

### Meet the Mummies!

On 5th November our Year 5 and 6 children visited Leicester's New Walk Museum to take part in a 'Meet the Mummies' workshop. They had a great time learning about Egyptian Life and Culture. They also recently enjoyed a visit from the Leicestershire Library Services learning about the importance of the River Nile in Ancient Egyptian Life.



### Sports for Schools

This week we were very excited to welcome top gymnast Sam Oldham into school to lead a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils. The aim of the event was to inspire the pupils to be more physically active whilst also raising money to improve physical activity for the school and support GB athletes (including Paralympic athletes). Sam was fantastic with the pupils and we were all very impressed with his gymnastic skills. Sponsorship forms are still coming in but we have already raised over £1,000!

### NEW Packington School Association!

Our PSA (Packington School Association) is a group of parents and volunteers who arrange fund raising activities and fun events for school. Historically these have included Christmas & May Fayres, School Disco's, Movie Nights, Fish & Chip Bingo, Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Parties and much more! All of these events are incredibly popular with both pupils and their families and unfortunately, were at risk of coming to an end due to a lack of volunteers.

The great news is we now have a NEW PSA with a great team of volunteers who are committed to providing our children with lots of fun activities throughout the year. They aim to kick off this relaunch with an amazing Christmas Experience for our school children including a bumper prize draw. We have some fantastic prizes including the top prize of a Helicopter Ride! Tickets will soon be on sale from Mrs Brown in the school office.

We are always looking for more volunteers and also local donations to our raffle so if you are able to help out, or have any good contacts, please call the **school office on 01530 412425** and we will be extremely grateful.

**Coming up:** We will be taking part in 'Feel Good Friday' for a small donation to support Children in Need on Friday 19th November. Pupils will wear to school something that makes them feel good.

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## Two Marvellous Village Events!

### Spooktacular Halloween

The Great Packington Pumpkin Trail proved popular again with villagers looking to celebrate Halloween this year.

A huge effort was made by all those who took part in decorating their houses and the 'trick or treaters' who got dressed up for the occasion.



There were some imaginative costumes and fantastic displays from intricately carved pumpkins and ghoulish ghosts to full special FX displays. One brave youngster even took to hiding in his wheelie bin before jumping out in a bid to scare visiting 'trick or treaters'!

Poochies Cafe stayed open late to serve hot drinks and devilishly delicious cupcakes, while generously filled treat buckets around the village kept the 'trick or treaters' happy.

Well done to all those who took part and a big thank you to Anthony Cash who produced the trail map to help villagers spot all the spooky sights!

*More photos on page 3*

### Fantastic Fireworks

Wow, what a great night! The weather was fabulous and the Bonfire Party Goers kept coming.

The queue on Vicarage Lane would not stop growing and the organisers had to put back the time of firework lighting until the crowd settled on the Recreation Ground. Marion Muggleton and Janet Timms were once again the Meet and Greet team and have been doing this for many years. Even they were overcome by the numbers coming up Vicarage Lane. To speed up the flow of people the organisers suspended the filling in of gift-aid forms which was disappointing as we would have liked to take some money back from the Government.



At just before 7.00pm the Bonfire was lit by our new fire lighting recruit Matt Wathes. He was genuinely nervous about his role and hoped the bonfire would take hold but should never have doubted the organiser, who said it will be fine. And it was. Within a minute the flame reached the top of the wood pile, which was made up of tables, chairs, sheds, fence panels, wardrobes, pallets and assorted wood.

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### Packington Parish Council

Again, the Council has been very active over the last two months. We have had face to face talks with the Local Authority planning and enforcement team and because much of the discussions concerned the illegal traveller's encampment on Coleorton Lane, there is little to report because of its sensitive nature. However, Parish Councillors are encouraged that the Local Planning Authority is doing all it can.

The Council has been offered a parcel of land in New Packington to use as allotments. If anyone is interested in looking to cultivate this land, please request further details from the Parish Clerk: [clerk@packington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@packington.org.uk)

Councillors and residents have erected poppies and Tommies to commemorate Armistice Day.

A planning application for a caravan placement on a field in the countryside on Babelake Street was discussed. An objection was approved on the grounds of need and being outside the development boundary. A planning application for stables and tractor store next to 30 Ashby Road was also objected to on the grounds that; it would have a negative impact on the village entrance; did not display planning notices; would have access issues making the main road less safe. Also, it was deemed to be a very similar application to the original application for a stable and tractor shed on Coleorton Lane.

For more details of Parish Council's decisions please go to our website.

[www.packingtonpc.org.uk](http://www.packingtonpc.org.uk)  
Chris Miles (Chairman)

### Packington Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall is almost back to normal following the relaxation of Covid restrictions. Children's parties are back in full swing and spaces for extra group bookings is now rather limited during the week.

The Memorial Hall is allowing training of a first response team in the Hall and as part of their remit they have agreed to do a two-hour course in the new year which deals with first aid and the use of the defibrillator.

The roof of the Hall has had a little makeover with some soffits and boarding replaced and the roof valleys have been overhauled and the tiles repointed. Thanks to Graham Saunt for arranging this work which has cost in the region of £4,000.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee Meeting

The second meeting to plan a number of events, will take place in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room on **Monday November 22nd at 7.00pm**. New members are welcome so please come along, get involved and help plan future memories for all age groups.

Please make a note of this date in your calendar.

If you are unable to get to this meeting and want to be involved in subsequent meetings, please ring Chris on.

**01530 414378** or **07856 179485**  
Or email: [christopher.miles@sky.com](mailto:christopher.miles@sky.com)

### CPR and Defibrillator Training

First Aid is an essential skill for everyone. Would you know what to do if someone collapsed next to you? Do you know where the village defibrillator is and how to access it?

This training will answer all these questions and more. Led by Richard Nevin from the East Midland Ambulance First Responders – Ashby.

**Sunday 9th January 2022**  
**at the Memorial Hall**  
**2.00pm to 4.00pm**



To book your place please reply to:  
**Louise Gratton** on: **07793 008906**  
[bookings@pmhv.uk](mailto:bookings@pmhv.uk)



North West Leicestershire welcomes its new Neighbourhood Policing Area Commander – **Inspector Rich Muldoon**.

Inspector Rich Muldoon takes over the role from Inspector Rich Jackson who has held the position for the last three and a half years. Rich has worked as a Control Room Inspector for the past three and a half years overseeing the deployment of uniformed officers across the force area.



*Inspector Rich Muldoon*

Inspector Rich Muldoon said: "I started my policing career 26 years ago in neighbourhood policing and I am very much looking forward to return to this area. The team at North West Leicestershire have a first-rate reputation and under the leadership of Inspector Rich Jackson have achieved some real successes. He added: "I would like to take the opportunity to thank Rich Jackson for everything that he has accomplished during his time here and I am excited to be given the chance to hopefully build on all the good work that Rich and the team have already achieved."

## Police Beat Surgery

Packington's new beat officer, PSCO 6003 Nick Haylings will be holding a drop-in session at the Memorial Hall on **Monday 6th December at 10.00am** until 12.00 noon to introduce himself to residents.

Depending on the outcome and feedback from villagers he may then introduce more regular meetings.

Nick can be contacted on:  
**07765 309630** [nicholas.haylings@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nicholas.haylings@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

## Rural Crime Show

Hill Farm in Spring Lane played host to this event aimed at reducing rural crime. As well as local police there were many exhibitors from how to keep your Land Rover safe to environmental issues. Even Mrs Cow got involved!



One visitor observed: "Having attended, I can say it was very well represented by various organisations involved with the countryside. There were lots of visiting public during the event also. I hope this could be repeated in other villages within the area. Hats off to all involved in organising this event."





### Christmas Orders at Daybreak

Daybreak Services has been central to Packington village life since 1992. Life was very different in 1992; Amazon didn't exist and wouldn't be founded for another two years and Brian Little's Leicester City lost in the play-offs against Blackburn Rovers, narrowly missing out on promotion to the inaugural season of the premiership. When Daybreak Services was founded, it was set up with the core values of: serving the needs of the community and providing top quality and locally sourced products. Nearly 30 years later, these values are still core to everything we do and they have never been more prevalent than through the past 20 months of lockdown and covid restrictions.



Christmas has always been a busy time, with our Christmas order forms being something that many of the villagers and customers from surrounding areas take advantage of. They are designed to take the stress out of Christmas food shopping and allow you to collect a boxed-up order on Christmas Eve with all of the food you need for the festive period.

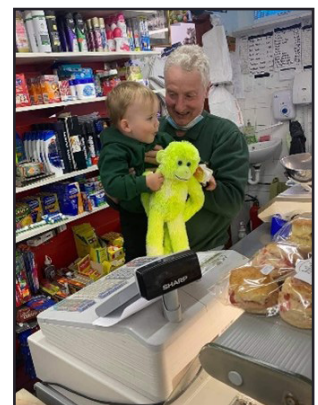
As well as the freshest fruit and vegetables, we also source local farm turkeys, turkey crowns, Walkers and hand-raised pork pies, fresh meats, sausage, bacon and great range of cheeses.



If you are interested in taking advantage of our Christmas order form service, you can collect order forms from the shop and we ask that they are returned no later than **Saturday 18th December**.



Whether you've shopped with us since 1992 or are a new customer, we are very grateful for your support. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy and healthy 2022.



**Peter, Rachel, Joe, Seb and the Daybreak Team**



## Fantastic Fireworks

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Thank you to those who donated and brought all the wood to the field and for checking in before you came.



I wouldn't like to put a number on those who came to witness some fantastic fireworks, but I can say it was more than last year. The new firework lighting team prepared well, and the two fifteen-minute spells of fireworks were superbly co-ordinated. Well done David Dring, Luke Townsin and David Goacher for your brilliant effort. Also, to Alan Pearson who prepared the ground for the fireworks in the afternoon.

Dean Holden, our Head Chef for a long time now, cooked all night and all hotdogs and burgers were sold. A terrific effort with Sous Chef Dave Gammon helping because of the numbers requiring food. Serving food and drinks were Mel and Anni Dughan, Becky Taylor, Dan Gammon and Antony Cash. They didn't have a moment to themselves all evening and took just shy of £1,000 - an amazing effort!!

Disappointingly, the scheduled children's sparkler event was cancelled this year. There were so many spectators it was decided to move into the sparkler space. As a result it was deemed unsafe to have sparklers in that designated part of the field. The sparklers were distributed to parents with young children at the end of the evening.

Mention and thanks must be made to those helping steward the event. Steve Salt, Simon Tebbet, Zac Holden, Bob Parry who all assisted in crowd control and a smooth operation in general.

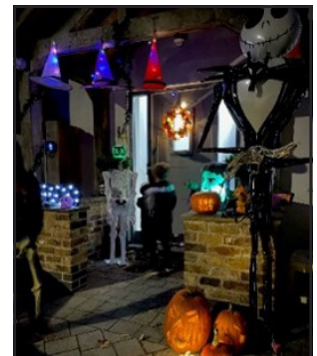
Final thanks go to Petra Goacher, Colin Goacher, Graham Saunt and many of the above team for helping set up and pack away; to Rachael Miles for trawling the supermarkets for enough rolls and burgers and to Pauline Miles for preparing the rolls.

The Trustees are pleased to report a record profit this year. Over £2,500 will go into the Recreation Ground funds which will enable the Trustees to maintain the excellent facilities and equipment on the Recreation Ground. Thank you everyone for making it a bumper year.

**Chris Miles, Chairman of Trustees.**

## Spooktacular Halloween

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## Children's Christmas Party

Introducing the first annual Packington Children's Christmas Party, organised by a satellite group of Ashby Rotary Club with all proceeds going to local charities including, "Rainbows", "Wishes for Kids" and other Rotary charities.

The party will take place on **Saturday, December 18th between 2.30pm and 6.00pm** at Packington Memorial Hall. Children will be able to meet Santa and some of his reindeer, as well as having fun playing party games being organised by a children's entertainer and dancing away at the disco. There will also be a range of Christmas stalls and festive refreshments for children and adults.



The event will be free of charge, with all the children receiving a small gift from Santa, but any donations made would be very much appreciated.

Spaces are limited and you can reserve your tickets by clicking the link on [www.packington.info](http://www.packington.info) or calling **07905 439115**.

## Packington Lunch Club

The Lunch Club continues to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 12.00 noon.

Last month our amazing team of cooks retained their five-star status whilst managing to provide us with a really lovely meal. Many congratulations to Rachael, Hattie and Mel on maintaining such a high standard!

We welcomed three new members who all seemed very pleased with the food and friendly welcome at the club. Now that we meet regularly in the main hall we are able to cater for more people and still socially distance. Our November meeting on 17th is followed by our Christmas meal on December 15th at 12.00 noon.

If you would like more information on the Lunch Club, please contact

**Pauline Miles 01530 414378** or **Rachael Miles 01531 413795**

## Play Bridge

Ashby Bridge Club has started sessions again at Ashby Leisure Centre and Lido. These are on Wednesday afternoon from 1.00pm and Friday mornings from 10.00am. Wednesday is duplicate bridge while Friday is much more casual bridge with no scoring.



Visitors are allowed two visits and just pay £2.50 instead of the usual £2.00. After that you are required to join if you want to continue. Visitors can pay cash but we are discouraging that for members and prefer bank transfer. Please ensure you are in attendance 15 minutes before the start time. A partner is **NOT REQUIRED** for these sessions.

A new training course for complete beginners will start in January. For more information contact **Robert Killip** on: **07865 398468** or [robkil@sky.com](mailto:robkil@sky.com)



**December and January Services**

Services for December and January are as follows:

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**Sunday 5th December:** 4.00pm - Christingle

**Sunday 12th December:** 10.00am - Toy Service

**Sunday 19th December:** 6.00pm - Carol Service (details below)

**Tuesday 21st December:** 7.00pm - Carol Singing with the Salvation Army at The Bull & Lion

**Friday 24th December:** 11.30pm - Christmas Eve Midnight Communion

**Sunday 9th January:** 10.00am - Holy Communion

**Sunday 23rd January:** 10.00am - Morning Prayer

Do check our website for up-to-date details: [www.packingtonandnormantonchurches.org.uk](http://www.packingtonandnormantonchurches.org.uk)

**Coffee Morning**

Holy Rood Church  
Packington

Hope you can join us on the fourth Wednesday of the month

10.00am – 12.00 noon

Forthcoming dates are

**Wednesday 24th November**

**Wednesday 22nd December**

**Wednesday 26th January**

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A Short Service of Readings and Carols

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## Bell Ringing is Back!

Have you heard the sound of bells ringing throughout the village recently? Well, that is because a dedicated team of villagers have come together to get our church bells ringing again.

Packington has been without its own bell ringing team for many years, with the bells only being rung more recently for weddings, which involved teams coming from far and wide to perform the task.

Caroline Andrews, who's grandmother was previously the tower master at the church, has been keen to try and get a team of bell ringers up and running again. Overwhelmed with the interest from villagers wanting to learn there are now six adults five young people (from 9-14yrs old) learning the skill.

She tells us: "All the learners have been doing really well, the children have all picked it up so quickly and the adults aren't far behind!



"We've been so lucky to have an amazing teacher, Moira Johnson, who has so kindly given up lots of her spare time to come and teach us - she's even encouraged me to take the teaching course! She's had some help from Adam who rings with her and he's also an amazing instructor.

"We even found our very own experienced ringer in Dave Gammon who hadn't rung for around 20 years but is now very much involved with teaching and practicing at other towers! We hope to be able to join him around some local churches and hopefully other teams will come to Holy Rood to practice too."



Remembrance Sunday was the first time the new bell ringing team performed together for an occasion and they hope to also be ringing them on Christmas morning.

Caroline said: "It's great to think that the sound of the church bells ringing will be more of a regular occurrence in our village. We'll be able to ring them for weddings and official occasions ourselves and will definitely look at any special requests!

"So far all feedback we have received has been positive. Generally, people seem to love hearing the bells ring - even while we are learning and it doesn't sound particularly pleasant, but it will sound much better very soon! We'd love to also be able to raise some money for our church. Personally, I think the sound of the bells helps breathe life back into our church and hope it encourages more people to come and have a go and get more involved with village life."

The team would welcome anyone new, from 7/8yrs onwards, to come and have a go and are hoping their weekly practices get busy!

You can find out more about what the team are up to on Instagram by searching **@bells.angels21**

If you are interested in joining the team or have any special requests, contact Caroline on:

**07969 910299** or  
[candrews4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:candrews4@hotmail.co.uk)

## Big Breakfast 2022

The date is now booked...

**Saturday 5th March** is in the Memorial Hall diary.



Hospice Hope is agreed as the charity being supported this year. These are exciting times for the charity as they look forward to having their own dedicated premises.

Chairman of Hospice Hope, Stewart Shepherd, was delighted to learn that the Big Breakfast would once again be supporting Hospice Hope.

A member of the Memorial Hall Management Committee, Debbie Hamilton, has taken on the role of organiser and will be looking for volunteers to do a one-hour slot for the many tasks that make this event come together...

Debbie said "I am very much looking forward to the Big Breakfast, and I am so thankful that Mike has been there to help me takeover. Without the many volunteers this event cannot be a success, so I very much look forward to meeting you all."

If **YOU** would like to volunteer, please get in touch.

**Debbie Hamilton 07971 047283**

[Debbie.Hamilton7@yahoo.com](mailto:Debbie.Hamilton7@yahoo.com)

## PHS Floral Displays and Donations

Earlier this month, the first additional event hosted by the PHS took place at the Memorial Hall.

Chelsea Flower Show medallist, and Royal Warrant holder, Rosie Mason took to the stage to demonstrate her exquisite flower arranging skills and share her top tips and techniques with the captivated audience.

Rosie created a number of beautiful flower displays and guests had the opportunity to ask questions, as well as enjoying a delicious cream tea.



Money raised from the event will be added into the pot for distribution to local organisations and deserving charities.

## Village Show Donations

Following the return of the Annual Village Show in September a total of £1,500 is being distributed and donated to the following village groups and deserving organisations:

- Packington Lunch Club
- Packington Guides
- Packington Brownies
- Packington Rainbows
- Packington Film Club
- Packington Table Tennis Club
- Hospice Hope
- Rainbows Hospice
- Air Ambulance

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## Packington Film Club

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

### Friday 10th December:

The personal History of David Copperfield (PG)



**This is a free film for Christmas!**

Doors open 7.00pm for refreshments, film starts at 7:30pm, running time two hours.

Adapted from the classic novel by Charles Dickens it brings to life one of his most cherished characters.

### Friday 14th January 2022:

Midnight in Paris (12)



While on a trip to Paris with his fiancée's family, a nostalgic screenwriter finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920s every day at midnight. Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children. Refreshments will be available prior to the film.

We look forward to seeing you all,  
Packington Film Club Committee  
[carolgraham1@aol.com](mailto:carolgraham1@aol.com)

## Gone to Pot

A new book by Packington author Terry Hammond is a must read for parents with children of all ages.

The new more powerful strains of cannabis are causing serious mental health issues for teenagers, 38% of whom will have tried drugs before they leave school.

“Gone To Pot” is a step-by-step guide for parents to help steer their children away from the dangers of using cannabis and other drugs. The book also gives expert help on what to do if a son or daughter is using cannabis or worse, has succumbed to cannabis-induced mental illness, which sadly is on the rise.



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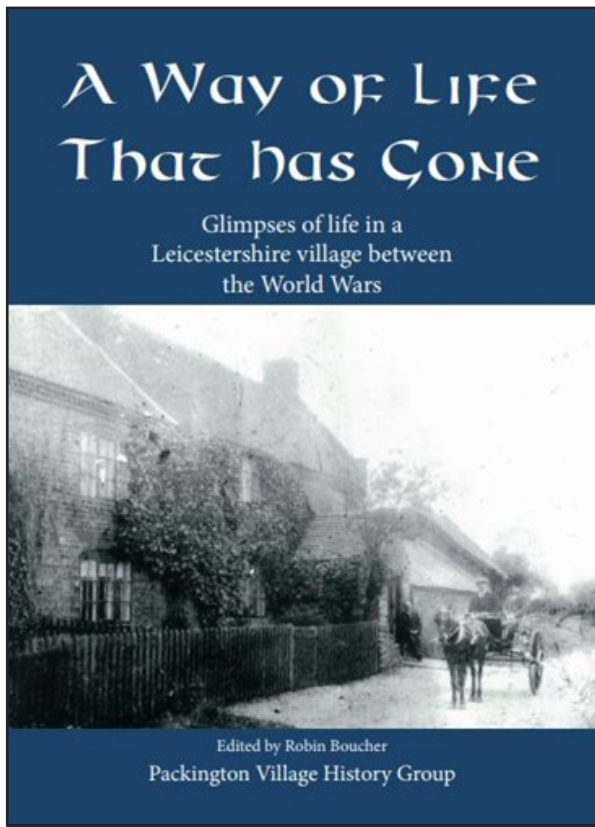
Terry Hammond is an award-winning mental health worker, author, and published playwright.

## Packington Village History Group

The Group is pleased to announce its latest publication, "A Way of Life That Has Gone," based on oral histories taken by Group members.

Between 1988 and 2001 members of the Group conducted a series of interviews with people who had grown up in the village decades earlier. The aim was to record memories of village life in the first part of the twentieth century. The result was a collection of cassettes and manuscripts which were stored and largely forgotten for a considerable time. Robin Boucher has now selected material from the interviews and edited them with a focus on the years between the world wars, giving vivid insights into life in Packington during those years.

"A Way of Life That Has Gone" will be available by late November, at a price of £5 per copy. The Group acknowledges a grant from Packington Parish Council's Solar Fund which has assisted with publication costs.



The Group met on October 26th, when Sue Brown gave a presentation on the Leeson family, who achieved a high profile in Packington during the sixteenth century.

Despite being interrupted by a power cut, Sue demonstrated impressive depth of knowledge about the family and her talk was warmly welcomed.

Our final meeting for 2021 will be on **Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall meeting room, when we will be planning our contribution to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June next year.

Contact : **Robin Boucher 01530 411638**

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## Rubbish Clearing

A couple of unknown residents have been seen clearing rubbish in Coleorton Lane.

**Thank you very much.**

Let's hope the Village Clean Up Day can take place again in March next year.

## Church Wall

Following heavy rain, sadly, part of the lovely wall at Holy Rood church has collapsed.



An Assessor has been but has not yet reported on the cause or plans for restoration.

**Have you got a story for the next Packington Post?**

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