist Anita Dobson, fiddle-player Claire Hamlen and multi-instrumentalist Joe Hamlen, and their brand of melancholy, melodious folk music is starting to turn heads on the English folk scene. They've already supported folk superstars like Lady Maisery, Jim Moray, Salt House and The Dovetail Trio, and appeared on the bill at major national folk festivals like Beardy Folk Festival, Bristol Folk Festival, Oxford Folk Weekend and Wimborne Minster Folk Festival. One reviewer described their sound as "Songs that feel as though they have been draped in glittering cobwebs... and that is a very fine thing indeed", whilst another said, "This is folk music with all the feel of the romantic era composers."

To add to the local flavour another four-piece band, Calling Time, will open an evening of great folk music. Made up of Julie Holland (piano and vocals), Amanda Berry (flute and whistles), Becky Henderson (guitar) and Ben Henderson (mandolin), Calling Time are well-known in the area for playing a mixture of traditional tunes and their own songs at ceilidhs, parties and village fairs all around the area.

The concert takes place at Packington Memorial Hall on **Saturday 31st August**. **Doors open at 7.30pm**, with music starting at around 8.00pm. Tickets are priced at £8 in advance, or £10 on the door, and are available from Daybreak Services in the village, Ashby Tourist Information Centre and Measham Post Office. You can also buy them online via a link on www.roadnottaken.co.uk

Although the quartet is based in Bristol, one member of the band will be well-known to Packington people. Guitarist and backing vocalist Ant Miles grew up in the village, went to Packington Primary School, and served a good few stints as a barman at The Bull & Lion during his late teens and early twenties.

The band's tour brings them to Packington Memorial Hall on **Saturday 31st August**, and Ant, 42, couldn't be more excited. "Work took me way from the village in 2001, but I still count myself as a proud Packingtonite," Ant explained to the Packington Post. "My mum and dad and my sister and her children, still live in the village, so when it came to planning our first UK tour, I felt that we absolutely had to stop off in Packington. It's still very much my home."

Road Not Taken's late summer tour takes in gigs as far-flung as Norwich, Durham, Cornwall, London and Northampton as the band look to cement their place as staples of the UK folk scene. It's all come as rather a shock to Ant. "We started this as a bit of fun, to do a support slot at our local folk club (Downend Folk Club in north-Bristol) but people have really liked our music, and it's grown from there", Ant told the Packington Post. "We didn't see it coming, but you have to take these opportunities when they present themselves. We've made an album that we are really proud of and we're looking forward to playing our songs to the people who knew me when I was five!"

For further information, please contact **Chris Miles (yes, he's Ant's dad!)** **01530 414378**.

Ready Steady Go!!



If you attended last year's Remembrance Day celebrations at the Memorial Hall, then you were lucky enough to hear Robin Beanland playing "The Last Post" on his trumpet. If you fast forward to May 2019, this same local musician was awarded the IVOR NORVELLO award by the British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors, for the soundtrack to the Xbox game, "Sea of Thieves".

Robin joins an illustrious club of composers including Lennon & McCartney, Kate Bush, David Bowie, Ed Sheeran & Stormzy to have won this award. He is the Music Director at Rare, a Microsoft owned Video game creator for Xbox Console & Windows 10, based at Twycross, where he has worked at since 1995. Rare has sold over 90 Million games, including Donkey Kong, Goldeneye 007 & Perfect Dark.

His approach to creating the authentic music for a Pirate adventure game, "Sea Of Thieves", saw Robin taking a trip to Taylors butchers in Measham to buy some flat ribs, which were boiled with a small amount of rum and stripped until smooth, to create percussive instruments which provided the "clackety" rhythm. This was then painstakingly recorded and used on many of the pieces of music.

Originally from Leeds, Robin, and his wife Nicola, have lived in Packington since 2002, with their two sons. He provided music for an early Kay Mellor television



programme "Just us" in one of his first freelancing jobs. Nicola believed that it was fated that Robin would win the IVOR award, as the presenter for his category was Ricky Wilson (Kaiser Chiefs)

another redhead from Leeds and she was right!

Robin is an incredibly humble and interesting man who has worked with Nile Rodgers and includes a BAFTA to his list of achievements.



He loves his job and the community who play the games. He believes that many less confident members have a safe environment where they can make friends and enjoy a community where a code of conduct allows safe interaction.

During an interview at the IVORS, he was asked, 'What advice would you give to young songwriters?' His reply was, 'Turn up every day, keep doing it and make a better job of it next time. Don't give up!'

Great advice, thanks Robin!

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Clare Beynon and her colleagues are embarking upon an extremely physically demanding challenge this year to help raise money for Children in Need. The Mont Blanc trek will take place 4th – 8th September 2019



The challenge:

A 4-day trek covering over 45 km through Italy, France and Switzerland. The trek will brutally test stamina, on foot 7 hours each day navigating steep vertical cliffs, crevassed glaciers, waterfalls and forested tracks. Why are we doing this? I'm passionate about Children in Need and thousands of projects this charity supports throughout the UK, helping disadvantaged children and young people to have a better life. Locally, Rainbows Children's Hospice in Loughborough benefits from funding from Children In Need. If you could be kind enough to make a donation, no matter how small, to help me reach my £15,000 target, I would thoroughly appreciate it.

Clare Beynon

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/badmothertrekkers?utm_source=Whatsapp

Text TREKEM (amount- no £ sign) to 70085

OVER THE MOON!!!!

Third and fourth marathons completed in one go – the big 52.4 miles for Walk the Walk Breast Cancer support up in Edinburgh on 4 June! Power walked it with my previous walking buddy and although the conditions were pretty foul (temperature around 4 degrees plus mizzling rain) we made it in well under the 14-hour required time at just over 13 hours 15 minutes. Love to say that I trained hard and it made it easier – yes and no! But I made it and it was still a great experience – plus a distance to be proud of! Spent a little while trying to calculate out just how many miles I have put in to complete the 'six marathons in one year' challenge so far and in terms of training miles it is just under 900 since 1st January. With the first four marathons in the bag, that's a total 1,005 miles so far.... No wonder I am short. Think the legs are wearing down.... Two more marathons to go so more training to go.... Please cheer me on – it does help!



Pippa David 07535 607171

Packington HS2 Residents Team continues to meet with HS2 to keep issues impacting our village on the agenda.

One of our proposals to HS2 is that they replace the viaduct (substantial concrete structure 160m long up to 10m high, including sound barriers) with a grass covered embankment and bridge across the brook.

At our recent meeting with HS2 we were advised they have reviewed our proposal and found NO technical reasons to prevent the design changing from a viaduct to an embankment – this would be a significant improvement for Packington. HS2 have to present design changes to other government agencies for review but, unfortunately, Natural England opposed the change. We are of the understanding that Natural England believes the grass covered embankment would have more harmful impact on species in the surrounding area than the viaduct. It's our view, given the dimensions of the viaduct, that the area beneath it is likely to be dark, dead earth and a haven for graffiti & anti-social behaviour, rather than thriving species.

The embankment would be less of an eyesore visually and reduce the level of noise residents suffer. Therefore we will continue to raise this with HS2 and Natural England. If any resident has contacts in Natural England or is able to provide any technical knowledge on this specific matter please contact the residents team via **Terry Hammond 078824 25416** Regarding construction traffic – we have assurances from HS2 that construction traffic will NOT be using the village roads. The draft designs with the December consultation indicated they would use Measham Road, Coleorton Lane and the roads through the centre of the village. We have requested that it is confirmed in the next set of designs that the village roads won't be used.

Ashby Road Closure – HS2 have stated there will now be a pedestrian route along Ashby Road at all times. We have also

been advised that a slight change in the construction design across the A42 will reduce the time of road closure for vehicles – but exact timescale is to be confirmed. Royal Assent – was due to be heard in 2019, but with the Brexit delays in Parliament, this has been moved back to 2020. This effectively means we have additional time to continue to raise issues with HS2.

Youth Club



Youth Club completed a successful summer-term spending some sessions up at the Recreation Ground, making the most of the good weather. They have particularly enjoyed the zip-wire, tuck shop and gym equipment.

Youth club will resume on Monday 2nd September.

The Youth Club team: Sallie-Ann (07906739938), Alisa, Kita, Sharon and Angela.

Services at Holy Rood

Sun July 21st

11am All age service

Sun July 28th

11 am Holy Communion

3pm Forest Church at Measham

Sun August 4th

11am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

Sun August 11th

11 am Holy Communion

Sun August 18th

11am All age service

Sun August 25th

11 am Holy Communion

Sun September 1st

11am Celebration service for completion of work to church with Bishop of Loughborough

No evening prayer

Sun September 8th

11 am Holy Communion

Sun September 15th

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.

The revamp of Holy Rood Church



Work has been all but completed at the time of writing and it looks great. We have a new disabled toilet replacing the old toilet that had been long past its sell-by date. The vestry has been transformed into a lovely modern servery, looking brighter and better than it has done for ages. We have more room at the back of church, as the 2 back pews have been removed and lovely new book cases made, using timber from the old pews.

This will give more space for children at Read Steady Stick and for social occasions.

As with all projects, there were problems we hadn't envisaged – basically water had been getting in from roof and drains, and there was more damp than we knew about, so that's had to be sorted.

All that remains to be done is to have new carpet laid onto the newly screeded floor. We are just waiting now for the delivery of the carpet then all will be complete.

We're going to celebrate all that's been accomplished, and give thanks to God, with a special service on Sunday 1st September at 11am. Bishop Guli, Bishop of Loughborough, coming to us and will rededicate the servery and toilet! Come along. All welcome. Do come as we want to say thank you to all who have helped with this project in one way or another

VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS DAY

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

26TH August 2.00pm – 7.00pm

Passport to 12 gardens £4.00 adults
(Accompanied children free)

Passports available on the day from Measham Road Car Park, Memorial Hall and Participating gardens.

Gardening stall, plants, second-hand books
Displays and live musical entertainment

Ice-creams,

Afternoon teas available at Memorial Hall, High Street, Barn Farm, Babelake Street Holy Rood Church

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Sporting Success!

What a successful summer of sport we have had!

It began with a great morning for our sports day. The weather was perfect and everybody put their hearts and souls into all the events to support their House Team. The Sports Leaders from Ivanhoe came along once again to help and support pupils. Their words of encouragement definitely spurred the pupils on.



Then both our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams got through to the NWLSSP County Tennis Finals. Their matches have been delayed twice because of poor weather but we wish them well for 10th July. Finally, we sent a large contingent to the KS2 Area Athletics at Saffron Lane. We came away with a haul of medals and a team of proud children. Congratulations to the following pupils: Layla 1st, Samuel 2nd, Tilly 3rd and Reuben 3rd and well done to our Year 3 / 4 girls who came 3rd in their relay race.

Science Fayre

The judges were really impressed with the scientific knowledge, creativity and the confidence of our pupils to discuss their experiments at our recent KS2 Science Fayre. It was certainly clear to see the hard work that all the pupils had put in to this year's event. The range and quality of the presentations was stunning and everybody should be so proud. There were so many different ideas covering themes such as DNA and family genetics, stopping smoking, how paracetamol works, flying under the radar, how cars work and how rainbows are formed to name just a few of the entries. The judges also commended the pupils for their politeness and excellent manners. Well done everybody and special congratulations to Tom, Olivia, Meren and

Sofia who went on to represent the school at the Ashby Science Fayre.

Grandparents Afternoon Tea

We had a wonderful afternoon when over 90 grandparents came for afternoon tea. KS2 pupils had the opportunity to serve tea to our visitors and took an active role in leading the event. This year our grandparents also got the chance to have a go at some of the lessons their grandchildren experience. For some activities, pupils were the experts, teaching our guests coding using the computer and in others, adults and pupils worked together. There was the opportunity to learn French, drumming or sewing or the chance to carry out a science investigation, build a den or get involved with our Forest School. It was a great opportunity for adults and pupils to flourish together and best of all, was the chance to live out our Christian value of friendship across our school community.



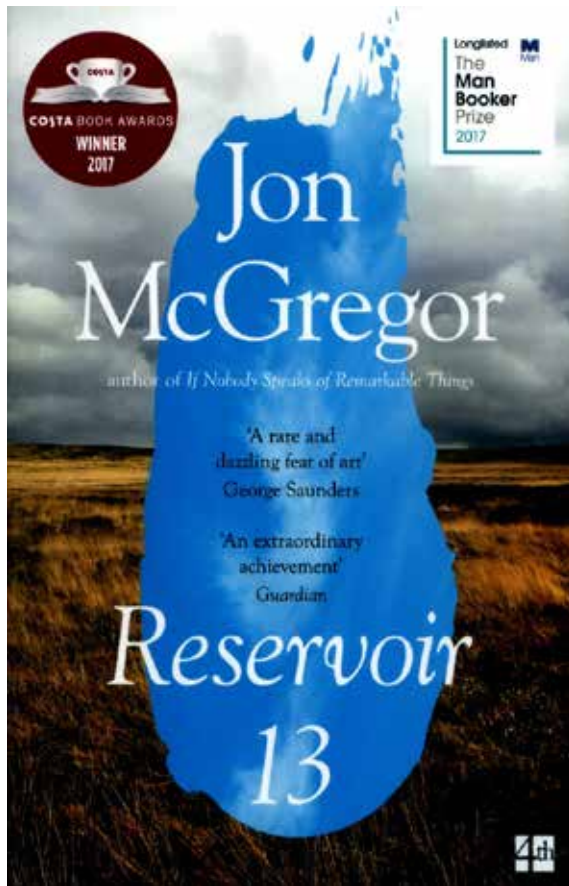
Year 2 Campout.

Despite the atrocious weather which made sleeping outside impossible, the Year 2s had a super night camping together in the school hall. It's an activity that the pupils really look forward to and marks the end of their time as a Key Stage 1 pupil. We would like to thank all the parents who made this event happen, giving up a good nights sleep to help supervise the children with Mrs Johnston and Mrs Fryer.

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.

Book Club



The Packington Book Club meets 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.

On August 28th we are discussing *Hidden Lives* by Margaret Forster, a family memoir and an exploration of the way the lives of women have changed over the last century.

The book for 25th September is "Reservoir 13" by John McGregor, described as a 'marmite' book – you love it or you hate it, which should generate some lively debate.

If you would like further information please contact **Helen Edgington:**
01530 412808 or 07766 086580
helenmedgington@gmail.com

Calling All Bookworms

On retirement from Pete's shop I have been volunteering, along with my husband, at the National Trust Shugborough Estate near Stafford. Among other things, I have helped set up a second hand bookshop where I regularly help to keep shelves stocked and sell books. All proceeds from the bookshop remain with Shugborough and help with conservation of this wonderful place. If you have any spare books you would be willing to donate, which are cluttering your shelves, whether they are fiction or non-fiction, I would be very grateful to take them off your hands. I can be contacted on

petrajayne17@gmail.com

to arrange drop off or pick up.

Petra Goacher 07545 189960

Packington 100



A group of very enthusiastic (some might say crazy) cyclists set off on this daunting challenge. The aim to have fun and raise money for Rainbows Children's Hospice. The trip started at Barkers Café and ended at the Bull & Lion to a well-deserved hog roast.



PACKINGTON & NORMANTON CHURCH
LADIES GROUP

WEDNESDAY 14th August

**VISIT TO CATTON HALL, CHAPEL
AND GARDENS.**

*WALTON UPON TRENT,
DERBYSHIRE*

**WITH AFTERNOON
TEA**

**Leaving the Packington
Memorial Hall
1.45pm prompt.**



Back about 5.30pm.

**approx. cost £ 20.00 for members
£24.00 for non-members**

The home of the Neilson family.

Whether inside this family home with its beautifully proportioned rooms, pictures and antique furniture, or outside in the gardens and parkland, visitors will always appreciate the opportunity to enjoy such exclusive, elegant surroundings.

**If you would like to join us please contact
Doreen Gasson 01530 412012
Mobile 0789 185 8283
gasson123@btinternet.com**

History Group

Project Packington 2019: we have nearly completed this project, collecting a record of houses and facilities in the village, for the benefit of future residents and others who may send enquiries to us. You can view the results, listed street by street, on our website pvhg.uk follow the link to "Packington 2019."

High St. Walk: despite the weather doing its best to disrupt us, the walk took place as planned on June 25th. Robin Boucher informed those who attended, about past and present buildings along and around the street, including Rev. Mammatt's Reading Room, Hill Farm and Grange Farm, Wilf Swift's shop, Samuel Henson's bakery and the old smithy. We concluded with a display of old photographs and similar items at the Memorial Hall meeting room, where light refreshments were provided.



Date for your diary: Over the summer, Pudding Bag Productions will be filming in the village and elsewhere about Rev. Thomas Pestell, Vicar of Packington during turbulent times in the mid-seventeenth century. They have arranged to show the completed film on the evening of **Friday 25th October** at the Memorial Hall. Thanks to funding, which Pudding Bag obtained from the Heritage Lottery, this event will be free of charge – more details in the September "Packington Post".

The History Group will take a break over the summer holiday period, with our next meeting being held on Tuesday 24th September.

Contact: Robin Boucher **01530 411638**
randboucher@googlemail.com

Packington Village NHW Alerts

Join the WhatsApp Village Watch Group
 To be added text Graham 07764 471917

Coffee Morning

Book this date now

Memorial Hall

Saturday 28th September

9.30am to 12.30pm



FILM CLUB

Friday 13th September at the
 Memorial Hall

Doors open for Refreshments at 7:00 pm

Film commences at 7:30 pm



Certificate 12A
Adults £4.00 Children u12 £2.00

This term has been all about the outdoors, with 1st Packington Brownies taking part in activities such as pond dipping and tracking through the woods, to earn their environment badge. We found all kinds of weird and wonderful insects which the girls were able to identify, including water boatmen, dragonfly nymphs, and even a toad! We've also been learning about the importance of laws and how to keep ourselves safe both at home and when out and about, with the girls coming up with some excellent facts about home safety all going towards their crime prevention badge.



Here is a pictures of the Brownies making flags to represent themselves, and the things they love to earn their 'Knowing yourself' badge. We are coming to the end of our summer term now, with a party to celebrate all their hard work! If any girls would like to join brownies, we meet every Tuesday in term time from 5.45 – 7.00pm at Hill Farm, contact:

Janice Sumnall on 01530 411984

OPEN FARM SUNDAY 2019

Open Farm Sunday 2019 was a huge success for Hill Farm, with thousands of people visiting the farm to learn where their food comes from, how it is produced, and how farming affects them. We opened our doors and showcased what all our hard work has been for, with our unique livestock and the products that come with them. Visitors were interested to find out what would happen to food production with the uncertainty of Bexit and our MP Mr Andrew Bridgen called in to see for himself what British farming is all about.

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

We would like to thank the villagers who came and showed us their support despite one resident telling us on the morning that Open Farm Sunday or farmers were not welcome in Packington! We also would like to thank villagers who came and physically helped us on the day because without them we wouldn't be able to open the farm to the public in this way. A BIG THANK YOU!

More Photos from PIP



Coffee & Chat

Every third Wednesday of
the month in
Packington Church



Wednesday 17th July and
Wednesday 21st August
9.30am to 11.30am

All ages are very welcome to
join us for Coffee/Tea/ Cake
and Cookies

Commemorative Service

Over 50 people including the Lord Lieutenant of the County and other dignitaries attended the D-Day Commemorative Service led by Rev. Chris Haywood on June 1st at Normandy Wood. With the passing of the years it is unlikely that more will ever attend this annual service.



It was a poignant occasion; the peace and beauty of a small piece of Leicestershire on a sunny day contrasting with the conditions of 6th June 1944. 7 Colours from various local British Legion branches were paraded. Brian Senton reminded us that 33 men from the British Legion branches took part in the D-Day campaign. None are still alive. There was the sounding of Last Post, two minutes silence and then Reveille. Afterwards various wreaths were laid.

We do well to “Remember them”, not just in terms of names read out but a generation which knew that freedom does not come free of charge, a generation which was prepared to go through much hardship both during the war and afterwards; a generation which was thankful for what they had got rather than envious of what they had not got and a generation which worked so hard after the war to rebuild families, communities and our nation.

Yet More Photos from PIP



Save the Date!

Saturday 7th September in the Memorial Hall, is the date of this years' show and it is fast approaching! We are again looking forward to another fantastic day and hoping to get your support once more to make the 77th annual show, another one to remember.



We are delighted this year to have **Keller Homes Ltd** sponsor our show schedule, alongside many other individual category sponsors and supporters which can all be found on our website. The show schedule will be through your door soon but if you'd like to view it beforehand, you'll find it on our website

horticulturalshow.wixsite.com/packington

Look out for some new categories within the schedule this year, including the miniature garden and colouring competition for the children and the needlework sample category.



If entering isn't your thing, 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 or have a go on our raffle. All proceeds from this year's show will once again support local groups, charities and village events, so please do come along and support us so we can continue to support our village. The bar will be open and there will be delicious bespoke burgers (veggie & kid's options too) available from 5pm onwards. We really cannot run the show without you and look forward to welcoming you all once again on Saturday 7th September!



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