

You may have noticed there have been some changes at our village pub recently. From the start of this month the Bull and Lion was taken over by Tracey Tudor and Drew Robertson. Tracey tells us: "We have to admit, we have very limited experience of running a pub (or in Tracey's case...none at all) but we have loved our first week of life in the village and feel very privileged to be part of the community. After long and successful careers, we both felt the time was right for us to face a new challenge. We have been coming to the Bull and Lion for a few years, this was our local and when it became available, we jumped at the chance to go into partnership with Marston's.

"We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for making us feel welcome. A warm and friendly smile awaits anyone wishing to come and join us and help us put this delightful pub, the Bull and Lion, back at the heart of this beautiful village."

Tracey and Drew will be supported by Assistant Manager Kay and a service team of Abi, Henry and Ania.

The new food menu will be delivered by Chef Jessica who has 19 years' experience with a flair for pastry, cakes and baking and is looking forward to serving delicious, pub food. The menu has essentially been designed by regular customers who overwhelmingly requested a range of good quality, traditional pub dishes.

The team have also approached the school PSA to ask the local Packington Primary School children to design the children's menu.

Keeping things local, Daybreak Services will be providing the majority of the produce, along with Taylors Butchers who will be supplying the meat. A special thank you goes to Pete and his team at Daybreak.

A new website with an online booking system and an events calendar are in the process of being created and Tracey added: "We would like to hear from our customers about what events they would like to see on a regular basis at the pub. So far, we have been asked if there will be a quiz night, and any special food nights; such as pie nights.

"We hope to also be able to offer afternoon and cream teas soon. But if there are any other events we would love to hear your suggestions!"

Please send any suggestions to Tracey and Drew at traceytudor68@yahoo.com. **07446 820025**.

Follow us on Instagram for up-to-date information and events **bullandlionpackington**.

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Packington is ready to Celebrate

Your Village Needs You!
....for an extended
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celebrations!



Four days of Jubilee fun!

Beginning on Thursday 2nd June – Packington Village will be hosting four days of Jubilee fun in celebration of the Queen's 70th Jubilee.

Thursday 2nd June – join us at the Recreation Ground for an evening Rounders for all ages before we light the Jubilee beacon. Come prepared to play or watch. Let's have fun.

Friday 3rd June – support the village Jubilee Tree Planting ceremony in the new cemetery, and get involved in a walk round the village to view the decorated houses, with a red, white and blue theme. In the evening, join us at the Memorial Hall for a Fish & Chip supper and an evening of entertainment.

Saturday 4th June – enjoy an afternoon cream tea at the Memorial Hall (FULLY BOOKED), or join us for the Party in the Park with games and live music.

Sunday 5th June - Head to Holy Rood Church to join in the Sunday service, or help us bring the celebrations to a close in style with a children's street party outside the Memorial Hall.

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Following on from the post Covid lockdowns it was excellent to see club night table tennis numbers begin to approach pre Covid numbers. Some previous members have not returned but we have several new faces appearing which is always good to see. New members are of all standards, gender and age and generally get good games and enjoy the Wednesday club night.

Entering two teams into the Loughborough league was seen maybe as a stretch to support but we completed every game with the Pirates finishing an excellent 2nd place in Division 4. The main stays of the team were George Taylor (who finished winning 75% of his matches, a great consistent performance George!) and Harrison Dring (who in his first competitive season won nearly 73% of his matches ... an outstanding performance, well done Harrison!)



Division 4 doubles winners: George Taylor and Shane McCauley

The Patriots finished a creditable 7th in Division 4 ... well done team on for what was many a first attempt at competitive table tennis. The improvement in all team players does need to be seen to be believed.

On the Loughborough league cup day, held at Draycott in March, a Packington team consisting of George Taylor and Shane McCauley won the Division 4 open doubles competition ... well done team, another great performance and hopefully the first of many trophies for Packington Table Tennis.

Following the clubs AGM in March it was decided that

- The Wednesday night club night (7.15pm – 9.15pm) will continue throughout the summer
- From September the club will run for two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, with tables available both nights for people to 'drop in' and give it a try - both nights 7.15pm – 9.15pm. The committee believe that having two nights will help to meet the needs of beginners and team players
- Every attempt will be made to start junior coaching from September ... our current coach Nigel Webster has had health problems but will hopefully be back in September
- The club committee thanked Packington Horticultural Society for their recent kind donation which will be used for a ball feeding machine
- The club will again support the Ashby Sport Day on 26th June on the Bath grounds ... all welcome for this fun day of sport.

Any question please contact:
Graham Saunt on 07764 471917

Do you remember the Easter event of egg throwing at the Bull and Lion? Or any other traditional village events held at our local pub? Then the team at the Bull and Lion want to hear from you! See page 12 for details

Easter

This year it was lovely to get back to some of our Packington Easter traditions, with our Easter Egg Hunt organised by our PSA, and our Decorate an Egg/Hat competition. We had some fantastic entries to our competition and some of our pupils paraded into Church for the Easter Service wearing their creations! We were also able to take part in the Easter Journey at Holy Rood Church, which our pupils found both interesting and informative. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning of this event.

May Day Celebrations

On the Friday before the Bank Holiday weekend, children were busy in school creating traditional May Sticks to use in the village May Day parade on Sunday 1st May. Lots of our pupils and their families attended the event, to witness the crowning of our May Queen who was accompanied by her attendant. Both girls looked beautiful wearing the traditional May Queen dresses.



Y6 Visit to Warning Zone

Recently our Year 6 children visited the Warning Zone in Leicester. The Warning Zone combines vital messages on personal safety and online safety through stimulating experiences, which help to prepare children for increased independence and their transition into early adolescence. This is done through a series of scenes set up by the Police, Fire Brigade, Electricity Board etc. and the children have to respond with appropriate actions. Our pupils always find it a very interesting and fun experience.



Robins Class New Born Chicks!

Our Robins class had some eggs delivered before Easter and now have five beautiful chicks to care for in class. This continues to help them explore new life, of which they have already watched butterflies and frogs grow.

Coming up:

Friday 27th May – we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by inviting our families into school for an afternoon tea with entertainment provided by our pupils.

Friday 10th June – Weather dependant we are hoping to hold our Sports Day morning on the Recreational Ground.

School Office 01530 412425

Sunday Services at Holy Rood

22nd May 10.00am Holy Communion

29th May 10.00am Team Service at Measham

5th June 10.30am Jubilee "Songs of Praise"
Still time to advise of your favourite hymn by emailing your request to: jubilee@pvmh.uk

12th June 10.00am Holy Communion

Later services to be advised.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th to 21st May 2022

Following last year's experiment, we have again used 'delivery only' envelopes. These will have dropped through your door last weekend.



Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Packington collection should return the envelope to the local address.

Alternatively, it can be returned to the address below, or I can arrange for the envelope to be collected from your home. Many thanks,

Doreen Gasson
13, Babelake Street
01530 412012
gasson123@btinternet.com

Packington Open Gardens Day

After 30 years of organising this event, Geoff Gasson is hanging up his 'open gardening boots'. However, the good news is that Nick Gravestock in the village is taking over the role this year.



As in previous years, it's planned to hold the event on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August. Obviously, this is dependent on people willing to have their gardens open on the day and to volunteers helping with refreshments, car park duties, manning stalls etc.

If this could be you, someone you know or you would like further details, please contact **Nick Gravestock on 01530 4312670 or mobile 07766 600594**

Well Done Geoff! This event has given much pleasure to many thousands of visitors over the years as well as raising funds for Holy Rood church.



Packington Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2nd - 5th June 2022



Come and enjoy a weekend of good old fashioned community spirit
Street Party – Fancy Dress - Party in the Park - Live Music - Afternoon Tea - Song and Dance, and a lot more.

Thursday 2nd June: At the *Recreation Ground*.

7.30pm: **Community Rounders.**

9.30pm: **Bonfire lighting.**

Friday 3rd June:

10.30am: **Tree planting** at the *Church Cemetery*.

6.30pm to 11.00pm: **Evening Extravaganza.** Live Music - Comedy Acts - Sing-Along - Short film show - Mobile fish and chip van. (Cash required to purchase)
At the *Memorial Hall*.

Saturday 4th June:

2.00pm to 4.00pm: Afternoon **Cream Teas** with live music and sing along.

At the *Memorial Hall*

5.30pm to 10.45pm: **Party in the Park. The Theme is '1950 to Today'. Any event that has happened during the Queens reign.** At the *Recreation Ground*.

This fun event will include:

- Best dressed Gazebo
- Dance to live music with the fabulous 'Part-Time Heroes'
- Games for the children
- Entertainment for the whole community
- Bring your own food and drink

Sunday 5th June:


10.30am: **Church service at Holy Rood Church.** Choose your favourite hymn - register your choice via the email below or with Lesley on 01530 413309.

12.30pm to 5.00pm: **Street Party at High Street, which includes:**

Lunch box provided for children, adults are encouraged to bring a picnic.

- Children's fancy dress
- Refreshments
- Novelty balloons
- Jubilee coin presentation for the children
- A rolling slide show of advertisements from the 1950s will run In the *Memorial Hall*.

Do I need tickets? **All the events are free**, but tickets will be required for the Extravaganza, Street Party, and **Cream Teas** (fully booked) as places are limited. All tickets will be allocated on a first-come basis. If you have not already done so, make your reservation by emailing jubilee@pmhv.uk or contact Chris Miles: 01530 414378 christopher.miles@sky.com



Your Packington Post:

by Adrian Mongredien.

At the last meeting of the Packington Post committee (which usually meets six times a year, shortly before the printing stage of each issue) it was noted by one of the attendees, with some amusement, that the average age of the four members present that evening was over 80. Our younger members had other calls upon their time on that occasion but this meeting did indicate a need for an infusion of fresh blood in the near future.

My wife Kate and I have been looking after the distribution of boxes of Packington Posts for a number of years. We collect them from our printers (Context) and distribute them to our (currently) 10 volunteer deliverers around the village. The "deliverers" are the key people who put the Packington Post through your letterbox every two months - thanks to all of them from the editorial committee for their efforts through all four seasons.

At least one of these 10 volunteers has been delivering your Packington Posts from issue 1 in the summer of 2003 to this edition; number 114, so many thanks to Ronna Dring of Babelake Street. Two other long-term deliverers, Susan Smith of High Street, and Judith Wilson of Homecroft Drive, also deserve a special mention for their efforts. I decided to call it a day as far as the distribution is concerned, on reaching the age of 80, and Martin Tidman of Mill Street has agreed to take over this role from issue 115. I will continue to contribute written articles from time to time (if the editor so wishes).

I think I, myself, have delivered Packington Posts to every house in the village at some point over the last few years.

After living on a fairly modern estate for most of my life I find the layout of our village and the variety of housing in it quite fascinating. Nearly 1,000 years of housing are contained in a space you can comfortably walk round in under a day. Some properties are right on the road while some are hidden away and require some seeking out. Most properties are numbered or named, but not all, while some have hidden letterboxes or holes in walls which are not obviously visible as you head for the front door.

It might be worth pointing out during this "Covid" period that every minute a newly enrolled emergency ambulance driver takes to locate a property might make the difference between life and death. A very visible house number from the road on properties set back from a road could make that difference especially at night. It might also stop your computer-initiated deliveries being left in one of your neighbours' gardens! You could also have the misfortune to have fire break out on your premises, or need to urgently contact the Police. Can the emergency services find YOU?

The last two years have been difficult for the Packington Post but this summer social activity is returning to our village. The Platinum Jubilee Events will soon be upon us. You will want to read about them here in YOUR Packington Post.

A BIG THANK YOU

To Adrian for his contribution to the Packington Post making sure every household gets a copy. Adrian will continue as a member of the Editorial team and we look forward to more articles for the PP.

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
PACKINGTON'S STREET PARTY
SUNDAY 5th JUNE**



Dear Residents,

As part of Packington's Celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are holding a Street Party in High Street around the front of the Memorial Hall.

It will necessitate the closure of High Street from Ashby Road junction to Homecroft Drive and stopping access to High Street from Hall Lane.

We are letting you know that we have been granted a road closure licence by the Leicestershire County Council for **Sunday 5th June 2022**.

The actual closure will be from approx. **11.00am to 5.00pm**. We have previously notified residents who are mostly affected by the closure and ask you, as residents of Packington, to be aware of the situation. We hope the arrangements we have made are satisfactory and look forward to your co-operation. We of course would welcome your presence at the event and should you have any queries please call or email.

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Chairman Packington Parish Council

Packington Lunch Club

In 2009, after the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall, some residents began to explore the idea of starting a Lunch Club in the Meeting Room. They organised a meeting with a representative from the County Council who were encouraging the introduction of Lunch Clubs. To gauge the interest within the village, letters were distributed within Packington and it was obvious by the response there was real interest in the scheme.

The County Council were using Apetito, a ready meal supplier, and the County Council were prepared to subsidise the scheme initially. The Memorial Hall's newly refurbished kitchen met all the standards required and we had a team of volunteers who helped plate, serve the meals and collect some residents who had recently moved into sheltered accommodation in Ashby.

The Group decided to meet once every month and our very first meal was served in October 2010.

Things have changed considerably over the past twelve years. The County Council stopped their subsidy and unfortunately the standard of the food provided by a new supplier began to deteriorate. So, in stepped one of the organiser's daughters who, with the help of her friends, provided the meals, freshly cooked on the premises. All attendees had always enjoyed the social aspect of the Lunch Club and now they really enjoy the food.

During the dark days of Covid, Lunch Club had to be suspended and now, as rules have been withdrawn, we are meeting in the Main Hall allowing better social distancing. At present we have 24 members and room to expand. If there is any reader who would like to join us for a meal and socialise, please ring one of the contact numbers below. You will be most welcome.

We meet usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month with the next Lunch Club on the 15th June.

**To book your meal, please contact:
Pauline 414378 or Rachael 413795**

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Packington Film Club

On Friday, 10th June, we will be showing "The Ladykillers". The film starring Tom Hanks, is billed as a comedy crime thriller. It is a remake of the 1955 comedy.



Doors open at 7.00pm and film starts at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available prior to the film. Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children.

This will be the last film before our summer break. No films will be shown during July and August.

We will return on 9th September with another great batch of films. Look out for notices and posters around the village and in the Post.

We look forward to seeing you all,
Packington Film Club Committee
Carol Graham
carolgraham1@aol.com

Trip to RHS Bridgewater

The next event from Packington Horticultural Society (PHS) is a coach trip to the beautiful RHS Bridgewater in Salford, Manchester.

As a RHS affiliated group, we will be heading off to explore this wonderful garden and its historic landscapes on Wednesday 22nd June.

The coach will leave Packington Memorial Hall at 8.30am and we return from Bridgewater at 3.30pm in the hope of arriving back at Packington for 5.30pm.

The cost is £25.00 per person which includes admission to Bridgewater.

RHS Bridgewater curator, Marcus Chilton-Jones says of the garden: "There is so much to see – the Weston Walled Garden contains multiple garden rooms, setting the tone for a journey of exploration with colourful themed borders, complementary sub-gardens each exploring a different horticultural style and characterful listed buildings. The wider woodland, meadows and lakes further your enjoyment."

Would you like to join us?

For more information or to buy your tickets contact Laura Bryant on laurajbryant@aol.com
07932 836675



Date for your Diary!

The Annual Packington Village Show will take place on Saturday 3rd September this year. We hope to see many old and new faces entering and visiting, and we look forward to seeing what you've grown, baked and made!

Further information about the show will be in the next issue of the Post and Show schedules will be delivered to each household during the summer.

Remember to follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information [@packingtonshow](https://www.facebook.com/packingtonshow)

Village History Group

"When thinking of our long-reigning Queen It would be handy to have a time machine: We could recreate the hopes and fears Spread over all of seventy years. But without one, we must just make do Re-imagining Nineteen Fifty-Two....."

These are the opening lines of a poem by Robin Boucher entitled "Platinum Thoughts from Packington," which he may recite at one of the events over the Jubilee weekend.

The History Group will present a display looking back to the 1950's at the cream tea on Saturday afternoon June 4th.

Contact Robin Boucher
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If you would like to join the Packington Communications Group then please get in touch. Talk to any of the contacts listed on the back page or email editor@packington.info

Packington Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter bunnies were out early hiding eggs and bunnies, one eagled eye little boy even brought a bunny back before we even started!

Thankfully the sun shone, and it was lovely to see so many attend. Maps in hand off went the hunters, some a bit more determined than others!!

The total number of eggs hidden was 63 and seven bunnies. We had some excellent hunters and the winners were:

Boys: 62 eggs, Joseph Sanders (one to watch next year)



Girls: Zara Peterson: 60 eggs (amazing)

Adult: Rebecca Lewis who found all seven rabbits, we could only find six ourselves and we knew where they were!



Thank you all for attending. A total of £54 was raised to for charity.

Sandra & Carole (Packington Satellite Rotary Club), if interested in joining our friendly group contact: revans1407@gmail.com

Next event: Halloween disco at Packington Memorial Hall (**Sunday 30th October**)

Alpacas on Bridge Street

Some of you may have been surprised by the sudden appearance of three Alpacas in the garden of a property in Bridge Street. They are temporarily guesting in order to have a good feed on the green grass. They are part of the menagerie belonging to Pheonix Foundation and used as petting animals for disabled children. The brown one is called Daisy, the white one is Miri and the grey is called Suzi.



Have a look next time you are passing Bridge Street, but by the time you read this they may well look very different as they will have been shorn.

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30 Years' Service!

Janice Sumnall has been the Brownie guider for over 30 years at Packington and was recently presented with long service award. She tells us about the award and her time with the Brownies.



I received the award for thirty years' service and it consisted of a silver brooch and certificate which was presented to me at the end of our Brownie meeting on Tuesday 5th April. Apart from all the parents, there was other guiders and the commissioner in attendance.



Of course, the celebration cake had to be a large chocolate brownie, which I and the girls demolished.

Receiving the award made me very proud of what I had achieved with hundreds of girls over the years, teaching them new skills and helping to prepare them to be adventurous young women whilst having loads of fun.

I started life as a Brownie in Leeds in 1966 in the days of a brown dress and brown tie. Having progressed through Guides I joined as a young leader in Leeds before I went to university. The draw of being involved with the Guide Association took me back to helping at my original pack in Leeds before I moved to Packington in 1985 where I soon became involved in the local pack: 1st Packington Brownies.

My favourite thing about being a Brownie guider is having an involvement with the girls from an early age and seeing them develop new skills, confidence, and friendships to take them into adulthood. I don't even mind being called Brown Owl in Tesco's although it does raise a few eyebrows usually because of the decibels! Some of my original Brownies are now even mums themselves.

Over the years the Guide Association and Brownies have evolved to ensure that they appeal to today's young girls. The Promise reflects the diversity of the girls, their background, religion, and country of origin. The days of the sewing badge (my first badge) which involved darning a sock have long gone to be replaced by much more contemporary activities such as space challenges, caring for the environment and my rights. The current themes that the programme is based on includes Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action, and Skills for my Future. Even after 30 years, I don't intend to give it up yet and my plan is to continue being involved whilst I feel I have more to offer.

Brownies meet at Hill Farm, Spring Lane Packington on a Tuesday evening from 5.45pm – 7.00pm and is open to girls aged 7-10 years of age. If you would like to come along for a taster please contact us on; **01530 411984**

