

## Make Time for Yourself

Do something for **YOU** ! Many Packington residents have discovered the chance on any **Saturday morning at 9 am** to just walk,



at their own pace for less than an hour, in the fresh air on the peaceful trails and canal paths in our beautiful local **National Forest**. YOU can be part of the Quarter of a Million people who

make time for themselves every week, at 1,300 "parkrun" events around the world. Just a short drive or cycle from our village, with **FREE** parking at the **Conkers leisure area**, every week, some 500 to 600 people take part, young and old, grandchildren to grandparents, and YOU can be one of them.



No special clothing or equipment is needed, just turn up. As well as walkers, many run, some of them fast; others push children in buggies, or perhaps follow or lead dogs. The event is led by volunteers, who marshal the 5-kilometre route to

ensure your safety on the course. At the finish, stop-watches click to provide you with YOUR time, displayed on the internet later.

**You can't be last back** - the second photograph shows the "Tail-walkers" who follow the last participant round the route, and they are always behind you!

Packington Post Editor  
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Many people find 'parkrun' a valuable antidote to **two scourges of modern society** which cause widespread unhappiness - **obesity and loneliness**. "Walking at parkrun" is a great way to start gentle regular exercise, and it's hard to be lonely amongst 500 people! You are certainly going to find someone else who goes at YOUR pace, and everyone is happy to talk and be friends on the way.



Our "**5k My Way**" events once a month offer specially trained ambassadors to host those living with cancer to take part in any way they want. Also, "**Running Down Dementia**" is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Society, who see 'parkrun' as an ideal safe environment for physical activity in a controlled safe setting.

The **cafe** at Conkers serves hot drinks and is a good place to sit amidst the buzz and make more friends after your activity.

The third picture is of two Packington residents at Conkers. You're **VERY** welcome to join in, any Saturday at 9 am at the Conkers Waterside. Have a look on the internet and register first at [parkrun.com](http://parkrun.com), where you'll find full details. There's up-to-the minute news each Friday on the Facebook page, too.

Do join us for this **FREE** activity!



## Crime Seminar Helps Villagers Avoid Scams!



Over 40 people attended the 'Crime Seminar' held at Packington Primary School. The focus of the event was cybercrime, scams and fraud.

- **Wes Ewing**, Packington Neighbourhood Watch chair, gave an update on village initiatives to help people safeguard themselves against crime.
- Guest speaker **Steve Mellor** of Ibstock provided a real-life case study about his father-in-law who had lost a considerable amount to a scammer.
- PCSO **Tony Gallagher** from North West Leics Police, who offered Police inspection and crime avoidance advice
- **Samantha Hancock**, NWL Police Cyber Protection Officer, who gave a very thought-provoking illustrated talk about the range of cybercrime, and measures that you can take to keep yourself safe. In particular: "A B C" - see below.
- **Nichola Davidson** from Santander Bank, Ashby, focused on current banking fraud scams that are becoming all too common.

### The Key **A - B - C** message

**A**ccept **NO**THING

**B**elieve **NO**-ONE

**C**hallenge or **CONFIRM**



More information will be available at our Neighbourhood Watch Facebook Page, "Packington Watch"

## Packington Christmas Lights & Craft Fair

Each year the Parish Council and Village Hall work together, to put up and decorate two lovely trees at the Memorial Hall.

This year, they are teaming up with local residents to bring to the village a Christmas Craft Fair and Packington Lights switch-on extravaganza! Contact: Deb Brooks [brooks\\_dj2000@yahoo.com](mailto:brooks_dj2000@yahoo.com)

### From 1pm on Sunday December 1st

The Craft Fair will be open from 1pm and people from the local area will be selling hand crafted or personalised gifts just in time for Christmas! These stalls will include Sweetie trees, fun pictures, wooden signs, handmade lollies, glass ware, personalised water bottles and dog collars to name just a few. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits/cakes will also be served.

The craft fair will continue until 6pm to allow you all plenty of time to grab that perfect Christmas gift. At 6pm the Christmas Lights will be switched on. There will be carol singing, with mulled wine and mince pies on sale. We hope that you will all pop in to the craft fair and support our local small businesses. Do join us for a festive fun time for the lights switch-on and a sing-song!





## PHS 20/20 Vision

After another successful show in September, Packington Horticultural Society is pleased to advise donations to local activities & Holy Rood church as follows:

Rainbows £200, Brownies £100, the Table Tennis club £250, Youth Club £250, Lunch Club £250, Guides £100, a Hospice Hope support group £150 & Packington church £250 a total of £1550.

It is only possible for us to continue to help village activities by receiving lots of your entries of vegetables, cakes and other produce which are then auctioned off later that same day with all the proceeds raised going to local good causes.

The village show next year will be held at the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September** so there is plenty of time for you to plan to enter whichever category suits your own individual talents? Children's entries are particularly welcome & there are several categories which enable them to show their early talents in a number of ways.

The PHS Committee have already started to plan their 2020 vision which is going to include new item categories, related demonstrations and lots of old favourites in addition to good food which can be purchased, a cash bar & our ever-popular raffle which as always will have plenty of prizes. It's a good night out so put the date in your diary now.

**Mike Powell 07789 035510**

### Learn to Play Bridge



Ashby Bridge Club invite you to a FREE taster session. **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10.00 to 12.00**

Hood Park Leisure Centre  
Followed by a 12-week course  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup> cost £85.00  
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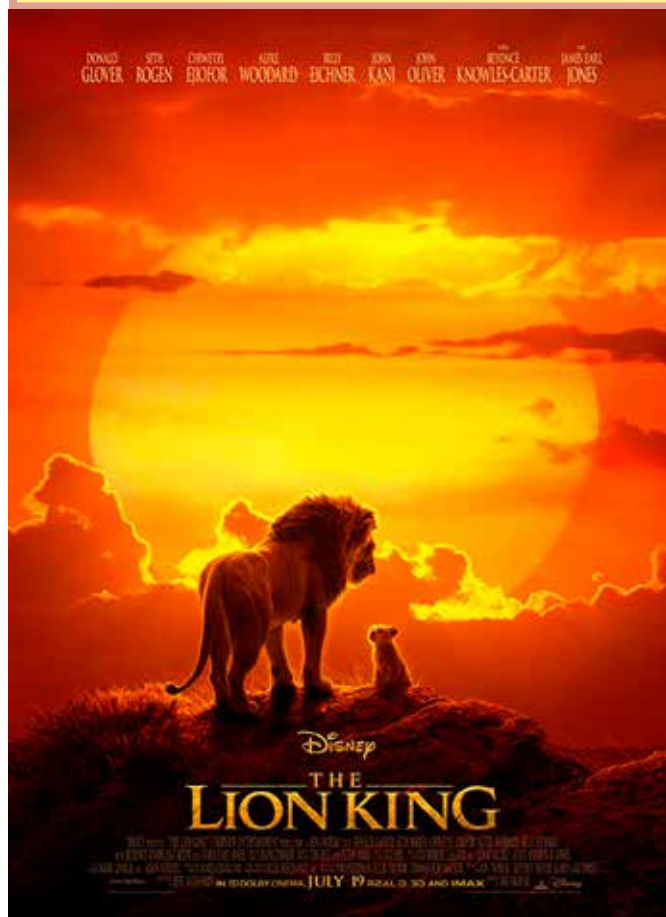
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## Film Club at Memorial Hall

**FREE**

Film showing on  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**December**

Doors open for  
Refreshments 7:00 pm  
Film commences  
7:30 pm



## Awesome Times at the Youth Club

At the youth club we have a fantastic time. It's a really good place to have fun with your friends and to make new ones. Everyone is really friendly and we all get on well with each other.



All the youth club, leaders and parent helpers are fun and kind and happy to join in our games.

Things we have got up to are Packington park visits in the summer, gymnastics, ball games, table tennis, football table, darts (not real ones of course!), creative artwork, making Christmas t-shirts and, most importantly, we have a tuck shop where you can buy sweets. Also, at the end of the last school year we had a laser quest party with a MacDonaldis tea!

I really enjoy my time at the youth club with my friends, and look forward to going every week.

By Layla Keller

**Contact: Sallie-Ann 07906 739938**

## Mens Group PMG

In October several members of the group enjoyed a walk around the village and local footpaths. This was followed by tea, cakes and scones at Barker's Café on the High Street.



## PMG continued

The November meeting was a presentation entitled 'Wildlife around Ashby' by Martin Vaughn. A report on this meeting will be in the January issue. Looking further ahead we have our Christmas meal on Tuesday 10th December. New members are always welcome.

**Contact: David Fill 560228**

## Table Tennis

The club continues to meet every Wednesday evening at the Packington Memorial Hall. The timings remain 18:00 - 21:15 with the first hour dedicated to junior coaching sessions for aged 7 upwards. The junior coaching has seen a slow start with numbers, however our coach, Nigel Webster, remains committed. After deliberation on whether to recruit youngsters from the Ashby schools, we made the decision to stick with recruiting in the Packington area. This presents all Packington children with a fantastic opportunity to be coached by a nationally recognised coach. The cost is £1.50 per session.

The club night also continues to run from 19:15 - 21:15. Pay as you play, £2.50 per adult and £1.50 for juniors. Numbers on each Wednesday currently vary between 8 and 16 with all levels, genders and age levels being represented.

The new Packington Pirates team have started well in division 4 of the Loughborough League.

**Packington Pirates are currently top of the league**

With 3 wins, 1 draw and a loss to a tough Charnwood side. Home league games are on a Tuesday evening starting at 7pm. Remaining home matches, leading up to Christmas, are on 12th and 26th Nov and the 10th Dec. Come along and support your local Packington Pirates table tennis team!!

**Call Graham Saunt on [07764471917](tel:07764471917)**







### Thumbs up for Hospice Hope and their new day centre

We have some amazing news to share with you all. Thanks to a wonderful partnership between NW Leicestershire District Council and Bloor Homes, plus the hard work of our dedicated Trustees, the charity will now have a new purpose-built day centre just outside the village of Swannington. The land is being provided by the Council and Bloor Homes are generously building it free. Bloor Homes are now in the process of drawing up plans, with a view to submitting a planning application early in 2020.

It is anticipated that we could be in our new home by Summer 2021. This means we will be able to support even more people with life limiting conditions and their families and carers in NW Leicestershire.

Hospice Hope provides free day care at Hope House on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for people with life limiting conditions, allowing carers to take a well-earned break. All services are free – including transport and support services and complementary therapies - and a home cooked lunch is provided when they visit the homely facility. Stewart Shepherd, Chair of the Trustees of Hospice Hope says the charity is delighted with the news: “The need for the support that Hospice Hope provides is growing all the time.

The wonderful generosity of Bloor Homes and magnificent support of our district council means that we can plan more securely to meet the needs of the growing number of people who benefit from Hospice Hope services.” I would like to give a very big thank you to the very many residents and organisations of Packington who have supported the day to day work of the charity over many years to help it achieve the profile in the community, such that the council and Bloors are prepared to make these offers. If you would like to know more about Hospice Hope or become involved in any way then please contact Peter Last {Trustee of Hospice Hope}

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**Services at Holy Rood, Packington**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

11am All-age service

**November 24<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. Holy Communion

**December 1<sup>st</sup>: Advent Sunday**

11am Morning Prayer

**4pm Christingle Service**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**

11am **All-age service - Follow the star:**

A still to be planned event for all ages at Packington which will take us back to that first Christmas

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**6pm Carols by Candlelight**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4pm Crib service especially for younger folk**

**11.30pm Midnight Christmas Communion**

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Christmas Communion at Normanton-le-heath

**December 29<sup>th</sup>**

10am **United Woodfield Team service at Swebstone Church.** No service at Packington

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**

11 am Holy Communion

6pm Evening Prayer

**January 12<sup>th</sup>**

11 am Holy Communion

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**

11am All-age service

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

11 am Holy Communion

There is also a service of Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am. in December, but not in January as it is New Year Day. Sunday Club for the children meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at

**Christingle time: December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm**



The ever-popular Christingle service will be on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Holy Rood Church, Packington – 4 p.m. start. If you've not been before, give it a try. The service lasts about 45 minutes and is great fun for all ages.

The Christingle – an orange with a candle, red ribbon and fruit and/or sweets – is a symbol of God's love for each one of us and for our world. Through Christingle, we hear the message of Jesus' love.

We also remember children in need and our collections at these services go to support the work of the Children's Society.

**News of Revd Joanne Dyer**

Joanne will be on placement as part of her training time with us. This is a normal part of a curate's training. In January and February she'll be working up at Castle Donington so won't be in the Woodfield Team area. So don't worry if you don't see her around..

**Angel Tree**

As part of our Christmas remembrance, please feel free to pop into Packington Church and dedicate an angel to your loved one on our Memory Tree. The angel tree will be located in the Church from December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Salvation Army carols**

Lots of you are asking when the Salvation Army band is coming this year. It's become such a popular event in the village. Well, it's **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.** Come and join the singing and raise money for the good work the Salvation Army does.





## The Bridge

### SURPLUS CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS

I guess most of you will have dug out your winter clothes for the chillier months ahead, but whilst doing so, did you find any that may be surplus to requirements? If so, why not consider giving these to others who may be struggling at this time. The Bridge is a charity helping the homeless and those on the margins of society – as their slogan says, **'homelessness to hope'** and they would be happy to receive men's and women's clothing; particularly, coats, jumpers, jeans, underwear, socks, etc. Sleeping bags are also always welcome. Any items will be gratefully received by this good cause which only this week was voted 'Charity of the Year' at the Voluntary Awards presentation evening for Leicester and Leicestershire. If you are able to help, please contact: **David and Elizabeth Harrison** **01530 415106** -We will come and collect

**Ready Steady Stick Christmas Party**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm at**  
**Measham Church Hall DE12 7HZ**



This is open to all; it's not just a 'church' group. £1 per child and all welcome

## Christmas at Hill Farm

Spring Lane, Packington.

Santa has confirmed he will be joining us again at Hill Farm, preparing for Christmas. Come and see Santa and his elves in his magical log cabin. It's just £5 per child, which includes a gift, and you can meet some of his Reindeer! There will be plenty of Christmas crafts to keep you busy, and even some last-minute presents available. As always we will be serving hot food and drinks, with plenty of mulled wine to keep the adults merry. Why not come and see our animals in their winter homes, and hand feed our alpacas and sheep while you're here! Booking is not essential.



Santa will be with us on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December between 10:30am-17:30pm before departing to deliver all the presents on Christmas Eve!

## Packington Christmas Lights & Craft Fair



Sunday 1st  
 December  
 From 1pm

Light Switch  
 On & Sing Song  
 At 6pm

Another great Bonfire Party! Weather damp and cool, ground soggy under foot. With the smell of cooking burgers and sausages mixing with the smell of burning wood, you could not have asked for anything better on Bonfire night. Following the great party of last year when every aspect seemed to go very well, the Bonfire team had a hard act to follow. However, from the comments received and the smiles on everyone's faces, Packington did it again by providing a great family night out for local people.

Attendance was slightly up on last year and an estimated 600 people saw a fantastic firework show and a bonfire to marvel at. The food and drinks tents were kept busy from start to finish and the worn-out helpers were able to enjoy the last few burgers and hotdogs at the end of the show.



### MONEY FOUND

In the litter pick following bonfire night on Tuesday, some money was found under a bench in the recreation park. It has been given to Chris Miles and if you think you have lost this, please contact either me, Pippa David on 07535 607171, or Chris Miles on 07856 179485.

The youngsters' sparkler interval again was popular and over 160 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 have increased this year. Thanks must go to the hard working ground workers Bob Parry, Alan Pearson, Dave Gammon, Steve Salt. Colin Goacher, Ian Dring, and David Dring. Special mention here must go to Bob Plant who fetches pallets and builds the bonfire. He then sets it ablaze at seven o'clock, away it roars and within minutes the flames are licking the sky. Fantastic!

Thanks also to the Food Tent Crew of Becky Taylor, Sharron Miller, Chris and Carla Harris Marsh, Pippa David and new recruit, Jackie McDonald. Also to Rachael Miles who masterminded the food and drink supplies once again, to the chef, Dean Holden who cooked 150 hotdogs and 150 burgers (and 2 eggs for me) on the fantastic hotplate barbeque. Finally, thanks again to the donation collectors Marion Mugglestone and Janet Timms who greet everyone at the entrance and supervise donations and gift aid.

Above are the facts, now let us look at the figures. Was it all worthwhile? The response by spectators says yes it was a great night and the figures also say what a great night. Nearly £1700 was taken in donations and a fantastic £815 taken in the food and drinks tent. The surplus /profit on the night totalled a brilliant £1450. The estimated take-back from the government in Gift Aid tax is around £200, giving a profit on the night of approximately £1650. What a fantastic outcome. Thank you all who came and rest assured the money raised will go toward maintaining, improving and enhancing Packington Recreation Ground. Well done Packington!!

**Note;** Pauline, my wife, stepped down from organising the food tent this year and was able to see the fireworks for the first time in about 20 years. Packington thanks you for your hard work over the years. Commiserations to Sallie-Ann Stretton who was looking forward to taking over this role but had unfortunately injured her back. So, get well soon Sallie-Ann.

**Chris Miles**, Chairman of the Trustees.  
**01530 414378**



The Government Review of HS2, due to be delivered in the Autumn, appears to be on 'hold'. Which means until the findings are published, both those against HS2 and those in favour can only live in hope that the outcome will favour them. Could it be that the delay in the Review is to avoid coinciding with the General Election? Given the significant impact on the area of HS2 residents may wish to email Andrew Bridgen before casting your vote in the General Election, [Andrew.bridgen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Andrew.bridgen.mp@parliament.uk) He has repeatedly stated his opposition to HS2 but it's reasonable to ask; what is happening with the HS2 Review, when is the outcome going to be announced, what are MP's opposed to HS2 currently contributing to the Review?

### Meeting with Natural England.

The Residents' Team met with Natural England last month and physically walked them along the route as it impacts the Village, specifically highlighting our areas of concern on the landscape and views.

What became clear is that although NE has a general interest in the landscape they only have the resource and therefore are only really focused on specific protected areas. In our case this covers SSSI (Sites of Specific Scientific Interest) which has legal protection around the Gilwiskaw and, more specifically, protects the 'natural flow of the stream and certain species living in it'.

NE aren't opposed to the Viaduct, despite it being a large unsightly concrete structure, as it provides them a solution in which the Gilwiskaw can continue to naturally flow through that area. However, they advised us they would be prepared to consider an alternative solution to the viaduct provided it isn't detrimental to the SSSI. We will be meeting with HS2 again to discuss alternative solutions.

Part of the reason for the proposed height of the line and the viaduct in that area is linked to flood protection so we will be looking at meeting with the Environment Agency, given the A42 is built lower but presumably meets any flooding requirement.

We will continue to keep residents updated on progress.

**Packington HS2 Residents Team**

### Venison Demonstration

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.00pm.

Hill Farm on Spring Lane will once again be hosting a venison demonstration, followed by a 2-course meal of venison with wine. Join us for a night to learn about this unique meat and the health benefits it provides. See how the different cuts are produced and prepared and even get some cooking tips to try it yourself, with recipe sheets to take home.



This will then be followed by a 2-course meal, giving you the opportunity to taste just how amazing this meat can be. It is low in fat, very high in protein and a rich source of omega-3 fatty acids, iron and vitamins B6 and B12, making it the perfect option for Christmas dinner £25 per head, booking is essential.

**To book 01530 411984**

**[hillfarmpackington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hillfarmpackington@hotmail.co.uk)**

### Welcome Pack update...

It's been a busy time recently for Welcome Pack delivery which means as a village we are welcoming lots of new neighbours. With new builds and conversions being completed we look forward to more arriving soon.

Please contact me if you have a new neighbour, or you know of a newcomer to the village, and I will drop a pack off for you to call and say hi, or I'll deliver it directly.

Lastly, I would like to thank Valerie Smith for delivering our Welcome Packs to The Paddocks. You had your work cut out keeping abreast of the new home sales and the moving vans over there!

**Becky**

## Safe school crossing for 8 years

John Burton has been looking after the crossing to Packington Primary School for over 8 years. Although not a Packington resident himself, he knows most of the children who go to Packington school and their parents. He recognises the cars and gives people a cheery wave as they go past, and children greet him with, 'Hello John' as he provides a safe crossing for them over what seems a quiet little road, but one that does have its fair share of problems, particularly with speeding cars.



John has seen changes in driving behaviour and feels that more needs to be done to manage speeding through the village – many drivers do not pay any attention to the 30 mph (20 mph signs when the school crossing is manned) and there have been times when drivers have taken no notice of him, despite the high viz coat and lollipop sign.

John would like someone from the Council to spend a little bit of time with him on his 'watch' to see the problem first-hand. John is also concerned that, with the increase in traffic and the lack of respect for the speed limit on the roads through Packington, an accident will happen. He just wishes that drivers would slow down and think, "What if that was my child?"

But despite frustrations over traffic, John loves his job and it is clear from the cheerful greetings from parents and children crossing over to school that his presence is much appreciated.

For John, Packington is a friendly, lovely village and the children who he helps cross the road are so polite. In the beginning they would say, 'Thank you Mr Burton,' but he asks them all to call him John. Much of this politeness, he says, clearly comes from the parents and the school who set high standards and values, which is great to see. There have been times when a child has forgotten to say, 'thank you' and is reminded by a parent, "and what do you say to John?". "It's a lovely village to work in and I get real pleasure out of helping people and having a chat. It's nice to see values of courtesy maintained, and that is what makes working in Packington so special".

## Cakes, Cakes and more Cakes

The Coffee morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer care held at the end of September, was a great success. Thanks to the support of the people of the village £575 was raised on the day. This later rose to £600, thanks to sale of cakes to Youth Club members and donations.



Cakes kept arriving and soon were being enjoyed with either tea or coffee. "The best coffee at a Memorial Hall event ever" was one comment about the filter coffee from the machine, kindly loaned by Context Print, who also sponsored all the printing and the banner.

Will this become another regular village event? Let's watch this space to find out.



## Play Football New Years Day



**11.00 at the Recreation Ground  
Dads, Sons, Daughters  
and all the family welcome**



### Community Plant & Prayer Morning

Our community Plant & Prayer morning was a great success. Thank you to all who supported us by donating plants, bulbs & cuttings. It was fantastic to see adults and pupils working together as a team to make our Reflection Garden a special place for our children to flourish. As well as the planting, we saw some creative and innovative ideas on the prayer stones painted by pupils. This was a true community project & the Garden looks great! We look forward to watching it grow over the coming months.



### Harvest Festival

We had a lovely Harvest Festival service in Church at the beginning of October with confident readings, joyous singing and also some beautiful flute playing from two of our pupils. We all thought about how we can make a difference and look after our world better. Thank you to everybody who supported our Harvest Festival Raffle– we raised £186.50 for the Make a Wish Foundation.



Provide us feedback on village events  
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### Dobroyd

At the end of October, children from our Year 5 & 6 class had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Dobroyd Castle in Todmorden. They enjoyed a wide range of activities from Caving to the Piranha Pool! It was a marvellous experience for all the pupils and it has been a delight to hear them talk about their achievements. Mr. Emery and Mrs. Clark were really impressed with the teamwork, confidence, courage and risk-taking on show.

### Packington Cross Country

Unfortunately, due to poor weather & ground conditions, as well as expected low turnout (due to the Rugby final!) we had to cancel our Cross Country event planned for Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### House News

Our Houses have independently picked a charity which they would like to support. This year our Houses would each like to raise £60 so they can pay for a toilet for a family or a community and 'flush away' poverty as part of the toilet-twinning scheme. We are very pleased that our pupils are so engaged with social action to help others. You can find out more information about the scheme at <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

**Coming up:** We will be dressing up in Spots & Stripes, for a small donation, to support Children in Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

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## History Group

### “Gems from the Gilwiskaw:”

The Group is pleased to announce publication of this booklet written by Laura Cooper. Laura completed the manuscript shortly before her death in 2016. She was born in Packington in 1931, then lived for her first four years in Ravenstone. Her parents then decided to move back to Packington – Laura said that this was to enable her to attend the Packington School. She remained in Packington for the rest of her life. In “Gems” she paints vivid pictures from her childhood in the village (and Ravenstone) in the 1930s and 40s.

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“**Medieval Packington:**” at our October meeting, Sue Brown addressed the group on her researches into Packington life in the Middle Ages. The first known reference to Packington is dated 1043, when Leofric, Earl of Mercia, granted the village as an endowment to St. Mary’s Abbey, Coventry, which he had founded. It then appeared in Domesday Book in 1086. Sue showed us copies of medieval manuscripts written in Latin and Middle English, throwing light on people living in the village in the early fifteenth century. The group greatly appreciated the work Sue has done, which has included a number of visits to the Public Record Office at Kew, London.

Our final meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room, when we will be discussing how information we have about Packington might be made more available to the wider public. Any non-member who would like to join us will be warmly welcome.

**Contact: Robin Boucher as above**

## Guides

Packington Guides is an energetic and fun guide unit which enjoys doing a multitude of activities. So far this term we have worked on skillsbuilders (eg. making stretchers out of rope, a sheet, duct tape and broom handles) and unit meeting activities (using large drinks bottles to grow basil)! We have also been to Desford Sports Centre for an afternoon of sport and a talk given by Anna McNuff (the barefoot runner) Even though it was raining, all Guides managed a barefoot run as well!



With Christmas shopping looming the Packington Guides would be grateful if you would consider shopping through easyfundraising. All you need to do is use the link below.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1stpackingtonguides/>

When you register, select:

**1st Packington (Holy Rood) Guides** as the organisation you wish to support.

The Unit meets on 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

**Contact Allison Buswell, Unit Leader**  
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