

**Packington Film Club**

We have some great films lined up for you over the next couple of months.

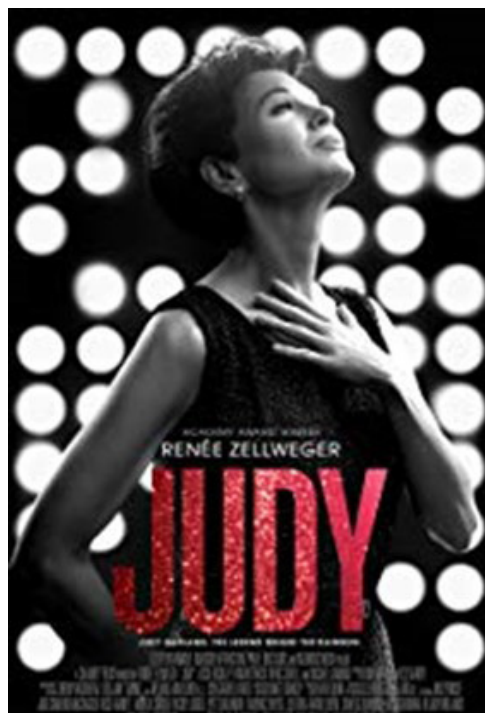
**Showing 7:30 pm Friday 8th October:**



**Showing 7:30pm Friday 12th November:**

Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children. Refreshments will be available prior to the film.

Will be great to see you all.



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## Village Activities Back in Business

### Blooming Marvellous

After a year's hiatus, this month saw the return of the 78th Annual Village Show. The event, held on Saturday 4th September at the Memorial Hall, had a fantastic turnout from local residents and those from neighbouring villages.

There was a superb display of homegrown vegetables and flowers, craftwork items from adults and juniors alike and of course delicious home baked treats.

After the entries had been judged, visitors were welcomed back to see the excellent exhibits. All enjoyed food from Biddulph's Pizzeria, and friendly bar staff were on hand to serve drinks, while some lucky people scooped an array of raffle prizes. As is tradition, the event culminated in the fun and excitement of the auctioning off of all the exhibits.



Mike Powell, chairman of Packington Horticultural Society (PHS) said: "The committee had been uncertain of the success of this year's show due to the events of the last 18 months, but it was wonderful to see so many villagers turn out to enter and attend the Show. It really does put into perspective what a great community spirit Packington has."

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### Ducks at the Ready!

Another of our fabulous village events also returned this month – the much-loved Duck Race.

Villagers gathered at the Gilwiskaw Brook on Mill Street and tucked into hotdogs and burgers while snapping up tickets for what they hoped would be a winning duck.

After a somewhat slow start to the first race, the crowd watched on excitedly as the ducks neared the finish line and the first winner was announced.



There were three races in all, with a few photo finishes, and a final customised race where entrants had the chance to create their very own ducks to race. Cash prizes were given in all the races and Frankie Brown also picked up the prize for the most creative or amusing customised duck. The event raised £300 for the Memorial Hall charity.

Organiser Chris Miles said; "It was great to see lots of familiar and new faces join in this fun village event. Thanks to all those who helped in putting on the Duck Race, and those who came down, enjoyed themselves and thus helped raise some money for one of our village charities." *Duck Race extra continued on Page 6*

The Parish Council has met three times since our last report in the Packington Post and the Clerk and Councillors have been working tirelessly throughout that period. At the August meeting a member of the public asked for an update on the illegal traveller encampment on Coleorton Lane.. This was again echoed by a number of Parishioners at the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 16th August attended by over 50 residents. The current situation is that NWLDC has put a STOP notice on this development and the owners of the site have appealed this action. This appeal will be heard by the planning inspectorate based in Bristol.

Subsequently the owners of the site have submitted a planning application for twelve mobile homes and twelve touring homes to be stationed on this site. This will be determined by the NWLDC Planning Authority. At present this authority is waiting for detailed responses concerning this application from a number of departments locally and nationally, among them being the County Highways, Environment Agency, etc. When this application is determined it is understood that the Appeal will be heard by the Inspectorate.

During the extraordinary meeting, it was noted that a member of the public was recording the meeting. Up to this point, nobody had any knowledge that recording was taking place and as some members of the public and councillors were uncomfortable. I as Chairman, asked for confirmation that recording was taking place and asked the reporter to stop recording. Having subsequently researched the rules for recording and photography at public meetings, I as Chairman, apologise to the reporter. A Public meeting may be recorded by anyone and they don't have to seek permission. I apologise to all for any awkwardness or embarrassment felt over this situation.

The Council will announce at the start of future public meetings that recording and photographs may take place.

There were many other issues resolved at all three meetings, including;

1. a strongly worded response against the Appeal to the Inspectorate in support of NWLDC Stop Notice;
2. a strong objection to planning application 21/01062/FULM for change of use, 12 mobile homes and 12 touring caravans off Coleorton Lane;
3. a decision not to provide grit bins because no suitable sites could be found which met the County Council's criteria.
4. There has also been no response to the Parish Council's plea for land suitable for allotments and so a final plea is being made.

For more details of Parish Councils decisions please go to our website.  
[www.packingtonpc.org.uk](http://www.packingtonpc.org.uk)

**Chris Miles (Chairman)**  
**07856 179485**

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## Mammals on the Road Survey

*Local resident, Florentyna Dring, is keen to highlight ways in which we can be kinder to our planet. Here she has written an article about an unusual app she recently used whilst on holiday.*

Thousands of animals get killed or injured on British roads every year. It is estimated that over 150,000 hedgehogs die in road traffic accidents alone. So, how can we play our part to help?

An innovative app has been created by The Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (PTES). The app can be downloaded onto any mobile phone for free. It is a great way to get involved in a worthwhile project that genuinely makes a difference. Even better, it's a great way to occupy kids on a long car journey!

So, what does it do? It collects data that you send via the app. Any roadkill that you see you log on the app by tapping the 'I've just seen a...' button.

According to PTES, 'although a sad sight, recording roadkill each year tells us about how wild mammals are faring in the wider landscape.'

This is part of a citizen science project where ordinary people are the scientists and collect the real life data. This is then analysed by the PTES and they can make predictions of where the most dangerous places are and campaign to make changes for the better.

So, when you're on holiday and there is a long car journey, this is a great time to contribute. Click start journey, log any roadkill you see and send your survey when you reach your destination. Download 'Mammals on the Road' app now!

For more information or details of how to download the app visit:  
[www.ptes.org/get-involved/surveys/road](http://www.ptes.org/get-involved/surveys/road)

## Autumn Term 2021

We've had an excellent start to the school year and we are really pleased with the way all of the pupils have settled in to their new classes.

There have been lots of 'Hello's' at Packington Primary in the last few weeks. We have not only said hello to our new Headteacher, Mrs Ruth Burton, but also our new reception teacher, Miss Laura Moore. The children have also welcomed with open arms our new reception children who have joined us as our Robins class.



Packington has enjoyed the feeling of normality as we have come back to school with many of our covid restrictions lifted. This means that our school can mix together for collective worship and playtimes. Our children have relished being able to join together as a 'family' once again.

Our children have started music lessons with our Owl class learning either the clarinet or ukulele. Other children in school have continued with clarinet, flute and piano lessons. We look forward to seeing them improve as the year goes by.

Once again the Life Education Bus will visit us to help support our Science work. The bus will be here on 23rd September and all the children will take part in an age appropriate workshop looking at issues relating to health and the body. As always there will also be an opportunity for parents to participate in a presentation to find out what it's all about.

We have some open afternoons arranged for parents/carers of prospective pupils for our September 2022 intake. These will take place on alternate Thursdays starting from 16th September.

**Please call the school if you would like to book a place on 01530 412425**

### Speeding in the Village

Andrew Mallon from The Grange writes;

Speeding through the village, particularly early morning is outrageous. I have waved down several speeding motorists over the last few months only to be given "verbals" and expletives etc.

Can the Parish Council consider installing average speed cameras on every entrance to the village as these do work – look at the research on the web.

Search average speed cameras

I would, and am sure many others would be happy to contribute towards them.

Perhaps we could set up a "crowd funding" page? Please can you raise this for urgent attention.

### How do average speed cameras work?

Average speed cameras work by reading vehicle number plates at the start and end point of a stretch of road and then calculating the average speed from the time taken to travel the distance between the cameras. Because of the need to place cameras at entry and exit points the use of average speed cameras have more frequently been used on major roads where the number of entry and exit points is small.

### Confetti Bomb

Nigel Smith from Normanton Road writes: Could I congratulate, through the pages of the Packington Post, whoever it was, on or near Normanton Road, who celebrated a big life event by detonating a Confetti bomb on Sat night (7th Aug). This has filled our back garden with a beautiful display of thousands of tiny pieces of multi-coloured paper streamer tape.

Never seen our garden looking so messy as it does this morning.

### Dog Mess in the Churchyard

Mike Powell writes:

I am one of the voluntary gardeners who endeavour to ensure the village churchyard is pleasant in appearance, functional for all sorts of reasons and which can be enjoyed by everybody.

My main task, amongst other things, is mowing the triangle of grass directly in front of the Church door, the grass verge walking up to the Church from Mill Street and the large grass area in front of the church itself.

Regrettably, and it's a fairly recent occurrence, some people are allowing their dog/s to foul the grassed areas. As well as being unsightly is also dangerous, particularly to children who may unwittingly come into contact with the mess! I also don't find it pleasant to have to clean it up, and if I inadvertently allow contact with the mower, have to clean that as well.

As well as being an offence, it is also offensive. The sign at the bottom of the walk up to the Church states an £80 fine for the offence but there is also a bin to properly dispose of the deposit, so you don't have to walk too far.

There is no doubt the Churchyard is a delight to be enjoyed and is used by many people. Please help to keep it looking good by cleaning up after your dog.



The majority of groups and clubs are back using the Memorial Hall. The fantastic Packington Horticultural show was back with a bang and Film Club is returning this week. There was a great response to the Memorial Hall's Management Committee's request for a volunteer Treasurer. The Committee thanks those who offered their services. Nicola Watson was co-opted as a Trustee and will become the Memorial Hall's Treasurer. I, as Chairman, would like to thank Nichola for volunteering for this role.

The Committee would also like to thank Judith Wilson, a past treasurer, for looking after the Hall's finances, acting as an interim treasurer. She has done a great job. Thankyou.

At our last Management meeting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was mentioned. As always, there was a lot of support to arrange events to mark this unique occasion. Some of you will remember the events that have been successfully arranged in the previous Jubilee celebrations.

The celebrations next year will be on the first weekend in June and there will be an extra Bank Holiday at this time. So, with this in mind there is a need for a group of willing workers who can bring ideas and plans to meet together and organise. It was therefore proposed to organise a meeting date and let's prepare.

**Platinum Jubilee Committee Meeting**  
The first meeting to forward plan a number of events, will take place in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room on Monday 4th October at 7pm.

**Please come along, get involved and help plan future memories for all age groups.**  
**Make a note of this date in your calendar.**

**If you are unable to get to this first meeting and want to be involved in subsequent meetings, please ring Chris; 01530 414378 or 07856 179485 christopher.miles@sky.com**

## Big Breakfast 2022

Just over ten years ago Mike Coke proposed the idea of "The Big Breakfast" event to the Management Committee. When it was approved, he, along with wife Sylvia, and a team of volunteers launched the first "Big Breakfast". Over the succeeding years Mike, Sylvia, and an enlarged team of volunteers have continued to make the "Big Breakfast" one of the most popular single events on our village calendar.

Sadly, Mike now feels it is the time to stand down and let others take on the role of organising this event which has so far, raised over £12 000 for a variety of charities. The Memorial Hall Management Committee have agreed to pick up the baton and will take responsibility for the next Big Breakfast which will return to its usual date in early March 2022.

Let's hope that the many regular volunteers, along with new faces will rally round to make sure this annual charity event continues to take its place as one of the great annual social events in our village. If you are a newcomer to Packington and want to meet up with your new neighbours over a sumptuous breakfast, then there is no better way than attending the "Big Breakfast" event next March. The date will be announced in the next Packington Post.

**Adrian Mongredien**

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## Love Yoga with Claire

Packington Memorial Hall yoga classes are now in full flow on a Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9.30am. If you are wanting to give yourself time to genuinely relax and feel a sense of calm in mind and body, then why not join these gentle flow yoga classes. A warm, relaxed and friendly atmosphere is created for everyone to enjoy. The classes are suitable for all levels, including beginners, and the class will leave you feeling calm, quiet, reflective, refreshed and restored – a real positive way to start the day.



The classes are run by Claire Stapley who has been practising yoga for 29 years. Claire says: "I feel very at home in Packington village hall as it was here, 29 years ago that I had my first yoga class with Ann Hobkinson, who I am sure some of you will remember, her yoga classes were legendary!"

"I was trained as a Hatha Yoga Teacher by the British Wheel of Yoga and have been teaching locally in Leicestershire for 15 years. My yoga teaching will inspire you to make more time for yourself, to experience stillness, quiet and calm and give you a real sense of well-being and relief."

If you would like to see more of Claire's work visit [www.loveyogawithclaire.co.uk](http://www.loveyogawithclaire.co.uk) or for more information contact **Claire Stapley** on [info@loveyogawithclaire.co.uk](mailto:info@loveyogawithclaire.co.uk) or 07867 607873

## Time to get Creative



Monthly Family Fun arts and crafts classes are being held at Packington Memorial Hall on selected Saturdays throughout the autumn. Each session will explore different crafty activities and are suitable for children aged 2-11 and their family members to enjoy some creative fun together.

On **Saturday 2nd October** at 10.00-11.00am there will be a **Christmas Card Making Workshop**.

Make your family Christmas cards with The Creation Station! The session will be run by Amy Jordan who will help you take your little one's hand or footprint, so you can then add the finishing touches to create the perfect Christmas design. Sibling's prints can go on the same card.

Workshop is £8 per family and includes: 2 x Christmas card designs, 1 x gift label design and all the materials and help to create the prints.

A pack of 12 A6 printed cards is £5.50 and a pack of 16 printed gift labels is £2.50. Printed cards will be returned approximately six weeks later.

We recommend you bring an extra pair of hands to help look after the children during the session. There will be baby toys available and free colouring for older children.

For more details on all the classes and to book, visit [www.thecreationstation.co.uk/amy-jordan](http://www.thecreationstation.co.uk/amy-jordan)

Members of Packington Village History Group are currently typing up a series of verbal interviews, recorded on audio cassette over 25 years ago, by the late Peter and Laura Cooper, and other founding PVHG members, with some of the then older village residents. These interviews focussed on life in Packington between 1918 and 1945. One of them was with Ted Sharp (formerly of "Hall Farm", Packington), then aged 77, his wife Jane and daughter Tina. Ted recounted his early life in Packington and his experiences during the Second World War, and concluded by saying "That's all I can tell you about the War". He was then asked by his wife Jane if he knew of anyone else in Packington who went abroad on service. He replied "I can tell you those who didn't come back. You know Tim Heafield -- his brother -- David". Laura Cooper then asked "You don't know where he was? Ted replied "Yes-- I do know where he is now-- Stavanger. He went over with the "Leicestershires" to Norway and he's in Stavanger Cemetery". Tina Sharp then queried whether David Heafield had lived on the High Street and Ted replied-- "No, at the Mill".

Adrian Mongredien showed a transcript of this interview to his neighbour, Mrs Christine Brown, a member of the Heafield family. She told me that Tim Heafield's brother David is not buried in Norway. Ted Sharp might have been misinformed, or maybe, in the intervening years, had misremembered.

David Heafield had lived with his family at "Mill House" next to Packington Mill. His parents, Thomas and Mary Heafield, were the last owners of "The Mill" when it was a working Mill (almost certainly on the same site as the "Mill" listed in the "Domesday Book" in 1084).

Mrs Brown showed me her copy of the "Book of Remembrance" of the Salerno War Cemetery in Italy. Among the 1,749 UK forces personnel, recorded as buried there, it lists: -

"L.Cpl David Gilbert HEAFIELD 2120348, 273 Corps Field Park Coy, Royal Engineers, died on 24th September 1943. Age 24, son of Thomas and Mary Heafield of Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire. Plot 1 Row E Grave 30".

In the introduction to this "Book of Remembrance" it states, that "British and American forces landed near Salerno" (on the southern Italian coast) "on the night of 8th/9th September 1943 and there was fierce fighting in the bridgehead they formed".

It is not known where David Heafield died but given that his date of death is recorded as 24th September 1943 it was possibly somewhere along the road between Salerno and Naples, in the hills above Pompeii, where, amid heavy fighting, Royal Engineers were reported to have been rebuilding bridges blown up by the retreating German Army. Naples finally fell to Allied Forces on 1st October 1943, a week after he died.



Perhaps on this year's Remembrance Day, or maybe when we next walk along Mill Street, we might care to remember and give thanks for the life of DAVID HEAFIELD (above), who, no doubt, as a small boy, played in our village brook near to his house, attended our village school, and the Church at the end of his road, and perhaps as a teenager helped his Dad at the Mill. Later, as a young man, he went off to serve his country. He never came back and, like so many others, now lies in: **"some corner of a foreign field that is forever England"**.  
Adrian Mongredien 564613





A Time to Remember

# Holy Rood Church Packington

**Remembrance Sunday**  
**Sunday 14th November**  
at  
**10.50 am**

You are invited  
To Remember  
To give thanks  
To pray for peace



### PHS Flower Arranging Demo

Following on from this year's successful Annual Village Show, the next event for your diary is the Flower Arranging Demonstration. This will be held on Saturday 13th November from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Held in the Memorial Hall. This event will see Chelsea Flower Show medallist, Rosie Mason, create a number of beautiful flower displays.

To register your interest and purchase tickets please contact Laura Bryant on [laurajbryant@aol.com](mailto:laurajbryant@aol.com) Tickets cost £12.00 and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. The price includes tea and scones during the break. Proceeds from these additional events will also be added to the pot and distributed to various local groups, organisation and charities.

To keep up to date with news about all PHS events follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/packingtonshow](http://www.facebook.com/packingtonshow)



### Ducks Race Extra

At approximately 5.45pm the Duck Steward quacked loudly, and as if by magic, Mill St became a hive of activity. Villagers tucked into hotdogs and burgers, superbly cooked by Dean Holden, while tickets were snapped up in a buying frenzy by those hoping to purchase the fastest duck.



**Note** prize money was not collected on the night by the following.

Race 1 Yellow	No 140
Race 2 Brown	No 247
Race 3 Grey	No 4

If you have any of the above tickets, please call **Chris on 07856179485**

To say that the Gilawiskaw Brook was sluggish would be an understatement. It was, slow, slow, and slower than slow., At times the gentle breeze made it difficult for ducks to keep paddling toward the finish line. However, the crowd watched on excitedly and as the ducks neared the finish line, we eventually had our first winners. Race time; 32mins and 25 secs!  
 It was then decided to shorten the race and to finish nearer to the “rapid “section of the course. Second race time; 29mins 45 secs!  
 At this point we were running out of time to fit in the last race and the customized event. So again, the race was shortened, and the customised Duck race was started before this race finished. The organiser’s felt that drastic action was necessary as nightfall was approaching rapidly.

The three races were completed, some requiring a photo finish to separate the winners The final customized race, where entrants have the chance to create their very own duck, was a splendid sight. Forty-three owners gently threw their ducks into the brook with all of their might from Hall Lane Bridge, hoping to win first place. Cash prizes were given in all the races and Frankie Brown also picked up the prize for the most creative or amusing customized duck called Diddly Dee..



**Packington Recreation  
Ground Charity  
Bonfire Party  
Friday 5th November  
2021  
6:45pm**

We hope to repeat the success of previous Bonfire Parties. Providing we see no more restrictions in Covid regulations, we plan to allow as much space as possible for you to enjoy the bonfire and the fireworks.

We will be accepting wood from **Saturday 16th October**. Anyone who has any easily combustible wood such as old fence panels, pallets and old sheds, can bring them to the bonfire site. There is a need to build a safe bonfire. We are asking those of you who bring material to burn, to first check the contents with Chris Miles, before you take it to the site. He can be contacted on **01530 414378 or Mob 07856 179485**.

Over the last few years, the bonfires have been terrific because we have built from pallets and fencing etc. Smoke was limited because we did not have green material and toxic waste. Anyone who brings a shed roof, please remove the bitumen felt and put it in the black bin at home. In the run up to the last bonfire in 2019, everyone who contacted us was helpful in this regard.



The Bonfire Party will be run on similar lines to previous years. The bonfire will be lit as near to **7pm** as possible and there will be **two sessions of Display Fireworks**. In the interval, there will be a **sparkler session** for youngsters accompanied by an adult. This will be free of charge. The event itself is free, but we shall ask you for a donation (which can be gift aided). This will help the Recreation Charity pursue its aims of providing and maintaining the facilities on the Recreation Ground.

**Entry will be via the top entrance to the Play-area in Vicarage Lane.** Anyone parking in the Recreation Ground car park will be asked to walk up Vicarage Lane to this entrance, as it is a safer access in the dark.

Hot dogs, burgers and a variety of drinks can be purchased, and we hope you all have an enjoyable time. Please come and support this event no matter what the weather. There will be over £1000 of display fireworks. The charity has had to pay a hefty £400 insurance premium to stage this bonfire, so **we need to see the whole of Packington on the Recreation Ground.**

Please **Do Not** bring any of your own fireworks to this event. This includes sparklers. It is a condition of the insurance that only authorised fireworks are displayed in a safe and secure environment. The money raised at the previous bonfire night has been spent on repairs, to the fencing and the posts surrounding the play area. We also fixed a number of equipment safety issues, caused by legitimate wear and tear.

**We always require more volunteers to run this event. We need to: a) help set up, b) help on the night, c) to pack away. Anyone who can help, please contact me prior to the event so that we can get organised. Don't hold back, please volunteer your services as soon as you can.**

**Enquiries?  
Ring Chris Miles on: 01530 414378 or  
07856 179485.**

## Packington Book Club

Throughout the last eighteen months the book club has been meeting online but now that rules have eased, we are meeting at the Memorial Hall in person again.

If you enjoy reading but are stuck in a rut or can't think what to read next, do come and join our friendly group as we meet to chat about a wide variety of books. We don't take things too seriously – the only qualification is that you enjoy reading.

On September 22nd we are talking about **"The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewell**. 'A twisty and engrossing story of betrayal and redemption' - Ian Rankin.

Have you ever wondered what your life would be like if you'd done things differently? On October 27th we'll be talking about **"The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig**. A thought provoking, and ultimately uplifting, story about second chances.



Not being able to see your doctor is a very topical subject and it will be interesting to look behind the scenes and see us, the patients, from the GP's point of view. The book for November 24th is **"The Doctor Will See You Now" by Amir Khan**. This book also has a section about the pandemic and how GPs coped with the new demands on them.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the small meeting room at the Memorial Hall. All you have to do is read the book then come along and join us, you will be made very welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

If you would like further information, contact:  
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## Packington Village History Group

The History Group will hold its first post-lockdown meeting on Tuesday 28th September. There will obviously be some catching up to do! There will also be an opportunity to look at the map of Packington which was drawn up for the Earl of Huntingdon in 1735, seeing what has changed over nearly 300 years and what has stayed broadly the same. Anyone who would like to join us for this will be most welcome – 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting room. Contact **Robin Boucher on 01530 411638** [randbboucher@googlemail.com](mailto:randbboucher@googlemail.com)





# FLOWER ARRANGING DEMO

Saturday 13th November 2021  
Packington Memorial Hall

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Speak to a PHS member about tickets or  
contact Laura Bryant on [Laurajbryant@aol.com](mailto:Laurajbryant@aol.com)



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## September – November Sunday services at Packington and Normanton

### All services begin at 10am.

Because we operate as a Team of 8 churches, there is a service every Sunday at one of the churches – so if it isn't a Sunday for Packington or Normanton, you'd be really welcome at one of the others. Don't be afraid to travel.

**September 19th: Packington**  
**September 26th: Normanton**

**October 3rd: Normanton and Packington**  
 (Baptism)

**October 10th: Packington** (harvest and HC)

**October 17th: Normanton** (HC);

**October 24th: Measham**

**October 31st: Packington and Normanton**

**November 7th: Packington**

**November 14th (Remembrance Sunday)**  
 Normanton at 9.30am and Packington at 10.50am

## Special Services

**Harvest Festivals: September 26th at Normanton and October 10th at Packington**

Each of our churches will be celebrating Harvest over September/October. Do come along and give thanks for all the good things with which we are blessed; come along and pray for all those who grow our food, distribute it and get it to us and for those with so much less than we have. As well as come along to enjoy being together.

There will be a harvest festival at Normanton on October 3rd and at Packington on October 10th

We will be collecting for the Marlene Reid Centre in Coalville. They will distribute our gifts to families in need across North West Leicestershire. Come armed with tins and packet food. There will be a box to receive them in church at Packington, or in the porch at Normanton

**Remembrance Sunday: November 14th**

This year we hope to be open and ready for business. Services are 9.30am at Normanton Church and 10.50am at Packington

## Coffee & Chat

### We are back

Hope you can join us

IN CHURCH

For Coffee, Tea or Hot  
 Chocolate

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
 10am – 12 noon

Please note different week and  
 new time!

**Ready Steady Stick is back and not online.**

**Tuesday 19th October 2-4pm**

**Measham Church Hall, High Street,  
 Measham DE12 7HZ**

For all children under 11 years of age (who need to be accompanied by a responsible adult).

It's a mixture of games, story, crafts and more

£1 a child.

Contact Revd Wilma Colley on  
**07766 306 227** or  
[revwilmacolley@gmail.com](mailto:revwilmacolley@gmail.com) for more details.

Come along!

## Table Tennis

Club night restarts on Wednesday 8th September and continues to meet every Wednesday at the Memorial Hall until December 15th.

The club night will continue to run from 7.15 to 9.15pm. Pay as you play, £2.50 per adult and £1.50 for juniors. Numbers on each Wednesday currently vary between 8 and 16 with all levels, genders and age levels being represented with a warm welcome to any newcomers.

As the club continues to develop, we have entered 2 teams into the Loughborough League... the Packington Pirates and the Packington Patriots. Home nights (at the PMH) will be on a Thursday evening with a 7pm start with the first home match on 7th October.

Feel free to come along and support your local Packington Pirates & Patriots table tennis teams!!

Apologies, as I know many juniors were looking forward to the coaching session, but unfortunately the junior coaching cannot start yet as our coach is not available until November ... more information to follow.

For further information contact:  
**Graham Saunt on 07764471917**



## Brownies

1st Packington Brownies is finally back with face-to-face meetings after a very long and difficult 18 months. We have got loads of fun, and creative outdoor activities planned for this first term back – we have everything crossed that the weather holds out! – including a penny hike through Ashby town, stargazing, and even campfire building. Packing in plenty of opportunities to earn some badges too!

Packington Brownies prides itself on our large amount of outdoor space to be used, as well as our love for crafts and baking, especially when we get to eat it afterwards, so we are never short of things see and do.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining us at 1st Packington Brownies, please do not hesitate to call us for more information.

**Janice Sumnall 01530 411984**

## News from Hill Farm

Hill Farm has had a very long and busy summer this year, with “stay-cationers” filling up the campsite and the farm shop and café expanding its menu and opening hours! We are currently in the middle of harvest and hopefully on the tail end of hay making. We have got stacks of open days and events planned from now until Christmas, including a harvest open **farm Sunday 26th September**, and our magical Christmas Grottos. Keep an eye peeled for more information!

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