

**If Covid-19 hadn't have happened?**

*How many lives would not have been lost?  
How many lives will not forever be changed  
over such loss?*

*How many people wouldn't have felt so  
alone?  
How much time would you have actually  
spent at home?*

*How many smiles would have been shared?  
How many tears could have been spared?  
How much love could have been found?  
How much darkness wouldn't have been  
around?*

*How many memories could have been  
made?  
How many graves have been unnecessarily  
engraved?  
How many new adventures would have been  
planned and explored?  
How many birthdays and celebrations would  
have had people overjoyed?*

*How many calls on screen have you dialled?  
How much home schooling have you done  
with your child?  
How many queues have you stood in to get  
food?  
How many times have you thought this could  
all be a ruse?*

*How much longer will all this be around?  
But...  
Would we have clapped for the heroes in  
blue?  
Would we have asked a stranger "Hey, how  
are you?"  
Would you have volunteered to help out  
another?  
Would you have made those memories as a  
household together?*

*Would you have really thought about how  
thankful we should be?  
It's been a time like never before,  
When you weren't really allowed to step  
outside your front door.  
Those who are gone, a part will always  
remain,  
One day we will be able to hug each other  
again.*

**Beverley Moore****Hope is on the horizon**

I'm sure by now a fair few of you reading this will have had your first dose of the vaccine, the second dose a firm date in your calendar. If not, it will only be a matter of months now. The road to normality has been a long one, varying information making it hard to keep track of what is fact and what is fiction. Yet our questions are, somewhat, answered when Boris takes to the television to confirm his strategy, as he did last on the 22nd February.

It's hard to imagine in the moment, but it is quite obvious we are living through a vital part of history. From the 23rd January 2020, when the first case was detected here in the UK, to now, March 2021, it has been a gruelling year with much to dwell on. However, with the vaccinations being dished out in their thousands per day, it is safe to say we are finally able to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

Whether it is being able to hug your loved ones, venture out to the shops, socialise with friends, there is so much to be excited about. Normality is returning and we are certainly on the right track to moving past this pandemic, until it simply becomes a memory. Holidays, football games, shows- it's all right around the corner. So, hang in there everybody, we've made it this far, hope is on the horizon!

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## Are YOU willing to serve the village as a Parish Councillor?

### Editorial

The death of councillor Ian Dring in December has left a vacancy on our Parish Council. Could YOU be the one to fill the vacancy? If you apply by 8th April you may be elected unopposed, or if more than one applies there will be an election on 6th May 2021.

There are the usual pressures on the village with HS2, planning issues and traffic problems to name but a few. With many new residents coming in to the village over the past few years maybe one of you might like to join the Parish Council. Details of how to apply and how the Parish Council operates are inside on **Page 7**.

### New Deputy Editor

The Packington Post welcomes Amy Powell, who has joined the group as Deputy Editor.

Amy writes "I moved to the village almost two and half years ago, although my husband and his family have lived in Packington for many years. I have worked in the PR and marketing industry for over 15 years. On the home front, when I am not running around after our two-year old son, I enjoy baking and planning our next travelling adventure (pandemic permitting!). Packington has a great community spirit with many groups, events and traditions and I'm looking forward to being a further part of that".

**Mike Coke Editor**

### Introducing our Feathered Friends

While walking around the village recently you may have noticed the group of ducks resting on the bank or paddling around in the brook on Mill Street. They get a lot of attention and are no doubt very well fed by the villagers.



There are currently nine Mill Street ducks who have a house in the garden of the Old Mill. Sarah Marvin tells us a little more about them: "All the ducks are a breed called Call ducks (or call duck crosses). Originally kept by gamekeepers, this type were bred to be small and noisy and would have been used to lure wild ducks into areas for shooting parties. However, our ducks are definitely not put to work!

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## Parish Council

Two Zoom general meetings have taken place since the last issue of the Packington Post. It was resolved to have a memorial seat in memory of Ian Dring, who served the Parish as a Councillor for many years. This seat will replace the one which is positioned at the Ashby Rd and High St junction. The seat in memory of Wesley Ewing will be erected in Mill St. We hope both will be in place by the end of this month.

A number of highways, drain and flooding issues raised with the County Council have been addressed and the Vehicle Activated Sign on Ashby Rd is now working following many requests, over a twelve-month period, to service it.

The Parish has received another update from LCC Highways regarding traffic speed in Packington.

The average speeds recorded on our roads are also not high enough to warrant speed cameras. Even if the Parish had the money to purchase cameras, the regulations state that the average speed data recorded for Packington would not support their use and therefore we would be prohibited from erecting speed cameras. The update also included reasons which allowed other towns and parishes to have extra speed reducing measures and they cited: historic injury or fatalities on certain stretches of road: third party funding because of large residential development; finally, measures taken when funding was available when the County had a larger budget for traffic calming.

Towards the end of last year, it was resolved to try and brighten up the entrances to the village. To this end a village sign was proposed and a competition for design was mentioned in the Packington Post. There was however only a small interest in this project. Having resourced prices and permission for erecting village signs, the Council resolved to suspend the conversation on this topic and revisit it at a later date. In the meantime the council is hoping to erect some planters at the gated entrances.

During the cold snap in January the Clerk was contacted by residents regarding Grit Bins. We have been asked about this before in hard winters and the Parish had an understanding that the NWLDC gritting team would place grit on the sloping streets of Mill St, Hall Lane, Homecroft Drive, and Nethercroft Drive. This agreement has now been taken off the table by NWLDC so we need to solve the problem ourselves. We have contacted the LCC highways who say the Parish Council would have to fund this operation and sort out the rules and regulations attached to installing Grit Bins. (Twenty pages of instructions!!) Among them is a 1.5m corridor around the Grit Bins for pedestrian and traffic safety; permission by all residents near to the proposed installation site and all costs met by the Parish. The discussion will resume at the next General meeting and a solution hopefully will be forthcoming for next year.

At the February meeting the future of the Village CCTV was discussed in private session. It was resolved to fund this system for the next year and review its effectiveness at the end of the year.

The Council is committed to helping anyone who needs assistance at this time of Lockdown. We all know how difficult it has been. If anyone has any problems or needs help, please speak up. Ring me or contact the Clerk. There are people in place who will assist you whatever the reason. As the vaccines roll out, we hope the elderly in the village will be protected and that some normality will return. Please keep safe. For more details of Parish Councils decisions and notices please go to our website.

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mob. 07856179485

Chris Miles (Chairman)

## Recreation Ground Charity

The existing restrictions on use will be relaxed in line with the Government guidelines. A football team from Measham has enquired about using the field for training purposes when restrictions allow for outdoor sports. A Zumba Class has also asked to use the field in April until classes resume at the Memorial Hall.

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## Snowman “Ken”

All around the village, people are looking out for their neighbours and giving practical help and support. January’s snowfall prompted us to say, “Thank you”. Ken has been convalescing after hospitalisation and a surgical procedure. Feeling a little bit better, he sat in the porch watching adults and children playing in the snow for their own and his entertainment. They named the snowman they built after him.



These same neighbours have seen us through a difficult few months. Andy took down our Christmas lights. He spotted the flat tyre on our car and got the flat battery charged. Melissa and Charlie leave flowers on the doorstep. Janet bakes fruit cakes to die for and Tillie’s cup- cakes melt in the mouth. Josh, Claire, Elisa and Riley walk our energetic dog for an hour every Saturday and Sunday. Louis takes him out for exercise on weekdays. Carrie has freely given invaluable professional dietary advice. Mike phones to check we are okay. All of the children bring joy by gifting their arts and crafts, smiles and laughter. Everyone we meet offers a cheery greeting. How lucky are we? When we came to Packington nearly six years ago, we feared incomers might be outsiders. Nothing could be further from the truth. This is truly a remarkable village with a sense of community so strong it is enhanced rather than diminished by lockdown. Bless you all.

Jenny and Ken Smedley

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## Holy Rood

### Holy Week and Easter Services

#### March 21st 10am – Passion Sunday

Morning Prayer at Normanton Church; Holy Communion at Measham Church

#### March 28th 10am – Palm Sunday

Holy Communion at both Packington and Normanton-le-Heath

#### April 1st – Maundy Thursday

There will be a recorded service which you can access through our website

#### April 2nd 10am – Good Friday

A service following the Way of the Cross at St Laurence Church, Measham together with a recorded service which you can access through our website.

#### April 4th 10am – Easter Day

Morning Prayer at Normanton-le-Heath and Holy Communion at Packington

We are still feeling our way ahead without planning too far into the future in light of the ever changing scene so after Easter do check our website for up to date details [www.packingtonandnormantonchurches.org.uk](http://www.packingtonandnormantonchurches.org.uk) We’ll let you know when we know what is possible. And check the website out anyway as there are articles of interest to all there.

### Easter Ready Steady Stick

Our Ready Steady Stick meetings – for the under 11s – would normally be up and running for the Easter holidays. Sadly again, we won’t be able to hold these events in the hall or church but we will be offering online material. We will email it out to those who we know have been Ready Steady Stick members. In addition, it will be on our church website and on the **Woodfield Children’s Work** Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/woodfieldchurcheschilrenswork/> Contact Revd Wilma if you want to know more on [revwilmacolley@gmail.com](mailto:revwilmacolley@gmail.com)

### Forest Church: March 31st at 2pm

All things being equal we hope to run a Forest Church on Wednesday March 31st at 2pm on the area behind St Laurence Church, Measham. More detail will appear on our website and our Facebook Page **Woodfield Forest Church** when we are further down the line with risk assessments and planning.

## Serving the Community

We are now a year on from the first national lockdown and the team at Daybreak Services have continued to work tirelessly to supply the local community with fresh produce and key items.

They have remained open throughout the pandemic and deservedly were awarded a Local Heroes award, from Leicestershire County Council, for supporting the elderly and vulnerable with deliveries of essential food and supplies. In addition, the shop and staff were recognised by the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire for their excellent work during Covid-19.

A real focal point of the community, we are lucky to have such a fantastic asset in our village with an incredibly hardworking and helpful team.



The innovation, collaboration, courage and selflessness shown by so many across Leicester and Leicestershire during the COVID-19 pandemic has been truly inspirational and uplifting.

As Her Majesty The Queen's representative, I would like to thank you for your strength, resilience and the wonderful contribution you have made during these extraordinary and challenging times.

Thank you

*Mike Kapur*

Mike Kapur OBE,  
Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire

## Peter and the team told us:

“Here at Daybreak, we would like to thank all our customers for their patience and support during the unprecedented last year. It has been a challenging 12 months and we have worked hard to ensure we continue to stock essential items, as well as all your favourites, as much as possible.

We have had to implement a number of new policies, such as social distancing, limited numbers and face masks within the shop, in order to keep both customers and staff safe.

We appreciate this has meant customers have sometimes had to wait to come into the store or until we have been able to restock certain items. However, our customers have been incredibly understanding during these difficult times and for this we would like to say thank you!

We hope, as we head out of lockdown, to resume to a more ‘normal’ service over the coming months and are grateful for the continued support of the community.”

## Little Take Away Breakfast

The organising team are working with NWLD officials to work out the earliest possible date for this village “event”.

Residents were very excited when this was reported in the January Packington Post.

Let's hope we have some good news to bring everyone shortly. Watch out for posters, alerts and messages on Facebook.



**Councillor Robert Martin – a career and lifetime dedicated to public service.**



Councillor Robert Martin has spent a lifetime devoted to public service and supporting others. A Packington resident since 1967, he has served on the Parish Council for 14 years. Robert plans to continue to work on future challenges and serve the local community.

For over 32 years Robert chaired a North West Leicestershire homeless project which helped single homeless people, working with those who had been left unsupported by the system. The project was set up by a small group that put in the initial funding which then received support with grants from NW Leicestershire, Lottery Funding and others. Sadly, as is so often the case, the funding came to an end, but there was a silver lining in that there was some funding left to help remaining applicants and, better still, as a result of the success of the project, there were considerably fewer people coming forward needing support at the end. As if this role was not challenging enough, Robert also chaired a women's refuge project in NW Leics.

Robert has always enjoyed the work with the Parish Council in supporting the community, but he recognises that Packington faces some

significant challenges, the biggest of which are the proposals for HS2.

As Robert said, 'This will be a major issue for the village, not only in terms of the damage to homes, but also to areas of natural beauty. It will create chaos in terms of access in and out of the village'. Robert is pushing for a 'disturbance allowance' to help residents if HS2 does go ahead. He adds, "Consider that the cost of the first moon landing in 1969, a massive technological feat, was \$25 billion and compare this with an estimated budget of £108 billion to travel just 140 miles – the project does not make economic sense."

On other pressing issues for the future of Packington village, like many other residents, Robert feels that traffic and speeding are ones that need to be addressed. There are many options to consider in trying to calm traffic, but he does feel that making the entrances to the village more attractive may help to encourage drivers to treat the village with more respect and slow down.

In terms of what has changed over the years in Packington, there used to be a post office, a local milkman, baker and two shops in the village which are missed. But on the positive side, the community spirit, which has really come out during lockdown, is very strong and there are so many initiatives and events that, once lockdown is lifted, will make a welcome return, including the Big Breakfast, Duck Race and others. Packington is also fortunate in having thriving ladies' and men's groups that keep the community together.

Also, not to be ignored is the collective effort behind Neighbourhood Watch of which Robert is the representative for Ashby Road. The problem is that Packington is in a vulnerable position and encouraging the community to work together to look after one another is essential. Robert was also instrumental in campaigning to get the streetlights turned back on at night which acts as another deterrent.

Outside of work, Robert is a keen golfer and was previously Chairman and President of the Willesley Golf Club.

**His work and commitment to Packington is greatly appreciated.**

## World Book Day

At school, despite us all being separated, we still managed to have a fabulous World Book Day on 4th March. We were blown away with the range of costumes and props from children both at home and in school. We had lots of book characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the BFG! Gangsta Granny even visited (but we had to hide away our jewels!) We all came together on Teams to share our costume ideas and listen to stories.



We enjoyed special stories from 'Tom the Tale Teller' and learnt how he became an author. Finally, we all howled with laughter at the 'Masked Reader' as we tried to work out which staff members were reading whilst masked.

Well done to everyone for your high levels of engagement and enthusiasm – it certainly gave us all a boost!

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## Let's Get Together Day

On 11th February we hosted a special day for the whole school to 'come together' to learn about Internet Safety and to get involved with a variety of well-being activities to lift our spirits and keep our school community connected.

The day involved all pupils, both at home and in school, and took place virtually. The children took part in an art project titled 'Near or Afar, Together we can Flourish' by creating self-portraits that we are making into our very own art installation to demonstrate that wherever we are, we are always together as a school.



There was also some fantastic bridge building at school and home, with many different inventive ideas sent in. What great engineers and designers we have!



We ended our day with a memorable whole school virtual disco and children in school were able to attend in non-uniform whilst those at home could also dress for the disco!

**School Office 412425**

**Clarissa's Good Deed**

Clarissa Greenfield, who attends Packington Primary School, has collected over 550 Easter Eggs as part of her 2021 NHS Heroes Easter Egg campaign. Clarissa's Easter Egg collections started in 2019 when she donated 126 chocolate eggs to children in the Teenage Cancer Trust Unit at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital. In 2020, she donated eggs to the NHS staff and Clarissa wants this year's collection to go to our hard-working NHS Heroes again.

Clarissa told us: "When my Granny got poorly the NHS staff were really nice and made her better which meant I could visit her and go and sleep at her house again. They work really hard all the time and with Covid they are working even harder than ever so I thought they needed a treat!"

Initially aiming to collect 150 Easter Eggs, Clarissa's campaign has gone way over this target thanks to generous donations from friends, family and local businesses. Clarissa loves writing letters, and practising her handwriting, and so wrote to a few local businesses to ask for their support. Packington's Daybreak Services kindly donated 20 eggs after receiving one of her letters.



Peter Swift at Daybreak Services said, "Clarissa sent us a brilliant letter telling us all about her campaign collecting Easter Eggs to give to our hard-working NHS workers, as a thank you for all they do. We were more than happy to donate

to such a great cause. It's great to see Clarissa doing such a fantastic job!"

Clarissa has been delighted with the response to her latest campaign, especially surpassing her initial target, and is excited to deliver all the Easter Eggs to the staff at the hospital. She said: "I just love doing things to make people smile!"

You can keep up to date with all of Clarissa's charitable efforts on her Facebook page at [facebook.com/ClarissasLove](https://facebook.com/ClarissasLove)

**parkrun to Resume on 5th June 2021**

It's still a long way ahead, but **UK parkrun events** are now scheduled to **restart on 5th June 2021**. These FREE weekly timed five kilometre walk or run events every Saturday at 9am were a firm favourite until 14th March 2020.

Our local Conkers parkrun event will still be held at the Conkers Waterside venue, just 5 miles from Packington, with parking available at both Waterside and Conkers Discovery.

More information in the May Issue or contact: **Robert Dilworth 411673**

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## Packington Horticultural Society 2021 Packington Village Show

While the ongoing pandemic led to the cancellation of last year's show, the team at the Horticultural Society are busy making plans for not only the main 2021 Village Show, due to be held on **Saturday 4th September**, but also a number of other events such as a flower arranging workshop and a community gardening project.

2021 will be the 79th year in existence of Packington Horticultural Society (PHS) which has been organising a Village show since the 1940's. The original purpose was to make and provide clothes and personal effects to be distributed to troops returning from the war. The Bull and Lion pub, was used for that purpose.

As the years rolled on the need for the original purpose diminished but the idea of organising a village show featuring home grown vegetables and flowers plus items of craftwork remained and flourished much in line with what has been seen in recent shows.

With many successful shows under our belt, this year the team are hoping to try something a little different too with the introduction of other related events such as flower arranging, baking demonstrations and undertaking community gardening projects around the village. We hope these events will give further opportunities for the many talented gardeners, bakers, crafters and photographers in the community to develop or showcase their skills.

As with the show, proceeds raised from these additional events will also be added to the pot and distributed to various local groups, organisation and charities.

Of course, health and safety is of utmost priority and all events will only go ahead according to Government guidance.

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## Can you help?

In order to help plan and organise the main Village Show and the additional events, we are looking for people to join our team. You don't need to be a horticultural expert, just enthusiastic and passionate about supporting the local community. If you are interested or to find out more contact:

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Laura Bryant on 07932 836675 or email Laura on [laurajbryant@aol.com](mailto:laurajbryant@aol.com)

To keep up to date with news about the Packington Village Show follow us on Facebook at Packington Village Show [www.facebook.com/packingtonshow](http://www.facebook.com/packingtonshow)

## Film Club

Following the government announcement for a road map out of lockdown, the committee has begun to start looking towards a "great feel-good" re-start of the Packington Film Club.

We will have our usual summer break in July and August, whilst the vaccination programme continues apace (and hopefully some good weather so we can get a summer holiday in!). We are working on a great programme of films for you to look forward to starting on **Friday 10th September 2021**. Make a date in your diary for the 2nd Friday of each month from September onwards. We look forward to welcoming back friends old and new.

In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the summer!

**Carol Graham**

## Memorial Hall

A phased re-opening of the Memorial Hall will take place in accordance with Government guidelines.

**Chris Miles 414378**

**Mill St Ducks. . .cont'd from page 1**

“The group we have is made up of six male ducks (with a curly feather on the top of their tail) and three female ducks. The oldest duck is the white one - he has a small black spot in his feathers - so we call him Spot. The other ducks are all one ‘family’ who came to us last spring. The small black duck is the mum and even though not all the other ducks were from her eggs, she fostered them all when they were a few days old.



“We do try to get them to come home to bed every night to keep them safe from foxes, but they sometimes ignore us especially when they have had loads to eat during the day!”

They certainly have become familiar faces in the village, so if you’ve not seen them yet be sure to head on down to Mill Street to meet them. Please be sure to keep your dog under control when you meet the ducks.

**History Group**

Like many other groups, we are unable to meet under the present Covid restrictions. Since New Year we have started to hold discussions on Zoom, in the expectation that we will be able to meet face-to-face later in the year. Meanwhile activity continues. Our website pvhg.uk now includes a link to information on gravestones both in the village and further afield. Sue Brown has been working on Church records of Packington baptisms and burials over several centuries, with results which will also appear on the website and will be of interest to anyone wishing to trace their ancestry.

**For your diary:** We are planning to hold a History Walk up Mill Street in June, when the Government’s roadmap currently indicates that outdoor gatherings will be allowed. This is provisionally scheduled for Tuesday June 15th – more details will appear in the May edition of the “Packington Post.”

**Help needed:** The Group needs to recruit a new secretary/treasurer as Yvonne Eaton, who has served the group over many years, wishes to step down from the role. The tasks involved are not excessively complex or demanding; if you think you may be able to help, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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Good News

The Packington Post is always looking for good news to publish. How about including new births in the village?

There must also be lots of achievements either sporting, musical or academic.

Why not give credit where it is due and email, together with a photo to:  
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## Village Entrance Improvements



I note this is an agenda item for the latest Parish Council meeting. This photo shows a driver's eye view of the approach to Packington from the West. Not only are the village signs blocked to approaching traffic until too late to read them, but the beauty of our iconic village church spire is totally compromised. This garish steel and plastic-traffic-cone nightmare is an EYESORE at the entrance to our lovely village and has been in place far too long. Taking it down will be the best improvement that you can make. Name and address supplied

## Traffic Calming

Hall Lane resident, Jeff Whetton, writes "In response to Richard Jones article January 2021 edition I/we agree that the village seems to be missing out. I don't think speed bumps slow traffic down too much. Many drive over them as if they are not there.

The High Street entrance off Ashby Road, Mill Street needs modifying at the junction and also yellow lines around the corner with marked gaps for residents or permit parking like on South Street Ashby which would really help the residents.

**The High Street is an accident waiting to happen.**

I am also surprised that there are no gritting bins in the village. They would have been most useful during the snowy period earlier in the year."

## Neighbourhood Watch



## Dog Thefts

You may have seen on the Police website and social media accounts, a number of news articles across Leicestershire relating to theft of dogs and attempted thefts.

Local Police are asking dog owners to ensure that your property and any outside space you may have is secure.

Do not leave your dog unsupervised in gardens, outside shops or in vehicles.

Make sure your dog is microchipped and the details are up to date.

Contact your local Police with any suspicious incidents along with descriptions and registration numbers you may have.

You can do this by calling 101 or report online via <https://www.leics.police.uk/> Click on REPORT.

**In an emergency call 999**

**The village is currently short of NW Street representative for: Hall Lane/Hall Farm Close and Coordinator/Chair for the Scheme.**

**If you can help please contact: Cllr Bob Martin 413030**

**robertmartin20@btinternet.com**

## Your village needs YOU

Here is some useful information to help you decide if you wish to put yourself forward for this vacancy. Polling day will be **Thursday 6th May 2021** alongside NWLDC elections.

The parish council contributes to the benefit of the whole village. Councillors need only meet once a month (by Zoom at present). They manage a budget of £25,000 from the council tax precept of our 400 dwellings. They are supported in their administration with the services of an excellent and capable paid professional clerk. The Parish Council exercises leadership in the village by sponsoring and facilitating local events. They support local groups such as Neighbourhood Watch and our village CCTV security system. It liaises with local government and Police and scrutinises and makes recommendations on all local planning applications. The main qualification is an interest in our village and a willingness to learn.

Full details online at The Electoral Commission [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk) Seek a nomination pack from NWLDC contact details: NWLDC Electoral Services, Council Offices, Coalville LE67 3FJ Tel: 01530 454512 email to: [electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:electreg@nwleicestershire.gov.uk)

For more information, please talk to any of our current councillors. Their details are available on the Parish Council website. [www.packingtonpc.org.uk/councillors.html](http://www.packingtonpc.org.uk/councillors.html)

Put in a nomination after reading the few rules about who is eligible to stand, basically adult village residents. Then prepare a manifesto to be emailed to us at [editor@packington.info](mailto:editor@packington.info) before **20th April\*** for the PCG to publicise on our website and the village notice-boards two weeks before the election.

\* Important as last date for postal votes

## Bull & Lion

I know we have been quiet, not posting much information on what has been happening at the Pub since late November. However, activity has been continuous and we are now happy that The Bull and Lion is in a proper condition to re-open as soon as restrictions allow.

The interior of the Pub has been deep cleaned, redecorated throughout, undergone a refitting of the kitchen, upgrading of the restaurant area, new carpets, the list goes on!



We are now starting outside, as we speak the covered area by the carpark door is getting a refit and will be a non-smoking area. Our plan is to make the Bull and Lion a pleasant reflection of the delightful village it serves.

The Kitchen upgrades are to accommodate our Rosette Chef and new Menu, which will from time to time be altered. Some of our staples will include:  
Pan Fried Seabass  
Tapas  
Champagne Breakfasts  
Afternoon Teas

If restrictions are in place on opening, we will be running a more robust menu for an outside environment and weather permitting a few B-B-Q's...

A full menu will be available soon and placed on our Facebook page. **Bull & Lion Packington.**

But most important of all, a far more extensive selection of good wine and great real ales.

We look forward to seeing you soon  
**Steven and John 01530 415257**