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A BIG weekend for Packington Volunteers



2020 Big Charity Breakfast proved to be another winner. Over 50+ volunteers put on another great community event. This year's chosen charity Dementia UK, benefited to the tune of **£1750**



The Big Litter Pick attracted over 50 volunteers to tidy up the village and its environs. A big thank you from organiser Martin Bassett

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Big Litter Pick organised by Martin Bassett on Sunday 8th saw more than 50 volunteers turn out. Martin says "A Massive, Massive 'Thank You' to everyone who turned out. It was great to see familiar and new faces, as well as young and old taking pride in their village. We will need more bags and pickers from the council for the next one".

It was a real village effort with Mike Coke, Sylvia Coke and Anna Bassett-Lynch serving complimentary drinks and breakfast baps upon return to the hall.

Also special thanks to Sarah and Ed Marvin for supplying the van to collect the numerous bin bags and assorted treasure, including road signs, car parts, furniture and window frames!!



However, we all know the mindless commuters that travel through the village will soon foul our country lanes to a point where we will need to mobilise again.

Therefore watch this space for a date in September. Could we get 100 volunteers?

The Big Breakfast saw another turnout of volunteers including Brownies, Guides and Youth Club members. A total of 273 breakfasts were served in the four hours. Well done to everyone.

Thanks to our suppliers Daybreak Services, Taylors Butchers and Context Print



As usual the raffle was a big earner thanks to the generosity of Packington residents by providing a range of prizes, which saw a figure of £285 added to the total raised.

There were a good number of people unable to attend for one reason or another. As a result, the donations came to £200.

This meant we were able to send a cheque for **£1750 to Dementia UK**



Trees- our underappreciated saviours

Molly Brammall, 6th Form Student at Ashby School writes.....

Now I know I'm no Greta Thunberg, but I do know of the current, spiralling climate crisis and I'm sure you do too. Whether you accept it or not, we are slowly descending into a state from which we won't be able to return and the future, for my generation and others to come, isn't a bright one. Rather than looking for someone or something to point the finger at and blame, it's about time we started looking for ways in which we can help.

Whether you want to contribute in a way that will help on a smaller scale or a larger one, planting trees covers all areas of the spectrum. Not only are trees essential in allowing us to breathe (it's a given really), trees also create extensive wildlife habitats. They help respiratory health within communities and they ultimately hinder climate change through the sequestration of carbon, reducing the overall amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Their benefits are not entirely environmental however, as trees equally aid the aesthetics of an area; greenery is associated with peace and tranquillity.



With the cost remaining relatively low, it appears the pros outweigh the cons, and Packington would benefit greatly with a little more greenery around. Who'd turn down cleaner air, extended wildlife diversity and, of course, the final chance at saving the planet we have consciously exploited, before it inevitably falls into the pit of imminent *doom*?

Molly Brammall

Trees- what can we do?

The Packington Post has for some time been looking for contributions from local people born in the current century, and now we have a first, thought provoking article from Molly Brammall. How can we in Packington respond to the points Molly makes on the need to plant more trees if we are to help save our planet?

First and foremost, we could all plant at least one tree in our own garden. There are trees of all shapes and sizes so we don't need to plant an oak tree each, although that would make a long-term impact. This endeavour would result in an extra 400 trees in our village. Some of us may be too physically frail to plant a tree ourselves but I'm sure some young tree planting volunteers could be found who would be happy to help out. We, ourselves can only plant trees on our own land but what about other land in the village. A quick walk around the village indicates some areas where owners may be prepared to allow planting of varying sizes of tree.

There are gaps in the planting alongside the Gilwiskaw Brook which could be filled with small flowering trees. There may be spaces in the Churchyard where one or two trees could be added. The Recreation ground has a hedge but no trees on the boundary fronting the road. There is room for a row of trees which would not impinge on the access roadway but may, in time, reduce the crosswinds on the playing fields

The visual aspect of the site on the corner of Babelake Street next to the brook could be considerably enhanced with the addition of a few trees, as could the site of the "Bull and Lion" without blocking sight lines. There are other patches of land on the entrances to the village which would benefit visually from one or two specimen trees welcoming us back to "Packington in the heart of the National Forest".

The Woodland Trust is currently offering free native tree packs (from 15 to 420 trees) to Schools and "Community Groups". I'm sure the editor, and the Chairman of the Parish Council, would join me in ceremoniously planting the first tree, if only to confirm the old Greek Proverb: - "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit".

Adrian Mongredien 564613

Crime in the village over the past two months has been disappointingly high. A burglary on Measham Rd and a car theft from the Paddocks Estate have resulted in arrests being made. However, no charges have been made to date. The Parish Council urges all residents to be on their guard and report any suspicious activity as quickly as possible to the police. Emergency 999 or 112. Non-emergency 101.



Flooding again was a major issue when the recent February deluges resulted in the Gilawhiskaw brook overflowing to a new high for the last fifty plus years. There is still flooding on Babelake St and this Council has filed a recorded report to the Highways Authority saying that this issue, which has been present for over three months, needs to be resolved urgently. The Council is also in the process of sending a letter to Severn Trent Water Co. for an explanation as to why raw sewage and debris was released into the river, and why did heavy concrete inspection covers lift off, also depositing raw sewage and waste products all over private land.

The Council wishes to express its gratitude to FLOAT for organising a successful meeting at NWLDC involving agencies involved with Flooding and Flood Risk. Whilst there is no quick fix for the river overflowing, all agencies are aware that measures need to be taken to reduce the risk.

As you know from the last Council report, a Celebration of VE day was being planned. This is now a certainty and we would like you to sign up for this celebration and make it one to remember. Please see the special article and book your table. It might be a nice idea to have a table especially booked for your street so please e-mail or phone Chris. Details attached to the main poster/article.

The Parish Clerk and Chairman attended a fact-finding meeting at District Council Offices concerning Neighbourhood Plans. The topic will be discussed at the next Council meeting. The Village Pump on Measham Road has now been repaired and the Round House repairs put out to tender.

A match funded grant was awarded to Packington School from the Solar Community Fund for IT products.

Finally, the issue of planning permission for five houses to be built off the Drum and Monkey Lane, is still on going and officers from the District Council have yet to form a view on the application.

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

www.packingtonpc.org.uk

Chris Miles (Chairman)

Fly Tipping

Residents of Packington who walk or drive the outlying areas of our village such as Redburrow Lane and Measham Road may have noted a spate of fly tipping recently. A large quantity of this consists mainly of garden rubbish, including bits of timber fencing or sheds and prunings of conifer or other hedging material, with the occasional bicycle tyre or child's scooter thrown in for good measure. It is a fairly simple act to reverse into a field gateway, open the back door and dispose quickly of rubbish whilst unobserved; even in broad daylight.

The Parish Council requests that villagers check, when choosing a garden contractor, their usual method of disposal of garden rubbish. The mere fact of asking the question about disposal of garden rubbish may deter the jobbing man and van, who might appear on the doorstep asking for work. Registered garden contractors will have a waste management policy, but as Spring approaches and garden preparation begins, the itinerant groundsperson will more than likely make an appearance in the village.

It is our village and the residents take a pride in keeping the village approaches clean and tidy. Please help to ensure that it is not your garden rubbish dumped in the lanes and causing an eyesore.

To report any Fly Tipping that you see go to: www.nwleics.gov.uk and search fly tipping

Many thanks to those who entered the Anniversary Competition.

Here are the answers to satisfy your curiosity.

1. 23 High Street
2. Gate to new cemetery, by recreation ground, Vicarage Lane, across road from church North entrance
3. Cornerstone, High Street junction with Hall Lane
4. Bridge where Hall Lane crosses Gilwiskaw Brook to Join Mill Street, South side
5. Coronation plaque on Gates on path from Mill Street leading to school playground entrance and church
6. Old steps on Mill Street, left side going down the hill, opposite the quarry and the white lion statues, which used to give access to the former Baptist Church and graveyard



Drawn first was long term Packington resident Robert Plant who, I am sure, had no difficulty identifying the photos. Robert wins the Sunday Carvery for four at the Bull & Lion. Other Prize winners are Rachel McKinley and two pupils from Packington school. They were both presented with Amazon vouchers. A special consolation prize goes to the Forders for the most entries from one family.



The PCG team organising the draw from the correct answers.
A big thank you to our generous donors;

Bull & Lion and Midland Caliper Centre



You can Report Direct

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

Using this website, you can report concerns such as: Graffiti, Fly Tipping, Potholes etc.

Best to try and add a photo and a concise location. The website does show a map once you have entered a postcode

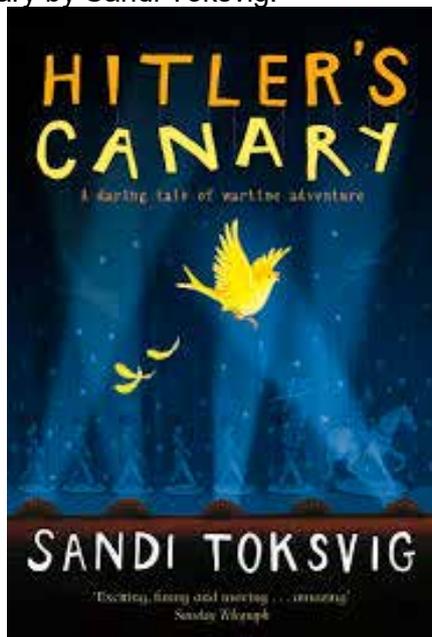
IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Memorial Hall is CLOSED to all activities for at least TWO Months
The VE Day Celebrations planned for 8th May are also postponed to later in the year.

Book Club

Packington book club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 19:30 in the small meeting room at the village hall.

On 22nd April the book we are reading is Hitler's Canary by Sandi Toksvig.



"A suspenseful, humane story"

Nicolette Jones, *The Sunday Times*

On 27th May it is by 'Life after life' by Kate Atkinson. "Themes of fate, family life and renewal are brilliantly explored in this story of a life lived in wartime Britain", *The Guardian*.

Come and join us for a sociable evening discussing these books.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. If you would like further information please call:

Helen Edgington on 07766 086580

helenmedgington@gmail.com.

Youth Club – Spring Term

The members of Youth Club are continuing to enjoy the regular activities on offer each week, including table tennis, pool, crafts, darts and not forgetting the ever-popular tuck shop. Also proving a hit is the new Air Hockey Table, which certainly brings out their competitive side. We also run a games night once a month.



A thank you to Dan, Layla, and Oscar who represented Youth Club by helping out at the Charity Breakfast, also to Maya, who was representing the Brownies.

We are now currently full. However, we have opened up a waiting list; anybody interested in joining, please contact:

Sallie-Ann on 07906 739938

Sallie-Ann, Alisa and Angela.

History Group

Packington – The Early History: Adrian Mongredien's work is now available on our website pvhg.uk: follow the link "About" and then "Documents" to access it. Adrian tells the story of our corner of the world from pre-Roman times through to Packington's entry in the Domesday Book of 1086, with plenty of background about the local impact of the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. Our thanks go to Adrian for his enthusiasm for this project and to Robert Dilworth for his technical expertise. Have a look and let us know what you think!

Date for your diary: we are planning to hold a History Walk along Mill Street on the evening of Tuesday 30th June. More about this in the May "Packington Post."

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room, when Sue Brown will be guiding us in deciphering medieval manuscripts. As always, anyone who would like to join us will be welcome.

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

Packington Table Tennis Club 'Bat & Chat'

Packington Table Tennis Club is looking to begin a 'Bat & Chat' group on Friday afternoons, between 2pm and 4pm, beginning **15th May 2020**.



If you would like to come along to Packington Memorial Hall and have a game of table tennis, meeting folk who fancy taking a bit of exercise (playing TT), and have a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit at half-time, all for the princely sum of £2, then please contact: on:-

Steve Mellor 07463 703314

stephen.mellor4@googlemail.com



Bats and balls will be available, if required, free of charge.

This is a community venture, open to people of all ages.

The Packington Table Tennis club held its AGM on Wednesday 18th December at the Bull & Lion. Officers were re-elected and the agenda completed with excellent food support from new landlord Darren & Jan.

At the AGM it was also noted that a huge thank you should be sent to the Packington Horticultural Society for their kind donation of £250. Part of this will be used to purchase new tables. A grant application was approved by the Parish Council from the Solar farm fund for new tables in January. The new tables have now arrived and are now in use and means we now have 6 tables. Many thanks to the PPC for the approval of this grant for this community

activity

Junior coaching will be a major focus for the club in 2020. The future of Table Tennis in Packington is from the juniors we can develop. Our coach Nigel Webster, remains committed to recruiting juniors from Packington School and in the Packington area. The timings remain **18:00 - 19:00** every Wednesday, dedicated to junior coaching sessions for aged 7 upwards. 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 Packington Table Tennis club night continues on Wednesdays **from 19:15 - 21:15** with a pay as you play system: £2.50 per adult and £1.50 for juniors. Numbers on each Wednesday currently vary between 8 and 20 with all levels, genders and age levels being represented. Beginners are made very welcome

The new Packington Pirates team continue in division 4 of the Loughborough League and are currently mid table.

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Home league game nights (at the Packington Memorial Hall) are on a Tuesday evening starting at 7pm.

For any further information call:

Graham Saunt [07764471917](tel:07764471917)

Food Bank

We had an extremely successful month collecting for the Ashby Food Bank throughout February. Mr. Emery took a group of pupils to deliver our donations to the food bank and together we have collected a total of 112.45kg of produce! Thank you to everyone who donated, your support is greatly appreciated.



Beaumanor

Our Year 3 & 4 children voted their residential visit to Beaumanor Hall a great success. The children spent two days and one night at the centre taking part in a wide range of activities including bridge building and archery. It was great to hear about the superb problem solving skills and the resilience of all the pupils to tackle the tasks and activities. Mrs. Dyche was really proud of the teamwork on show and was, as ever, delighted how the pupils flourished over the two days.



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March was World Book Day and we celebrated in school by dressing up as our favourite character from a book. We had lots of different characters including The Boy in the Dress and Bob Marley! Everybody joined in and got involved with our book-related activities throughout the day.



Pancake Day Fun!

It's been a number of years since we held our last 'Great Packington Pancake Race' for our House teams. But what a better way to kick start our whole school Lent Challenge than with an activity that made us think about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and why we eat pancakes, whilst encouraging teamwork and a sporting spirit. There was great excitement when the Houses lined up with their frying pans and it was super to see the children's commitment to their Houses, taking care with their pancake whilst going as fast as possible. Well done everyone!



Welcome to our new contributor, Molly Brammall. Molly is a sixth form student at Ashby School and plans to go on to university to study journalism. "It's a pleasure to be able to write for The Packington Post as I hope to initiate conversation and change with the topics I write about, while gaining much valued experience along the way"



NEW Counselling Service

At Hospice Hope we understand that being diagnosed with a life limiting condition can be a huge shock and can change lives dramatically. We are therefore thrilled to announce the start of our new counselling service which is offered to anyone affected by a life limiting condition in North West Leicestershire (this includes the person with the condition, their partner/carer or another close family member.)

Counselling gives people the chance to address their problems in a positive way by helping to clarify issues, explore options, develop strategies and increase self-awareness.

To find out more about this service or to book an appointment please contact:

Linda Mould 07516

505421

linda@hospicehope.org.uk

Happy Birthday Wally

Wally Instrall a well-known former resident in the Grange has just celebrated his 99th Birthday.



He now lives in a Nursing Home close to family near Amersham and keeps in touch via the Packington Post which is sent to him regularly.

Sofia on Stage

Packington girl, Sofia Bond, is rehearsing ready to take to the stage in "The King and I" playing one of the Kings many children.



Sofia said "I'm really looking forward to being in the King and I as it is such a stunning musical"

The Performance of "The King and I" has been Postponed

Services at Holy Rood, Packington

Services at this time of year celebrate the events at the heart of the Christian faith. Come and be part of all that we remember over Easter.

March 22nd

11 am Mothering Sunday service for all ages

March 29th

10.30 am United Woodfield Team service at St John's Church, Donisthorpe

6 pm Sung Evensong on Tour at St Laurence Church, Measham with the choir of All Saints Church, Loughborough

April 5th: Palm Sunday Special Services

11 am Morning Prayer

6 pm Evening Prayer

April 9th Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Special Maundy Thursday communion at Normanton-le-Heath

April 10th Good Friday

7.30 pm The Way of the Cross – Music and Meditation

April 12th: Easter Sunday

11am Easter Communion for all ages to greet the risen Lord Jesus

6 pm Easter Songs of Praise at Norton juxta Twycross

April 19th

11am All-age service

April 26th

11 am Holy Communion

May 3rd

11 am Morning Prayer

6 pm Evening Prayer

May 10th

11 am Special service to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day

May 17th

11am All-age service

May 21st Ascension Day

7.30 pm Holy Communion

There is also a service of Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am

During the Coronavirus crisis we are giving the bread to communicants and there is no sharing of the wine. Also, in services as a whole, there will be no handshaking!

Annual Church meeting: April 23rd at 7.30 pm

The annual meeting for Holy Rood Church, Packington takes place in church. There is the usual business of all annual meetings but we also look back at what has happened in the past year and forward to the coming year. Why not come and find about more about your local church?

April 4th 2-4pm: Ready Steady Stick

The next outing for Ready Steady Stick is the Easter event. It will be running on Saturday 4th April 2-4pm at Measham Church Hall (DE12 7HZ). Cost is £1 per child and children under 5 need a grown up with them. The event will be a mixture of crafts, games, refreshments and, of course, a telling of the Easter story. All welcome.

Here's a taste from last year's event



trypraying.

there is hope

From Easter Day until May 31st, you'll see the Banner for Trypraying outside Holy Rood Church (on the Vicarage wall) as well outside other churches in the area.

Trypraying is a resource for people who may have no church connection or interest, but open to find out about God. The Trypraying booklet is a 7-day prayer guide and is now being used by many to pass on to friends and family with a few words of encouragement, 'Why don't you try praying for a week and see what happens in your life?' The guide will be in a box near the banner as well as inside church— do take one.

Evening Song on Tour

By the Choir of All Saints,
Loughborough

Sung evensong on tour

March 29th at 6pm at

St Laurence Church, Measham.

Come and join us. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be served after
the service

Alistair James

Secret craft talent in Packington –Upholstery

There are many skilled crafts that are highly underestimated – traditional upholstery is one of them. Alistair James says he stumbled into the profession at the age of 17, fell in love with the craft and never looked back. He started his business in Melbourne but moved to Packington when he met his lovely wife nearly 8 years ago and his business is now based in village.



As an art college student, Alistair began an apprenticeship with a furniture design company and worked for prestigious companies and clients including Viscount Linley, Harrods and Heals. The apprenticeship meant that he was earning whilst learning as well as enjoying the work. Alistair has also worked on the interior furnishings for many top restaurants and bars, including for Marco Pierre White amongst others.

Training for this profession takes time – three years just to feel comfortable, then, as Alistair said, ‘another couple of years to gain that extra degree of confidence to be able to go ahead on your own’. At times during the training, Alistair says, there are feelings of self-doubt, but then it just ‘clicks’.

But even now, after so many years there are always new learning experiences and each piece that Alistair works on is a different and offers a new challenge.

The most interesting and fulfilling piece that Alistair has worked on was a chair based on the shape of an Aston Martin, for Viscount Linley – this design is now selling (if you can find one!) for thousands of pounds. Some restoration pieces can prove challenging. Often materials used in original construction need to be replaced with fibres that meet current regulations, and shapes, for example from the 1960s, are more complex than many would imagine to reupholster.

Most people do appreciate that quality work and the many hours that go into it will cost money – but it is quality and craftsmanship that will last for many more years than mass produced products. Alistair’s skill and dedication to the craft is a hidden business gem in Packington! Alistair James Upholstery can be contacted on **07968 871411**

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Rural Crime Team Event

Saturday 28 March 13.00 to 16.30
Hill Farm, Packington

Rural Crime has a significant impact on our area and the police are aware that the rural and village communities feel very targeted. In response, NW Leicestershire Police have formed a Rural Crime Team. The team consists of PC 237 Emma Holmes and PCSO 6517 Tony Gallaher with line management from Lindsey Booth, PS 4300.



The aim for the team is to oversee all rural crime investigations, increase community confidence and develop intelligence working alongside neighbouring counties. The team will be taking more Victim Personal Statements concerning the huge impact some crimes are having on rural communities and particularly farmers. To date, the team has visited a number of farms within the area, to introduce themselves and offer crime prevention advice.

The team plans to expand on this and increase awareness to other staff members around animal and machinery handling with the assistance of the NFU within Leicestershire.

Meetings are scheduled with adjoining police forces to share ideas on tackling rural crime and organise joint operations to target areas where criminals are causing most harm. But tackling crime successfully requires feedback and involvement from the community. Without this information the police are not aware of what is going on and when. Providing information enables the police to target resources to those areas where criminals are causing most harm. Packington already has great initiatives in place to support the community in tackling crime, with the WhatsApp Group and Neighbourhood Watch, and the valuable information from these initiatives will help the police combat crime

All in Packington are invited to come along to the **Interactive Rural Event on Saturday 28th March from 13.00 – 16.30 at Hill Farm, Spring Lane, Packington organised by the North West Leicestershire Rural Crime Team.** This will give the opportunity to meet the rural team and network with a number of organisations of interest including NFU, the British Horse Society, Trading Standards, Land Rover Security, Selecta Marc, ATVTrac and others. This is your opportunity to meet the team and raise issues, concerns and ask questions about how the police work, what constraints they face and how they can help you and the wider community to stay safe.

Hot food will also be provided!

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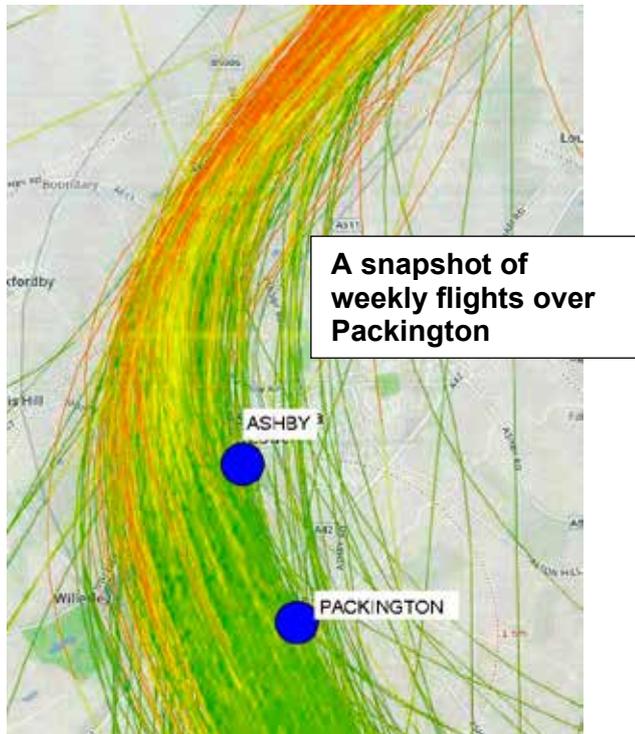
Aircraft Noise

East Midlands Airport plans to increase night flights by 30%

A report from PANAG (The Packington Aircraft Noise Action Group)

If night flights don't bother you now, there is every chance that disturbed sleep could become an increasing problem for you and your family in the future if EMA go ahead with their planned 30% increase in flights.

The September edition of the Packington Post highlighted the serious impact sleep deprivation was having on people's health, especially children.



Some will say, "Well, what can you do, big business has got to make a living and besides they create lots of local jobs". That's true, but there has to come a point when you cannot allow big business to continue to steamroller over the environment and the health of local communities. PANAG has joined forces with a number of local communities and politicians to try and work with EMA to address this very serious issue.

Unless the airport can give assurances to local communities that children's mental health will not be affected by increased night flights then I believe they should not proceed with their plans. Incidentally, did you know that EMA is the only airport in the whole of the country which operates regular commercial night flights?

Other communities in the UK and around the world have successfully challenged airport expansion, so there is no reason why we can't. If you would like to get involved or feel you have something to offer the campaign, contact terryhammond@me.com 01530415764

HS2

On the 11th February, following months of uncertainty, the Prime Minister announced the go-ahead for the total route of HS2, including section 2b – West Midlands to Leeds; which is the section affecting Packington and the surrounding area.

HS2 Ltd was originally due to deliver the whole project but there is now ambiguity as to whether HS2 will purely deliver phase 1 (London to Birmingham) with North of Birmingham being delivered under another operational structure or whether HS2 Ltd will deliver phase 1 & 2a (London to Crewe). What does appear is that our section, phase 2b Birmingham to Leeds, will be tied in with "Northern Power House Rail". Our phase of 'HS2' is due to be completed between 2035 to 2040, further putting back the already delayed 2033.

While the Review was underway, we were unable to meet with HS2. One of the challenges we now face is who will be making the decisions on 2b. There are many questions that now need answers.

Is the 2b section route design going back to consultation?

Will a different team be engaging with residents? Do we have to re-raise issues we have already covered with the HS2 engagement and design teams?

We will be talking to the District and Country Council to understand their approach, in the light of the announcement in February, to establish a way forward, to raise concerns and present our mitigation proposals.

The Residents' team met with Natural England in the Autumn to discuss the viaduct as it crosses the Gilwiskaw. Natural England's remit isn't focused on protecting the general landscape and views. They are specifically looking to protect the natural flow of the Giwiskaw and the species living in it. Which for Packington means they see the viaduct as a solution to protecting the Gilwiskaw. If there are any residents who have a background in Potamology (the study of waterways) and feel able to provide some expertise on this matter please call the Residents' Team on: **01530 415764**

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 4th July
Party in the Park



PACKINGTON PIP

Saturday 4th July 2020 5-10pm
on the Packington Recreation Ground

To celebrate it being America's Independence
Day, this year's theme will be U.S.A



Watch out for more details to follow in the
May issue of the Packington Post

August Bank
Holiday Monday
Packington Open
Gardens

August 31st
Packington Duck
Race on the
Gilwiskaw

Saturday 5th
September
Horticultural Show
at the Memorial
Hall

PACKINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (PNHW) exists to look after our community and at this time more than ever we collectively need to look at the ways to keep you, your loved ones and those in our community safe, particularly the isolated and vulnerable. As the current virus situation develops Packington Neighbourhood Watch can help us support ALL in our community.

(PNHW) also works with the police and authorities and our aim is to help people protect themselves, properties and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents and helping to engender a community spirit as well as tackling new forms of crime such as cybercrime.

PACKINGTON WHATS APP GROUPS
Packington Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)
Whats App Group

This new group will be a key channel for NHW communication over the coming weeks. To be added personal message Wesley Ewing on What App or text 07966019133

Packington Rapid Response Whats App Group

This group is for an alarm situation. It is for those who are prepared to be called to support in an event situation. To be added personal message Graham Saunt on What App or text 07966019133

A large part of this in the future will continue to be down to communication and as well as the Whats App Group we have a wide range of tools in place.

Packington Post - Our bimonthly tool to communicate with every house in the village

Packington Alerts - Our email alerts to keep us abreast of news and events between print editions. To be added email alerts@packington.info

Packington Post Website - General information on our village www.packington.info

Packington Watch Facebook - An area to share information for those who use this platform.

Street Co-ordinators

We have a team of Street Co-ordinators willing to help their neighbours. They can support you for the usual NHW awareness but also as a good neighbour to organise support for the elderly and vulnerable. See Page 16 for list of street co-ordinators.

There are three streets where the position is vacant and we would welcome support to fill these roles. **Simply call Wes on 07966019133 or 01530 411337 to offer your support.**



CCTV

As you will be aware we have a CCTV system operating in the village to help deter and reduce crime. Evidence from the cameras recently led to the arrest of a suspect after a break-in on Measham Road. Also previously helped with a conviction after a crime and on many occasions was able to supply images to the police after village incidents which can help with further arrests.



Camera data is only provided to the Police after an incident and while arrests/conviction are not always immediate the images provided to the Police do provide valuable information that can assist with identifying suspects. CCTV locations remain confidential, and we are continually looking at plans to upgrade. We thank Adam Berry and Initsys for their investment in our village CCTV and their continued ongoing support.

What to do in the event of a crime or suspicious behaviour

It remains important that all events are reported to the Police 101/999, your local street co-ordinator as well as Wes Ewing our village NHW coordinator.

We should not try to solve incidents by contacting those suspected of being connected as this can give offenders the chance to dispose of evidence and cover tracks. The police also advise against public commenting, discussing names and addresses and breaching confidentiality on social media and other communication methods.

We would like to thank Mark Arjoo, our local Police officer for his continuous support and especially for his professionalism in dealing with the last incident on Measham Road. He was extremely responsive, compassionate and helped with collecting all the information which led to the arrest. We look forward to his continued support for the village and to us supporting him. For any advice mark.arjoo@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Our Packington Watch Whatsapp Group Golden Rules

1. Always keep to the purpose of our group and don't share irrelevant messages about other topics.
2. Post your message in one single chunk of text, don't post every word or sentence in a new message.
3. Do not have one-on-one conversations in the group. Switch to private messages.
4. Avoid posting in the Packington Watch group between 21:00 and 07:00 unless it is an emergency. By emergency, we mean the "ongoing crime, floods" type of emergency.
5. If someone asks a question and you don't know the answer don't respond with "I don't know". Just wait for someone who knows the answer to reply.
6. Again please don't send in a hundred "thank you" messages. If you feel gratitude towards someone – tell them in a private message.
7. If someone asks a question of a personal nature (like asking for advice) don't respond if someone else has already answered, or else respond to the person directly in a private message.
8. The group is not a political platform. No arguing, no heated opinions, no fear mongering, no hyped up drama, no fake news. Check your sources before you share.
9. Never EVER use the group to berate someone else or air grievances. If you have an issue address it one on one with the relevant person.
10. Don't ask for random people or those outside Packington and Normanton to be added to the group.
11. Don't send data-insensitive messages. No-one wants their last 3GB used up on uninvited memes.
12. Hit "Mute" on your Whatsapp group. This can be a sanity saver. You will still receive all the messages, but your phone won't buzz or make a noise for every one of them.
13. If you are not sure, ask yourself these three questions before you post:
 - a. Is this relevant?
 - b. Is this necessary?
 - c. Is this a good time to post?

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Vacancies - Contact Wes Ewing

Hall Lane (20 Houses)
Spring Lane (13 Houses)



Shopping support for the vulnerable.

Daybreak Services is offering a delivery service to older, vulnerable or ill members of our community. This covers Packington and Normanton le Heath. Call Peter on 01530 415705 to discuss your needs.

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