



Plan for the next 20 years in Packington

Traffic calming is one of the issues aired in this issue of the Packington Post.

What would you like to see happen to make the roads around and through the village safer? Let the team know. See pages 8, 9.

The last full village survey was back in 2002. Most proposals that were put forward then have been completed, except "speeding". Are there other suggestions that would make life better and safer for residents in Packington? Let's hear your views by writing to: editor@packington.info

The Parish Council does a good job with limited resources but needs input from residents. In addition, it looks at proposals to use the Solar Farm Benefit Fund. This fund is to be spent for the benefit of residents. Yes, there are some restrictions but very few ideas being put forward at the moment.

Also, in this issue is a focus on local business. It's surprising just how many there are trading within the village. How have they survived the lockdown? What are their plans for the future? There is no doubt that they will need all the support they can get to rebuild and continue to serve us in Packington and the wider community. See pages 10-13.

In a previous issue the question was asked about planting more trees in the village. Someone is needed to head up this proposal and see it through. The Woodland Trust is offering free trees to schools and communities. Seems like an offer too good to miss.

Mike Coke Editor

Music in the High Street

Following six weeks of Community Choir with Aimee, Joy and Nick Gravestock instigated a music session outside their house. Their biggest problem has been the weather!!!

After a break of one week the first session was a great success. Since then the event has had to be cancelled due to nasty, wet weather. They hope to resume in better conditions on 16 July. Look out for the poster in their window or information on WhatsApp or an Alert.

Sam plays the keyboard, Joy on fiddle, Nick on guitar, Lesley on sax or clarinet and Susi on vocals. Look out for the next fine Thursday evening at 8.00 outside Dogwood Cottage.



The Parish Council is meeting virtually in these unprecedented times and had their first Zoom meeting in June. Whilst there was no meeting in April, the Council was mindful of the needs of those residents who were shielding and vulnerable due to the Covid 19 situation. With the help of the late Wes Ewing, the Neighbourhood Watch group and the Communications group, the Council assisted in providing a comprehensive action sheet which was delivered to all houses in Packington. The Council is grateful and wishes to thank those volunteers who are helping in all sorts of ways to make the residents of Packington safe and well looked after.

At the June meeting the Council updated many of their policies and it was decided that another meeting was required to finalise the Council's Standing Orders.

The Council again discussed the application to build five dwellings on Drum and Monkey Lane and it was noted that tree preservation orders had been made for the remaining mature trees in that area thus prohibiting any further destruction of wild life habitat before planning permissions had been given.

The Chairman was tasked to find volunteers to lead two important roles within the community. Firstly, FLOAT, the flood action group. I am pleased to say that Martin Tidman, who has expertise in this field, has agreed to lead this area. He has already had dialogue with various flood mitigating bodies and measures to reduce the risk of flooding in Babelake St and Brook Close.

Secondly, we are looking for someone to lead the Neighbourhood Watch group. This role is vital in that we need someone to act as the go to person when there is an incident. Someone who can ask the police to look at the village CCTV system. Ideally, it could be any of the Neighbour Hood Watch Street Representatives who have been part of a well-co-ordinated group that has existed for a long time. If you feel you could lead this group please let me know by calling 01530 414378 christopher.miles@sky.com

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

www.packingtonpc.org.uk
Chris Miles (Chairman)

Packington Recreation Ground Charity

Due to Covid 19 and Government Guidelines the whole Recreation Ground was Closed for nearly three months. In June we re-opened the field and whilst the rules say we could open the Play area on July 4th the Trustees have decided that if opened they could not guarantee safety.

The Guidelines on opening are very long and thorough in that surfaces have to be kept clean; social distancing observed; some apparatus would have to be closed; all apparatus safety checked before re-opening by specialists etc It is with regret that the Play-area Zip Wire, Multi swing, and gym equipment will remain closed. Looking ahead, the annual Bonfire Night celebrations are looking doubtful.

We will however review the situation as Government Guidance is released nearer the time.

Packington Memorial Hall

Just a short message to all residents to say that the Management Committee are looking at the possibilities of a partial re-opening of the Hall. Government guidelines have given us lots to think about and many decisions have to be made and various options have to be assessed. Risk assessments have to be made and Covid safety procedures adopted and maintained. At the present time some limited activity may well be possible but as yet it is too early to say which. Its not looking good for Packingtons' Ducks either. These races, organised by the Memorial Hall, are in doubt. Gatherings as in the Duck race are not permitted at this time. If, however things do relax then we will set up an emergency last minute series of races.

On a brighter note the Management Committee have put this time of inactivity to good use. We have had the floor specialists in, to sand, stain, and re-polish the floor. We have had a painter to redecorate most of the interior. So, you can see the Memorial Hall now looks as good as new. Let's get rid of Covid 19 and you will be able to see for yourselves.

Chris Miles Chairman

Sorry to advise that the Packington Horticultural Show is cancelled and will not take place this year. The first time in 75 years. Another victim of Covid 19.

Our Local 'Repair Shop' Alan Brown, restoration specialist

Many people have shed an emotional tear watching BBC's 'The Repair Shop' as the team members restore objects that are of immense emotional value. How many of us have accidentally knocked an object off a sideboard and damaged it or who has not had something precious destroyed by an errant football?

Following the previous features on local craft talent, I interviewed Alan Brown who is a local restoration specialist. Alan has a background in fine art (ceramics) but his interest in restoring things started when he was a child, where he would find objects and try to mend them. He has worked for 32 years on conservation and restoration, including surveying historic buildings, although his main area of expertise is antiques. He is currently restoring a 2ft 6in Roman pot to museum standard, where there are only 'bits' left, which means rebuilding missing pieces. He is also working on some ancient Greek ceramics and says that this sort of work is incredibly interesting because of the age of the pieces.

Alan has also worked on valuable historic objects, including the Crown Derby collection commissioned by Sir Richard Arkwright. But it is not just chips and cracks that Alan restores – he has been faced with the challenge of having whole parts missing, such as the hands of the figure on a Toby jug which needed to be painstakingly rebuilt. If there was a 'dream piece' that he would like to work on, Alan said it would be the 'Rockingham' Dinner Service at Windsor Castle, which is very damaged in places.

Alan is based close to Packington and even in these times, is happy to collect damaged pieces to take back to his workshop. Aside from two other fantastic restorations, Alan did a perfect 'Repair Shop' job for me, mending a collection of ceramic African animals that my mother gave me. Two had broken. At 80 she lives alone out in South Africa and all travel there is banned until February 2021 right now, so it will be a long time until I can see her again.

They have no financial value, but they are of sentimental value, especially now. I could not be more grateful.

Pippa David



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‘A Time for Everything’ – a celebration of our wonderful world!

Mrs Price launched a very special whole school summer project for the last few weeks of term, with the intention of bringing the school together. The aim of the project was to encourage our pupils to think about all of the positives in their lives during this very challenging time. Children were asked to record what has made them feel good and joyful and to express this in whatever way they liked (photographs, art, crafting, written word, poetry etc.). All of the contributions will form a virtual exhibition and 12 entries will be selected to create a special 2021 Packington School Calendar. We held our ‘Wonderful World Day’ on Thursday 25th June and children in school and at home were encouraged to work on their contributions at the same time. We have received some amazing entries so far and are extremely proud of all of our pupils.

Lockdown Technology

During June/July we have made some tremendous advances using Microsoft Teams in school. Every ‘bubble’ had a whole class team meeting, so the children in school and at home were able to come together as a class. It was a real joy to see so many smiling faces and it created a real ‘teachers tingle moment’ and reminded us how great our little school is and what a big heart it has.

New Starters Visit to School



We were delighted to be able to welcome all of our new starters to visit school in June. The visits were a little different to normal, being held in smaller groups and when our ‘bubbles’ were not in, or after school. The children enjoyed the

‘Gazebo of Activity’ and were all given their own tray with toys and activities in. There was some great colouring in and creative modelling going on. The children received a guided tour of the Robins classroom and outdoor area, and then enjoyed a story with Mrs Rogers. It was lovely to be able to say ‘hello’ and we are really looking forward to getting to know all of the children and families properly in the autumn.

Year 6 – end of year gathering

We are so pleased to be able to welcome our Year 6 pupils back into school for a class gathering at the end of term. Pupils are able to come to school for a ‘socially distanced’ picnic where they can sign t-shirts, collect their books and Bibles and say their goodbyes at the end of the school year. We would like all our Year 6 children to know how proud we are of them and to wish them the very best as they continue their education. We will miss you!

Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer



One of our ex-pupils has been completing his Duke of Edinburgh volunteering work by popping into school in the evenings and at the weekends to help keep the garden and outdoor environment neat and tidy. This has been greatly appreciated and has really helped us to feel that school is loved.

Thanks to Colin Atkinson who has been a regular distributor of the Packington Post for several years.

Film Club

Hi Folks! Hope everyone is keeping safe and well.

Good News! We hope to be able to re-start the film club in September with some super feel-good films. This of course, at the time of writing, will be dependent upon restrictions being lifted and us able to use the Memorial Hall, whilst keeping every one safe. Fingers crossed!

To keep you all entertained until then we have put together a list of theatre productions, shows, operas and plays, which are all available to watch free online, just in case some of you are unaware of these.

Andrew Lloyd Webber has made a number of his musicals available on line via www.youtube.com/theshowmustgoon.

These are available each Friday at 7pm and for the 48 hours afterwards, so good weekend entertainment. Previous shows have included Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Joseph and his amazing Technicolor dream coat and Evita.

The National Theatre also has free showings each Thursday at 7pm, available for 7 days afterwards. These can be accessed via www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home or via their Youtube channel. Previous showings include One Man Two Governors, Twelfth Night, Frankenstein, and A Streetcar named Desire. Streaming from 16th-23rd July is Amadeus.

Other outlets offering free entertainment are:

Shakespeare Globe Theatre globeplayer.tv/freecontent

Royal Opera House – via youtube.com/

BBC iplayer – under “Arts” heading have opera, plays, monologues etc

Happy watching!
Hope to see you all soon,

Packington Film Club Committee

History Group

A hundred years ago in Packington....

....the Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales made an Order concerning two village charities, those of Robert Breedon and John Kiddier.

The Commisioners had received an application from local residents, Richard Grundy Oakey (farmer), John Davis (foundry manager), Thomas Oakey the younger (farmer), Albert Wathes (farmer), George Albutt (rate collector) and Charles Knight (farmer), stating that the administration of these charities had effectively ceased. Trustees for the Breedon charity had last been appointed in 1868, while there appeared to be no trustees at all for that of Kiddier. The Breedon charity still produced annual income of £29 12s 6d, from land rents, while that of the Kiddier charity was a mere ten shillings, from Government stock.

The Order of the Charity Commissioners, dated 13th April 1920, placed the administration of these charities into the hands of Packington Parish Council. The Order does not state the specific purposes which the charities were set up to meet.

Information from the archive of Packington Village History Group: contact **Robin Boucher** randbboucher@googlemail.com, **01530 411638**

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About 15 years ago, as I was working for a company based in Measham and commuting from Solihull every day, we decided it would be a good idea to move closer to reduce the driving. We had no knowledge of the area apart from seeing the name "Ashby de la Zouch" on road signs when travelling home from visiting family in Skegness. We did know that my father's family originated from the Burton on Trent area but that was all. A work colleague suggested we look at Packington as it was a "lovely village" (how true!)

We moved in to High Street and started to settle into village life.

A few years later my parents came to join us in the house and me and my mother decided we wanted to research the family tree. As most people do, I started with my paternal line, the Thompsons.

So, I joined Ancestry and entered in what I knew, my 2 sets of grandparents. Almost instantly my tree was full of leaves. We went to my paternal line. To start with everything seemed normal. We discovered I had a Gt grandfather called Henry who was born in Tamworth and lived and died in the Burton area. We then looked back another generation and found that his father was called George and was married to a lady called Phoebe (born in 1835). After spending weeks researching the wrong George, we found the right one and that is when things got a bit strange.

We decided to find out about his wife, Phoebe. We discovered that after their marriage they lived in Normanton Le Heath. That seemed rather close to home. So, we sent for their marriage certificate. Phoebe's maiden name was found to be Wallis and her father was recorded as John Wallis. Searching the census records we got a shock. We found a listing for Phoebe Wallis – she lived on High Street Packington. We checked that it was the same Packington – it was. So, we worked out the position on High Street from the census records and it seemed likely she would have been born in one of the terraced cottages a few hundred yards from our home. This required a large glass of wine to appreciate this discovery.

What we now know is that Phoebe Wallis was born in 1835 on High Street Packington. She was the daughter of John Wallis. Phoebe was a fancy worsted knitter. Her father was a road labourer and was also born in Packington in 1801. Going further back, his father was Alexander Wallis, born in 1780, likely in Packington also.

The family seem to have stayed on High Street all their lives. Phoebe had 2 sisters, Mary and Sarah. Sarah moved away to live in Normanton but Mary stayed in the village and married William Wragg Hatton in Packington church. Mary and William lived at the top of Mill Street. In 1861 William was a butcher. This must have been a good choice of employment as he is alter recorded as employing several men and boys. George and Phoebe married in 1859 in Burton in Trent and went on to have 11 children from 1860 – early 1900s (Mary, Herbert, Elizabeth, Catherine, George, Emma, William, Anna, Henry, Gertrude, Arthur).

A search of Phoebe's wider family found another interesting fact (which has been reported in a previous edition of Packington Post). Phoebe had a brother, John, born in 1831. John had a son William, who also had a son, William – all born in Packington.

William Jr was born in 1890 in Packington and died in Flanders in 1918. He is remembered on the church war memorial and also at Tyne Cott in Belgium.

The Burton Chronicle reported *"the death in action of Private William Wallis..... On Sunday evening the service in Packington church was of a memorial character..... the deceased who had been a member of the church choir and a bell ringer of the church..... the Vicar, Rev G Moore, referred with deep feeling to Mrs Wallis's bereavement..... in his letters he had shown a strong sense of duty, faith, and the cheerful spirit of a true British soldier"*.

So, it seems my family has come home!

Lesley Mazey

Hill Farm would like to invite you to come and meet our brand new Shire Foal! Packyngton Midgecroft Prince of Pascha was born at 2am on Monday 13th April to our Shire mare, Lockley Anna. He was born exactly 250 years after the believed founder of the Shire breed stood as a stud in Packington Village, the Packington Blind Horse.

The farm is open every Wednesday – Saturday 10am-3pm, and Sunday 10am-1pm for visitors – social distancing is in place and hand sanitising stations have been set up around the farm.

Re-opening our church buildings

We are taking small steps towards re-opening the church buildings at Packington and Normanton. There are risk assessments galore. We can hold funeral services, limited for now to 20 mourners. We haven't as yet opened for private prayer. From 2nd August we will be testing the water as regards Sunday worship services. Numbers attending will be limited to 30, with social distancing, sanitising and no singing being the main features of life for now. We propose to hold 3 services each Sunday across the 8 churches of the Woodfield Team, so there will not be a service at every church every Sunday. All services will be at 10am. Please check the website to see what is happening: www.packingtonandnormantonchurches.org.uk We are feeling our way ahead in this whole area, and so at the time of the Post going to print can't say exactly what things will look like. Our audio services will continue in August and can be accessed on the website. Not everyone will feel able to come back to church straightaway as all need to assess what they feel is the risk to themselves. Watch this space.

Zoom services

The June Zoom services both proved popular and an excuse for celebration. About 60 people or more were logged on. It is a strange feeling as all these different faces look out from their little oblong but it means we can get together and pray together. July Zoom services will be on July 12th and 26th at 5pm. All are welcome
Contact: jdyer269@btinternet.com for a link
The next time of meeting marked anniversaries of ordinations. Vivien Elphick was marking 30 years since her ordination in Norwich Cathedral and Barry Dryden 20 years since his ordination. The photo shows Vivien looking rather younger!! We were joined by Bishop Guli who shared thoughts of what it is like, as a bishop, to ordain ministers. Cake and drinks were shared, but only virtually. It was going to be a proper tea party but that went by the board. It was nevertheless a good celebration.



Thanks

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the lovely ladies and gents who helped me when I had an unfortunate accident on my bicycle with a large pot hole on the Normanton Road, just coming into Packington in early May. Thank you to the neighbour, who was trying to get the ambulance to me, which proved difficult; to the guy who took my bike back to my cottage and to the ladies who gave me warmth with a Pug throw and a sweatshirt, which I do still have and would like to return. I do not know their names but truly my thanks for your help. I'm slowly recovering :)
Also, as a new villager of just a couple of years, I couldn't ask more for such fabulous neighbours - keep safe Packington - THANK YOU.

Jill Horne

Twycross in trouble

Well, it goes without saying, 2020 has already been one for the history books and we are still only 6 months in! With the end of lockdown upon us and attempts to restore normality across the nation, there are a fair- few institutions which are in desperate need of our help, one being Twycross Zoo.
As a local charity which has been denied any government funding, despite being forced to remain closed, Twycross has had no option but to rely on public donation as its only income. Thankfully, in the early hours of the morning on Wednesday 10th June it was announced that all zoos far and wide were given permission to re-open on Monday 15th. Regardless of the successful news, Twycross still needs our help. Having missed the Easter and the glorious weather we received throughout May, peak times for zoo visitors, Twycross' annual income has been badly damaged. Describing themselves as 'fighting for survival', now they are relying on visitors more than ever to ensure the zoo begins to thrive again.
So, this is where we need you. Not only is it a fabulous day out, appreciated by a whole range of ages, it is now also your way of giving a helping hand to each and every animal that has found a home at Twycross. They need your support. Book your tickets online now- don't miss out.

Molly Brammall

People Before Vehicles let's **RETHINK** our village roads

Our village road layout is a thousand years old. It wasn't really designed. It just got that way over time. Wouldn't a **RETHINK** of our roads be useful?

Roads were where people and their carts and sledges and animals went. The village centre was mainly farms. Some footways were surfaced so people could avoid the road mud. There would later have been some metalling of the roads.

In the 1800s they built the Mill Street and Bridge Street bridges over the brook. No sidewalks, they were paved - not muddy - and few vehicles anyway.

Also, bicycles were invented. Then motor vehicles.

In the 1900s they gradually surfaced road spaces between existing footways. Alas, our footway pavements still occupy the minimal space put down hundreds of years ago.



Since then, major changes have occurred:

1. These days, roads bear very few animals, but vehicles are big, heavy, and fast. Traffic is shoe-horned into our ancient village roads.
2. Road vehicle traffic is beyond what anyone could have envisaged when they built those bridges without footways. Our CCTV has recorded 7,000 movements in one day.

3. Signage and road markings tempt drivers to behave as if they have priority over pedestrians on roads where there is no footway. (THEY DON'T, of course).

4. Our mediaeval-design legacy footways are clearly and often grossly inadequate for the thousand residents of our village.

Two examples:

On High Street approaching the shop and cafe, the pavement is tiny between the blocking hedge and parked vehicles.

On Measham Road approaching the Babelake junction, the footway is barely a foot wide.

Meanwhile, of the 4 paved roads out of our village. **ONLY ONE** has a paved footway, Ashby Road. There are **NO CYCLEWAYS OR MARKINGS** on the 4 paved roads out of our village, nor any in the village.

It is time to **RETHINK** our roads. Hundreds of us walk that path to the shop. Lots of us cycle. Let's change our road layouts to **put PEOPLE before vehicles**.

Robert Dilworth

June 2020



A positive result from the “Lockdown”?

I think all of us would agree that the Lockdown has been disruptive to our established way of life. It has changed our patterns of behaviour. Perhaps it has made us more reflective of what is really important to us in our lives and what is peripheral.

This year many of us retired residents of Packington have taken more regular walks around the village, watched spring evolve into summer more closely, looked more earnestly skyward for the arrival of swallows, swifts, and house martins, heard more birdsong than since our early childhood, marvelled at the opening of a rosebud into full flower. In essence we have had more time.

In my more regular walks I have also noticed that, despite most of us having more time, drivers seem to have less, and be in more of a hurry. Traffic speed in the village has noticeably increased since lockdown came into effect. Walking around the recreation ground and alongside Measham Road the “30” sign flashes at the approach of almost every vehicle, and very few slow down after entering the “30” zone. Walking up Normanton Road to Coleorton Lane you encounter vehicles coming towards you at speeds of 40-50mph. I have noticed that cars parked on the pavement (presenting an obstruction to pedestrians) have a noticeable slowing down effect.

Perhaps, I thought, if cars approaching the village from Coleorton Lane (and also from Normanton Road east) had to give way as they entered the village it would slow them down as they travelled through the village?

I put these thoughts to the Packington Post committee. The immediate response was an avalanche of ideas and suggestions. These included; vehicles to give-way on all approaches to the village, pavement widths to be increased, the marking of a pedestrian pavement along Mill Street where necessary, the whole village to be made a 20mph zone to help promote cycling and pedestrian safety.

It has been suggested a list of proposals be drawn up and every household in the village be approached for its views, as happened with the previous Village Appraisal, begun in May 2000.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This may be the perfect time to do some planning. Remember we have been assured that the Age of Austerity is over. Government (Central and Local) will be looking at ways to get the newly unemployed, and young people leaving school this year, into work. “Oven/Shovel Ready” schemes for local improvement may be looked on more favourably by the “powers that be” than in the recent past. Heather, Ravenstone, Measham, Coalville and Ashby already have traffic management schemes in place. Is it time Packington asserted itself and demanded some action now, or do we wait until someone is killed which I understand is the usual trigger for action by the local authorities? If you have

1. Any ideas for the future improvement of the pedestrian/cycling/motor vehicle user experience in Packington, in a post “Covid 19” world, that you would like to see implemented, or
2. Any interest in helping to create a village appraisal action plan of future traffic flow options in Packington, to determine what best meets the needs of current and future residents of the village please contact: editor@packington.info

Adrian Mongredian



Packington businesses survive Covid19

As well as the serious implications for people's health and the NHS, corona virus is having significant impact on businesses and the economy in the UK. I have spoken to some of our local business owners to ask how they have managed through the lockdown, how they are planning to respond to the government's easing of restrictions and how business looks for the future. The responses varied in detail, but overall, the message seems clear: through this challenging and unpredictable period they are determined to get back up and running and have a deep appreciation to you, their loyal customers.

Here are a few words from each of the business owners I exchanged messages with during lockdown...

Alistair James Upholstery



The main difficulty for our business has been the inability to go into customers' homes to collect and deliver furniture. As a result we have had to postpone much of our work. Other complications arose when many of our suppliers were not open for buying required materials. Slowly, business life is resuming but we are still not fully back to normal working capacity - we still are working around childcare and making sure it is safe for us to visit customers. To ensure everyone's safety, we are using gloves and masks. We now have a backlog of work that we are gradually working through, plus this is coupled with many new enquiries as people have looked to home furnishing jobs during their lockdown life. We want to thank everyone for their patience at this busy time and we ask people to email any new enquiries, with pictures, to our email address: alistairjamesupholstery@hotmail.co.uk

Bassett's Photo

In today's digital age, everyone is a photographer. However, I first picked up a camera in 1988, when digital was still a dream and developing wet film was an art! I gained the fundamentals of how to use a SLR camera when I completed a basic camera course with the military. It was not until 2006 that I really fell in love with photography - when I would attend numerous gymnastic, football and equine events capturing my children in action. So much so that other parents were beginning to ask me to 'capture' their children too. This gave me the idea to invest in some professional equipment and delve deep into becoming a better photographer. Since then I have branched out and covered all aspects of photography including the occasional wedding. Recently, and owing to the Covid19 crisis, I have been doing family Sunset Silhouette Shoots around the Ashby area including 3 locations in Packington. This has proved ideal for families who want something a little different but also proven a hit for the more camera-shy! See my work at [Facebook.com/bassettsphotos](https://www.facebook.com/bassettsphotos) and drop me a message if you are interested in hearing more.



The Bull & Lion

We re-opened our doors on Saturday 4th July. There were many changes for our customers to get accustomed to as we have worked hard to make the pub a safe environment for socialising at a safe distance. There is a one-way system into and out of the pub. Please enter from the car park area when you first arrive. You will see clear markings on the floor to show the flow through the pub. There are many tables in the garden and on the patio. Our tables are booking up quickly so please call us on **01530 415257** to reserve yours.



New lunch menus are being launched with fresh baked baguettes, salads, and the like. Plus, you will see the old favourites: Pie & a Pint on Wednesdays, Sunday Roasts, and our new Curry Night on Sunday evenings. We are looking forward to the rest of the summer and welcoming back all our customers, old and new! Food will be served:
 Wednesday 12-2pm & 5-8.30pm
 Thursday & Friday 12-2pm & 5-9pm
 Saturday 12-9pm
 Sunday 12-4pm & 6-8.30pm

Carla Harris Glass



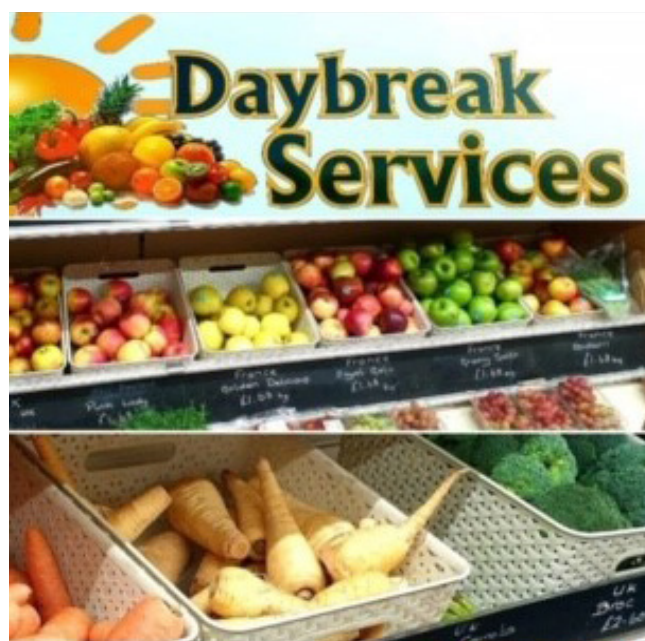
I adapted to lockdown by making activity kits for clients to make at home. Social distancing has been paramount for drop off and collections. I also produced letterbox gifts which have been popular for sending thoughts or celebrating birthdays during lockdown. I am now busy ensuring my classroom studio is Covid19-friendly. This will involve a change in seating plan, I will only take 5 - 6 people spaced out around the room. I use a visualiser which will show my demonstration on a large TV, so

customers do not need to leave their seats or get close to each other or me! Hand washing on arrival; individual boxes of sanitized tool kits and masks or face shields are all in place. My own face mask allows my mouth to be seen. I will be starting small classes with groups who know each other or are from same household from mid-August, but I am anticipating general classes will run from September.

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Daybreak Services



We continue to work hard to serve the village and surrounding area. Our opening hours have been extended since 1st July - we will be open until 5pm, closed on Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday as usual. Social distancing will still be in place, so numbers in the shop at any one time will be limited. Please remain mindful of others by getting your shopping as quickly as possible and only handling the goods you intend to purchase. Queuing to enter the shop is our biggest change and with the café due to open on July 4th, we will be asking our customers to queue in the opposite direction to that which they have been used to. So, shop customers will now please queue face towards the village hall. This will allow café customers to queue facing Ashby Road. The pavement will be marked accordingly. Stay safe and thank you for your continued support!!

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Property Services

I started my business 7 years ago. Prior to the Covid19 outbreak business was good and I had plenty of enquiries. Following the announcement of lockdown, understandably those enquiries dwindled. Fortunately, I had a job that I could start where I could work in isolation. The problem for me and a lot of other tradespeople was the lack of available materials. The lock down has seen a lot of people doing DIY which, coupled with limited suppliers being open, meant getting materials has been a challenge. Since the relaxation of lock down the phone has started to ring again and I can now start to get back up to speed. I am a qualified joiner specialising in kitchen and bathroom installations - I offer a bespoke design and fit service. I also cover any areas of home maintenance and renovation, all personally project managed from start to finish. I am happy to provide a free quote. If you have any enquiries, please give me a call:

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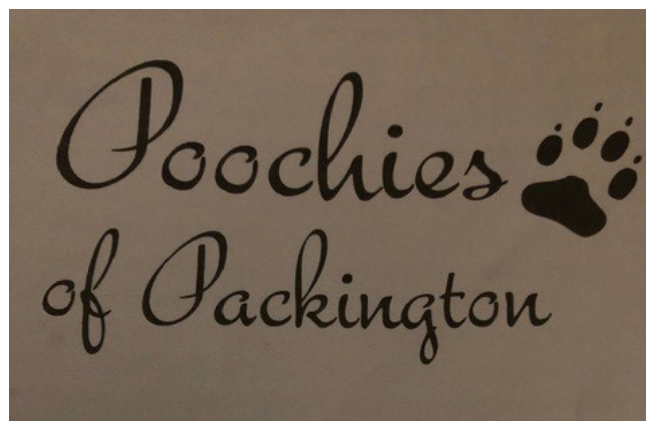
Make your holiday

Although new business enquiries are obviously quiet, I continue to work harder than ever behind

the scenes to aid my clients with all the changes that have had to be made to their already booked holidays. I am constantly monitoring the changing travel situation and I am using my 27 years experience within the industry to help clients old and new, the best I can. When I feel the time is right, I will share my experiences and amazing new offers with you (find me on Facebook) and look forward to us all exploring the world again. Thank you to all my clients for your continued support. For any new enquiries or advice please contact me on

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Poochies of Packington café



Hi, my name is Bev Smith from Measham. My new café is located at the heart of Packington where I hope to build a steady repeat customer base, encouraging walkers, parents, cyclists, and locals alike to enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee, breakfast rolls, paninis, and delicious homemade cakes. Man's best friend will also be well catered for with a selection doggie treats. I aim to serve high quality products in our newly refurbished café surrounded by a relaxing and comfortable atmosphere. There will be a canopied outside seating area and free Wi Fi available. Due to the coronavirus, we will follow government guidelines to open the café, which means we have a revised menu and shortened hours of operation: we will be closed on Mondays and aim to open 9am till 3pm for the rest of the week. New menu is now displayed on Packington Post Facebook page.

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 The logo for Context Products Ltd features the word "CONTEXT" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within a solid black rectangular background.

Parts of Context Products have been running as normal during lockdown, but Covid19 has reduced the amount of business enquiries that we have received. As lockdown eased internationally our specialised book orders business has begun to pick up. We are now gradually starting back up the other areas of our business, such as print, and expect the office to be fully operational within the next month. For any enquiries: admin@contextproducts.co.uk

Food Gusto

Sadly, the Covid19 pandemic forced us to cancel all summer festivals. Government guidelines made it clear that we would be unable to provide the full experience of the Food Gusto festivals for our visitors, plus predicted visitor numbers meant there were extra restrictions on the event classification.

However, as life begins to open again, we have made the decision to go ahead with plans for the Ashby Food Gusto Christmas Fair, which will take place on 5th & 6th December. Full local authority advice and guidelines will be followed, so watch for updates on our website and Facebook page.

It would be wonderful to see many familiar faces at the event - we hope to see you there! Enquiries: info@foodgusto.com

If any other businesses based in Packington would like to share their response to Covid19 story with us, please email me to be included in these updates for the September 2020 issue, beck_t2000@yahoo.co.uk

Good luck and stay alert in your journey into our new normal, **Becky Taylor**.

**Nancy Mary Attwood
1933 - 2020**

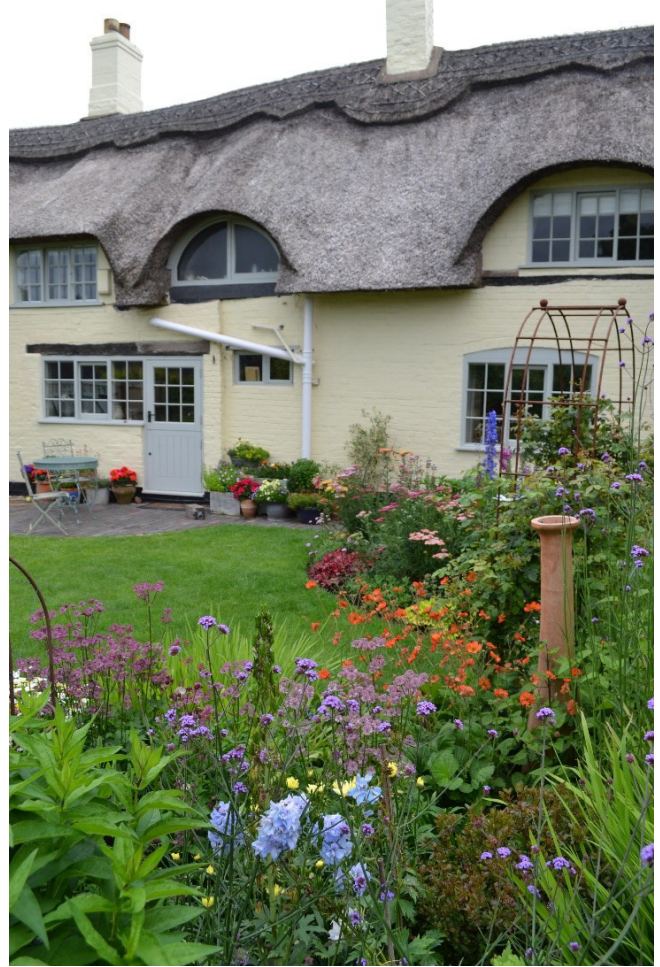
It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Nancy on 7 th June at the age of 87. Nancy was a well-known and well-loved resident of Packington. She'd met her husband Colin she was in service at Bridge House in Packington (Colin being Packington through and through). Colin and his friend would sit on bridge and conversation started. Nancy left that job and had no sight of him till he came out of army. Then that same friend acted as go between – Nancy was, by now living in Packington – and after 5 years courtship they married on 21 st August 1954 in Packington church. They never left Packington and were a very close couple, who did everything together. Nancy will be remembered for her role as post lady here in Packington for 27 years until her retirement. It was a job she loved as she was sociable, and she was well known and well-loved figure in village. It was great to see the current postman, Gareth, standing in Babelake Street as Nancy journeyed to the churchyard.

She will be greatly missed by many but we know she is now at peace.

Her family will hold a service of thanksgiving in church when permitted. It is hoped that many will then be able to come and say their farewells.

VE75 Tea Parties

More photos available to see on the Packington Post Facebook page @PackingtonPost



Hello residents of Packington.

I write my article on day 101 of the Covid-19 Lockdown!

It seems a long, long time ago since I was spending my birthday week end (the week prior to Lockdown) in Cambridge, with many bars, cafes, restaurants, etc, still open in their normal state. There was, however, a sense of impending doom, with some tourist attractions and locations already closed or on the brink of closing down.

Although this pandemic has been dropped on us, it wouldn't have been a case of being like a rabbit in the headlights, thinking "what do we do now?" Like every other county, Leicestershire has a Local Resilience Forum (LRF) This means that the police force works with local councils, businesses, and other emergency services, to plan and prepare for localised incidents and catastrophic emergencies. The LRF work to identify potential risks and produce emergency plans either to prevent or mitigate the impact of any incident, on the local community.

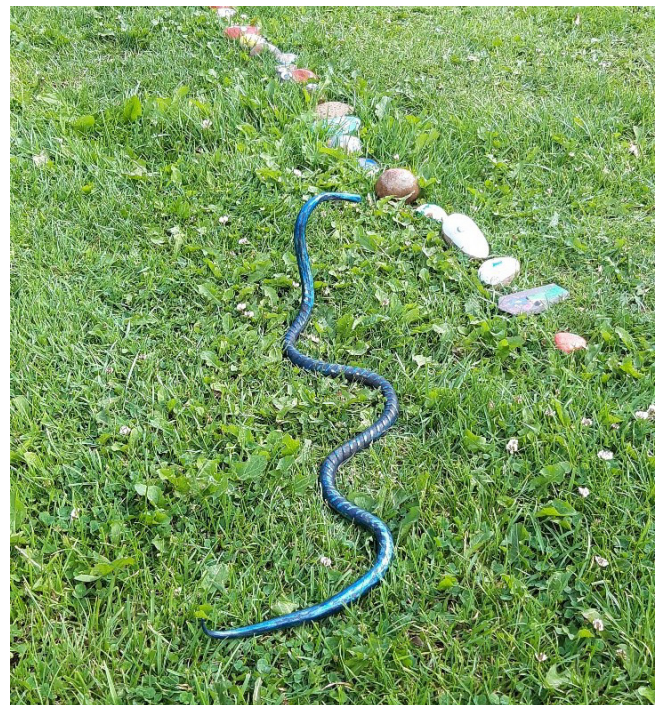
Once the government identified that the UK was clearly going to be affected greatly by Covid-19, it would have instructed the LRF to meet and put plans into place.

The overall message that we were given by our bosses, was that the Leicestershire Police policy would be "Engage, Explain, Encourage", and that "Enforcement" would be a last resort I think that we are so lucky that we have a sense of community spirit in our local area, with so many good people, who come together in both good and bad times.

And at the time of writing, things have changed again! As we prepare locally for pubs, restaurants, hairdressers, etc to open up again on 4th July, sadly, the city of Leicester goes back into lockdown. I think that this shows the uncertainty of it all and we just don't know what the next days, weeks, or months will bring.

Stay safe.
PC Mark Arjoo

Pebble Snake



"Young and Old" were asked to please add a painted pebble to the line and spread kindness around Packington. This was started by a youngster in the village. Now the Packington Pebble Snake (94 stones at the last count) has been joined by a buddy - **Ponsonby the Packington Python** He might move mysteriously around the village when this is all over....!

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Packington Guides have adapted well to the new way of Guiding at home this term. The next badge we are working on is the Plant Defenders badge, which is giving us a chance to learn about and grow various plants. We also have the opportunity to work on our skills builders and UMAs at home. Girls aged 10-14 are very welcome to join Guides this term as guides can have many adventures at home. The Unit would usually meet 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

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Allison Buswell – Unit Leader

Will comes Home

Will is a springer spaniel who spooked and ran off last week. He was missing for three days and his owners with lots of supporters searching for him. The village WhatsApp page was red-hot with news and support. Anna Bassett-Lynch led the way with posts also on Facebook.



We were all pleased to read on Wednesday last that Will had found his way home. His owners left the garden gate open with water and food out for him. They heard the noise of the water bowl being used and there he was at 1.30 in the morning looking bedraggled and hungry, but otherwise safe and sound. Thanks to Anna and the people of Packington for your support.

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