

## King of the High Street to King of the Road!

The eagle eyed among village residents will have noticed some recent modifications and enhancements that have been made to the Daybreak Services delivery van. The van, a VW Crafter which is regularly seen outside the store on High Street, has undergone a transformation in recent months with the addition of new light bars, LEDs, spot lights, dashboard table and eye catch bulkhead sign.



The work, all masterminded by Daybreak's very own Joe Swift, was done ahead of entering the van in Malvern Truckfest this summer where it won the highly coveted 1st place trophy in the 'Sprinter Van, TGE & VW Crafter' group, beating off tough competition from across Europe. During the event which was held at the Malvern Three Counties Show Ground, the van also was awarded a highly commended award by judges who were very impressed with what Joe had achieved.

Despite winning at this prestigious event, Joe hasn't let fame go to his head and has continued to enter the van in a range of other events including a convoy around Castle Donnington race track and another at Barnard Castle. He also plans to attend further events this year a Knutsford Truckfest and Newark Truckfest. When asked for a comment for the Packington Post, Joe said he was "proud of the achievements and the opportunity to fly the Daybreak Services flag nationally".

We wish Joe all of the best, and hope he has more success in future competitions.

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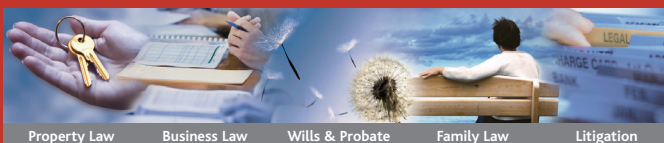
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## Packington Mourns with the Nation

### Packington pays Homage



The Packington Bell Ringers joined with the nation to ring muffled bells at 12.00 on Friday 9th September. This was in homage to our late Queen Elizabeth II who had sadly died the previous day. A further long session of muffled bells on Sunday afternoon 18th September preceded a 4pm Memorial service at the village church, prior to the official funeral on Monday 19th.



Bell ringing team L to R  
Mel, Dave, Caroline, Adam, Moira, Denni,  
Aimee There is a video on @PackingtonPost  
Facebook page of the Bell ringers in action.

### RIP Our Servant Queen



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## Near Fatal Accident on Measham Road

### How long before we report a FATAL accident?

A collision took place between a car pulling out of a resident's drive, turning right to go into the village, and a motorbike, coming from the village. The impact was taken on the driver's door. The wing mirror was sheared off and found lodged in the rear of the car.



The car driver suffered injuries to his head and face. The motorbike driver was badly injured. He has broken his back, his arm and had a dreadful open wound to his mouth, jaw and chin.



## The impact of the crash has written off both vehicles.

Investigations by police surrounding the cause of this crash, are ongoing.

## Speeding in the Village

This issue has been a high priority for many villagers over many years. Concerns were raised as far back as the "Village Survey" of 2002.

Asked for three negatives about the village the top answer with 26% was "speeding traffic through the village" Measham Road was also the top answer about the location of speeding traffic, along with "all entrances to the village".

A supplementary question regarding possible solutions to the problem were:

Ramps 27% Cameras 20%

There have been a number of letters on this subject that have been published in the Packington Post over the years. Some giving examples of possible solutions. Among the suggestions have been: Average Speed Cameras and chicanes. If you have any suggestions that will help to reduce speeding in the village then please email: [nicolabeanland@btinternet.com](mailto:nicolabeanland@btinternet.com)

Interesting comment from the Speed Reduction Officer for Leicestershire, who says that it is too dangerous to carry out Speed checks on Measham Road, where this latest accident happened!

Editor's Note: I learned that my Daughter-in-Law was involved in a similar accident at this same location some 25 years ago.

An 'Ashby Nub News' story of 30th Aug 2022 titled "Donisthorpe residents voice their frustrations after three year campaign to control speeding through the village" describes a similar lack of action in another North West Leicestershire village. Search online at <https://ashby.nub.news> to read this article.

## August Bank Holiday saw the return of Packington Open Gardens, the first since Covid.

Geoff Gasson has retired from organising this event. He offered much experience and know-how to me in taking it on, for which I thank him. He still played a big part with Doreen, organising the teas at the church. There were just nine gardens open this year, with thanks to Keith Keller for his walled garden in Hall Farm Close and Pete and Rachael Wozywoda for their varied garden in High Street who both opened for the first time, alongside a number of regulars. A number of previously opened gardens were not available, all for very good reasons. The great thing about having a number of gardens is that the 'whole is greater than the sum of its parts', where a smaller garden can offer an important facet in the jewel of the event.

The whole event raised £2,875 for the upkeep of the fabric of the church, a very historic building in the village. With less gardens to spread people around it was encouraging to see 351 passports being sold for £1,755. Teas at the church and Memorial Hall raised £805, the garden stall £125, book stall £50 and donations (including one from our Sponsor David Granger plus their printing of programs) £175. All sums rounded to nearest £5.

I was so busy trotting round the venues and sorting one or two minor problems that I didn't take a single picture!



Overall, this year has been seen as a success, and people welcome the event. However, if it is to continue, we will need some significant help next year. Eileen and Mike Taylor are retiring from the teas at the hall, and this was their swan song - many thanks for all their efforts over the years, and Mike for the garden stall. At least two of this year's gardens will not be available next year.



I will put out a message early in the spring via Packington Post and Packington Alert email, and various WhatsApp Groups for a meeting of people to be involved in the 2023 opening, and sound out garden owners. If we can't raise some volunteers to help with teas, car parking, stalls and ticket sales, we won't be able to maintain the tradition which has been so enjoyed for over 25 years. I would be very happy to hear from people who would like to offer help **now**, and will add you to a list. Text me on **07766 600594**, email on [blutiles@leicester.anglican.org](mailto:blutiles@leicester.anglican.org) or stick a note through the door at 29 High Street.

Many thanks to all who were involved, especially Steve and his car park team, our sponsors David Granger and the Garden Owners who struggled to keep their gardens looking good despite the drought and the early season which meant many plants and flowers had performed too early in the summer to be at their very best. Let us hope next year will receive enough support.

**Nick Gravestock**

## Betty Carter

One of Packington's oldest residents, Betty Carter, has died at the age of 95.



Betty and her late husband, Eric, moved to their Hall Lane home 20 years ago to live next door to their younger son Nick and his wife Kay. Betty died on 4th August following several months of ill-health and immobility brought on by a fall in November.

Like her husband of 70 years, Betty was a journalist all her working life, starting her career as a teenage reporter in Weston-Super-Mare before transferring to Tunbridge Wells in Kent, where she met Eric. She went on to become chief reporter of the Kent and Sussex Courier.

In 1973 they became owners of the Dawlish Gazette in Devon and ran the newspaper together for 10 years. Betty continued to write even after her retirement and her words appeared in the first edition of Packington Post. Betty was a founder member of the Packington Post and contributed for a good number of years. She was also an enthusiastic member of several Packington groups, including the Book Club.

She leaves three children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Betty's funeral was held in August at Holy Rood church.

## Two Funerals

The Grange recently lost two residents - Robert Woolgrove, and Margaret Lawrence, both of whom enriched our village for decades, but died in August.



Robert Woolgrove, whose funeral was on Friday 9th September 2022 at the village church. Robert had been a trustee of the Memorial Hall and was a founder member of the Film Club.



Margaret Lawrence, whose funeral was on Monday 12th September 2022 at the village church. Margaret was involved in many village activities including the WI and Book Club. For many years Margaret had led the church choir. Choir members old and new were recruited to take part in the funeral service.

## Road Traffic Accident – Measham Road: plea for traffic calming

### *We need your help!*

“Now” is already too late. Accidents have already occurred, and people have been injured, and this time round the injuries were severe.

Attempts have been made to get traffic calming but to no avail. We have been told that “there have been no fatalities” – we consider this unacceptable – it will be no comfort to any future families affected.

Over the years Roberts Coaches and Leicester Council have been contacted regarding the speed at which buses and refuse lorries speed through the village, as it is not only the motorbikes and cars which travel fast through the village, but all types of traffic.

Living on Measham Road we regularly witness traffic entering and leaving the village, driving in excess of 30mph, in an area which is close to the school and busy with people visiting the park, recreation ground, and church. Measham Road has poor vision due to the bend and bridge.

It is unacceptable for residents to be expected to wait until another serious accident happens or worse a fatality occurs – it is only a matter of time.

This road needs traffic calming. Proper traffic calming designed to suit all roads in our village. Yes, we’ve got a flashing light. Yes, we’ve got “dragon’s teeth”. This is clearly not enough.

We are now taking action, and this time we will not be fobbed off and we will not be going away!

We intend to submit a strong case to everyone concerned, and include in this a petition.

Mr Nicholas Rushton Leicestershire County Councillor  
Mr Nigel Smith, North-West Leicestershire District Councillor  
Packington Parish Council

**Nicola and Robin Beanland**

**Your signature will make all the difference. Please sign the online petition now - it's here at: [chnng.it/KS9D2LSq](https://chnng.it/KS9D2LSq)**



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**Packington Parish Council** have continued to meet monthly during the summer and have discussed many topics. These can be viewed on the Council's website. However, two re-occurring themes have emerged; Firstly, the illegal encampment of travellers along Coleorton Lane. This, as most of you know, has been ever present on the Council's agenda for a long time. The processing of latest applications, changes in applications and the amount of time needed to process appeals through the courts, is proving to be a long, long, windy road. The Council have therefore asked for a full update of the situation from the Head of Planning NWLDC. This will take place in the next few weeks.

Secondly, Traffic Calming; As a Council we continue to discuss this as the worsening situation means we cannot do 'nothing'. There was a near fatal accident in a 30mph zone recently on Measham Road. Speeding was the cause and facts are the speeding motorcyclist broke his back and other bones and was in intensive care. The car driver he smashed into suffered severe facial injuries. He was told he was lucky, as it could have been even worse.

The Council were then told of an incident witnessed by a Councillor who, whilst doing 30mph along the 30mph stretch of Ashby Road was overtaken by a car estimated to have accelerated to 60 to 70 mph who then slammed on his brakes at the Normanton Road/High St and Mill Street junction. This person proceeded into High St, turned round and parked up. Obviously, a local person! 'Words were spoken to the driver who mumbled an apology.

Another incident which narrowly avoided a collision was on the bend in High St. south of Homecroft Drive. A car coming down High St towards the Bull and Lion at 40mph! It could have been nearer 50mph but too fast to estimate. Car coming up High St at 20mph, both cars overtaking parked cars. A collision nearly took place.

How they avoided each other or one of the parked cars was a miracle.

I'm sure a number of you reading this have experienced something similar in the village and the Council are determined to do something. Signs, speed limits, Vehicle Activated Signs, road markings etc do not appear to work for some drivers and so the

Council are coming round to the view that physical control is the only way forward. Could I ask all readers and residents who drive, not to park their cars on the uphill section of High St ( the Homecroft Drive side.) This includes not parking on the pavement.

Council are also becoming increasingly concerned that cars and large vans are parking on the Measham Road verge next to the Bull and Lion. This is causing a real hazard, as it restricts totally the view of drivers turning right or left out of High St. It is impossible to see anything coming along the busy Measham Road from the Bridge to the T-junction.

### **Platinum Jubilee Coins**

Still some coins to be collected. Could parents please ring me to make arrangements for collection, or call at 14 Babelake St.

**Chris Miles, Chair of Parish Council,  
07856 179485**

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## Village Show Rises to the Occasion

Earlier this month saw the 79th Annual Village Show at Packington Memorial Hall, with a fantastic turnout from local residents and those from neighbouring villages.

The very dry summer this year proved tricky for the vegetable growers but entries were more than made up with the abundance of beautifully baked homemade treats. Perfectly risen sponges and scrumptious sausage rolls were all part of the terrific display, along with homegrown flowers and craftwork items from adults and juniors alike.



After the entries had been judged, visitors were welcomed back to see the excellent exhibits, and enjoyed burgers and bacon rolls from Hill Farm. The friendly bar staff were on hand to serve drinks, while some lucky people scooped an array of raffle prizes, including memberships of Everyone Active and Bluestone Fitness gym Daybreak and Bull & Lion vouchers along with lots of other goodies. 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: "It was wonderful to see so many villagers turn out to enter and attend the Show. I'd also like to thank all the sponsors and those that donated raffle prizes, without which we wouldn't have a show. A special thank you also to the committee and those who volunteered their time to help out in the run up and on the day itself to ensure the event was a success."



All the proceeds are still to be tallied but so far this year's show has raised around £1,000. The money will be distributed to various village organisations as well as other wider deserving organisations, which will be announced in due course.

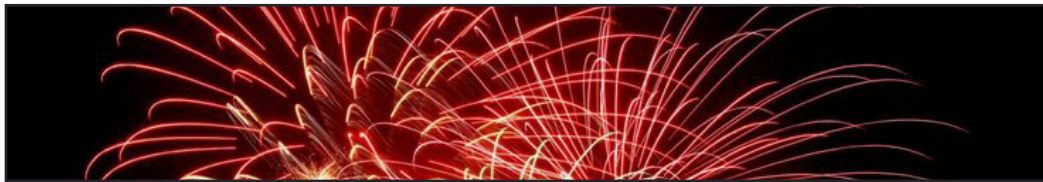
## Wreath Making Workshops

The PHS will again be running a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop on Saturday 3rd December at the Memorial Hall. The price will be £45 per person which includes the demonstration and all materials. There are limited spaces available – to book your place please contact Laura on [laurajbryant@aol.com](mailto:laurajbryant@aol.com) or **07932 836675**.

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



**PACKINGTON RECREATION GROUND CHARITY  
INVITES PACKINGTON  
Donation Family Ticket**



**Bonfire Party on Saturday 5th Nov  
Bonfire lit at 7.00pm**

Entrance by donation family ticket. Cash or cheque please (payable to Packington Recreation Ground Charity) Payment to be made when you arrive. Please sign the Gift Aid slip if appropriate. Your donation will help to pay for the fireworks and insurance. Any profits will be used to maintain the facilities on the Recreation Ground and help towards the cost of re-painting replacement and repairs. So please give generously.

**Please do not bring your own fireworks or sparklers.** Hot food and drinks will be available.

Please treat this donation of £.....To the Packington Recreation Ground Charity as a Gift Aid.

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Signed.....Date.....

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**CHARITY**  
**COFFEE MORNING**

Holy Rood Church, Packington  
Saturday 29th October, 10.00am - 12noon

Money being raised In aid of:  
Young Lives vs Cancer

There will be a variety of craft stalls so come and start your Christmas shopping!

**RAFFLE**

**YOUNG LIVES VS CANCER**



**£1 ADMISSION** to include coffee/tea

**Sunday Services at Holy Rood**

All services at 10.00 except Nov 13th

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptism  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer  
Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion  
Oct 30<sup>th</sup> Team service at Appleby  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Songs of Praise  
Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.50 Remembrance Service  
Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion

**Coffee morning**

Every 4th Wednesday of the month in Packington Church



28th September  
26<sup>th</sup> October  
10am to 12noon

Join us for Coffee/Tea/ Cake and Cookies

Also books and jigsaws to borrow or swap

## Wanted Even More Urgently Treasurer

In the last Packington Post I asked urgently for a volunteer Treasurer for the Memorial Hall. Nicola, our previous Treasurer, has now moved away and I am, as Chairman, appealing to anyone who feels they could help us, to get in touch.

The Memorial Hall is run by volunteers and none of the current Trustees feel they have the skills to take on this role.

Therefore, I am appealing for anyone who could help us. During the Memorial Hall's previous search for a Treasurer about eighteen months ago, a resident expressed a wish to help out. Unfortunately, I have no trace of that person and yet I would like her to get back in touch.

Help will be given to anyone who volunteers so if you think you could help out as Treasurer, please get in touch as soon as possible.

To find out more please ring or email.  
**Chris Miles (Chairman Memorial Hall Trustees)**  
01530 414378 or 07856 179485  
[christopher.miles@sky](mailto:christopher.miles@sky).

**We welcome two new groups at the Memorial Hall this autumn.**

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## Martial Arts

We also have a new **Martial Arts for Children** ages 4-12 starting on **Thursday 6th October** from 5.45pm to 6.45pm run by **Hills Combat**.

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- Build self-esteem and confidence
- Learn respect and listening skills
- Encourage team work and belonging
- Learn about conflict resolution

For more information, please call:  
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## Invasive plants removal in the Gilwiskaw Brook

Himalayan Balsam outcompetes native plants in ecologically sensitive areas, particularly river banks. The Mease catchment is a Special Area of Conservation that includes the Gilwiskaw Brook. Where it grows in dense stands along river banks it blocks flow at times of high rainfall, increasing the likelihood of flooding. The die back of large strands over the winter can leave river banks bare and exposed to erosion.



If you have any queries, or would like to become a volunteer to tackle Himalayan balsam in the catchment, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Amy Taylor of the Trent Rivers Trust who is the new catchment officer for the Mease.  
[amy@trentriverstrust.org](mailto:amy@trentriverstrust.org)

We have attempted to remove the plant from stretches of the Gilwiskaw Brook but there may well still be some growing. It is quite easy to pull the roots out of the soft embankment.



**Sign up now to the Petition**  
**Every signature counts.**



<https://chnng.it/KS9D2LSq>

## Packington Village History Group

Thank you to all who have contributed items about Packington's carnivals – we will still be pleased to receive more, particularly looking back to the early days in the 1970's and the years after 2000. (Contact Adrian Mongredien on 01530 564613 or [adrian.mongredien@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.mongredien@gmail.com) or Robin Boucher as below).



*Playgroup float depicting  
"The Pied Piper of Hamelin"  
Photo kindly supplied by Angela Parry*

We will plan how to take this project further at our meeting on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room – why not join us and bring more information along?

Meanwhile we have the following publications available to purchase - contact Robin Boucher as below:

"Daisy Chains" by Laura Cooper  
A Packington childhood in the 1930's and 40's. £5.00

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by Robin Boucher  
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**Contact Robin Boucher: 411638**  
[randbboucher@googlemail.com](mailto:randbboucher@googlemail.com)

## Junior Reporter

*Our roving junior reporter, Jessica Wathes has written about some of the Packington events and clubs she has visited over the last few weeks:*

I did three amazing things this summer.....in Packington!

### Coffee Morning

Once a month Anne Wathes (my gran) holds a coffee morning or afternoon tea and there are jigsaws and books free to borrow, there's also toys for tots which my younger brother loved playing with. It's a brilliant place to chat to friends and family and enjoy yummy cakes and drinks. We took our cakes and sat outside and ate them in the glorious sunshine.

### Open Gardens

9 gardens were open and we went around all 9. My personal favourites were five and six because loads of things caught my eye. The village hall sold: drinks, scones and cakes. They also sold second hand books which we looked through. My brother loved the gravel garden and tried to make footprints in the gravel. My sister loved doing cartwheels in them all.

### 1st Packington Brownies

On Tuesday the 6th of September, I started brownies and we sang loads of songs. We had a standing on one leg competition. We made paper airplanes and saw whose went furthest. It was so much fun and I'm definitely going again.

### Duck Race

Unfortunately, the Duck Race was cancelled. I can't wait for next year's Duck Race as it will be my first one.



Packington Recreation  
Ground Charity  
Bonfire Party  
**Saturday 5th November**  
open 6.45pm  
Fireworks at 7.30pm

**Chris Miles, Chairman of the Packington Recreation Ground Charity writes.....**

We hope to repeat the success of previous Bonfire Parties. Last year saw an unprecedented number of people coming to the Packington Bonfire and whilst this was fantastic it was a little overwhelming. It has therefore been decided this year to have an **all-ticket event**.

**'Donation Tickets'** can be found on page 12 and at Daybreak Services. **'Donation Tickets'** are for both family and individuals, and are designed to be user friendly so that you can make a donation on Bonfire Night to the Recreation Ground Charity to gain entry. If you are a tax payer then you can help the charity to claim a further 25% of your donation via Gift Aid by signing the donation form. **Please complete and sign your form before the evening to speed up entrance to the event.** Donations will help the Recreation Charity pursue its aims of providing and maintaining the facilities on the Recreation Ground.

There is a need to build a safe bonfire, so we are asking those of you who bring material to burn to check the contents before you take it to the site with Chris Miles. Anyone who has any easily combustible wood such as old fence panels, pallets and old sheds, can bring them to the bonfire site. We will be accepting wood from Saturday 15th October. Over the last few years, the bonfires have been terrific because we have built it from pallets and fencing etc. Smoke was limited because we did not have green

material and toxic waste. If you plan to bring a shed roof, please remove the bitumen felt and put in in the black bin at home.

The Bonfire Party will be run on similar lines to previous years. The bonfire will be lit as near to 7.00pm 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. There is no charge and sparklers are provided.

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. Car parking is very limited, and we encourage people to walk.

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 £1,000 of display fireworks and as the charity has had to pay a hefty £400 insurance premium to stage this bonfire, 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 cargo net and the posts surrounding the play area and to repair a number of equipment safety issues, caused by legitimate wear and tear.

**We always require more volunteers to run this event. We need people 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. Give me a ring please!**

**Enquiries ring Chris on 01530 414378 or Mob 07856 179485.**

**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.**

### **Bude**

As we type, our Year 5 & 6 children are currently in Bude on their week long residential. We are hearing reports of great resilience and teamwork from our pupils and look forward to hearing all about their stay on their return.



### **Life Education Bus**

Once again the Life Education Team will visit us to help support our Science work. They will be in school on 22nd September and all the children will take part in an age appropriate workshop looking at issues relating to health and the body.

### **Packington Cross Country**

The Unity Schools Cross Country event at Packington has been given a provisional date to take place on the morning of Saturday 5th November. We would like to use this opportunity to give villagers prior notification of our plans. It has been a long time since we have been able to run this event, but it usually involves up to

20 schools and eight races for different age groups. Should all be well and we are able to go ahead, we would like to thank you in advance for your patience as we know all the extra visitors to the village make it a busy Saturday morning. We really appreciate your support in making the day a great success and putting Packington on the map.

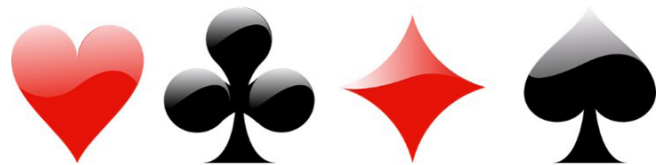
### **New 2023 Reception Pupils**

We have some tours arranged for parents/ carers of prospective pupils for our September 2023 intake. These will take place on alternate Tuesday mornings starting from 27th September. Please call the school if you would like to book a place on **School Office 01530 412425**.

### **Cleaner Vacancy:**

We are in the process of advertising for a cleaner for school to work Monday to Friday 4:00pm – 6:30pm to include locking up. This will be term time plus 20 hours within the school holidays and we are looking for someone to start asap. The job should be advertised on <https://jobs.emss.org.uk/> very soon but please call the school on **01530 412425** if you are interested and would like more information.

### **Bridge for Beginners**



**Ashby Bridge Club** is organising a new course of lessons for beginners to be held at Ashby Leisure Centre and Lido. Starts on **Wednesday September 28th** and will comprise 12 lessons of 2 hours each from 10:00 to noon. Contact: Robert Killip [robkil@sky.com](mailto:robkil@sky.com)



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**Ever wondered what the small 'round house' on the junction of Normanton Road, High Street and Ashby Road is?**



Thanks to the Packington Village History Group (PVHG), here we have some information about this quirky little piece of our village's history.

Packington is not the only village in Ashby's hinterland to have a round house. Smisby, Ticknall, Breedon and Worthington also have ones which have survived to the present day and it is believed that they all date from the late 18th century.

The Packington round house became part of the Hastings estate, suggesting that it was built on the instruction of the local lord of the manor, Charles Hastings (later General Sir Charles Hastings).

The purpose of the building, in general terms, was to provide somewhere to lock up wrongdoers for a short period.

On the instruction of the Countess of Loudon, who inherited the Willesley estate in 1920, most of the estate was auctioned off in 1921 and 1922, but the Packington round house was not sold and remained part of the estate.

During World War Two the round house was used with a different purpose – by serving as the base or shelter for Air Raid Protection (ARP) Wardens. Daughters of local families

(Marjorie Pickering, later Canner, of 6 Ashby Road and Joan Orton, later Bradbury, of Round House Farm) later remembered taking refreshments across to the round house for the wardens serving there.

PVHG has evidence from 1958 of a letter from a Mrs M Treharne (nee German) who owned the adjacent house (1 Normanton Road) up to that time. She states that "I have just sold my cottage but the little lock-up still belongs to me and I have the key. It was given to me by the Countess of Loudon, I have the letter that she wrote to me, but the lawyers say that without some legal formalities it cannot belong to me. For me, the letter is sufficient and binding. The stipulation was that I looked after it and did not have it pulled down."

As the round house was still part of the Hastings estate until 1997, it appears the lawyers were right.

A press cutting from May 1958 states "When Mrs Treharne bought her house in Normanton Road the lock-up was dilapidated and the doorway which faced to the road bricked up. She restored the Round House, had the doorway re-made to face the garden."

The plaque on the door of the round house (now once again facing the road) states that it was passed to the village by the Countess of Loudon by Deed of Gift in 1997, implying that Mrs Treharne's lawyers were correct back in the 1950's.

The most recent use of the round house was highlighted in a press cutting from 2007. It shows a Mr Alan Hemsley, dressed in a mock prison outfit, having volunteered to spend 24 hours "locked" in the round house to raise money for the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall. Many will remember Alan as Chairman of the "Steering Group on the 2002 Village Appraisal" He was also actively involved in the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall.

If you have any further information about or stories to tell of our very own round house then please do get in touch with us at [editor@packington.info](mailto:editor@packington.info)

Thanks to Robin Boucher from PVHG who provided this information from their archives.

### Packington Film Club

Film Club is back after its summer break! Unfortunately, one month later than planned, due to technical issues with the projector at the village hall.



On **Friday 14th October** we will be showing "Downton Abbey: A New Era". The film starring Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter and Michelle Dockery sees the Crawley family go on a grand journey to the south of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa. Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children. Hall opens 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available prior to the film.

On **Friday 11th November** we will be showing "Belfast". A Kenneth Branagh film about a Belfast family's experience in the tumultuous 1960's.



### Pumpkin Trail and Halloween Party

This popular event will take place again this year on **Sunday 30th October**, along with a Halloween themed party at the village hall. The Halloween party will take place between 2.00pm-5.00pm and will be £5 per family; all money raised will be going to the Phoenix Trust. Further details on how to book a place will be on Facebook shortly. Maps can be collected from Daybreak Services, Poochies and at the party.



Look out for latest information on Whats App, Packington Social or Facebook.

**Antony Cash**

[ministryofmaterials@icloud.com](mailto:ministryofmaterials@icloud.com)

### Carved Pumpkin Competition

The Bull & Lion will be holding a "Best Carved Pumpkin" competition on **Monday 31st October**. Present your pumpkin at the Bull & Lion by **6.30pm**



Prize of a food voucher worth £50 to spend at the Bull & Lion.



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## Packington Book Club

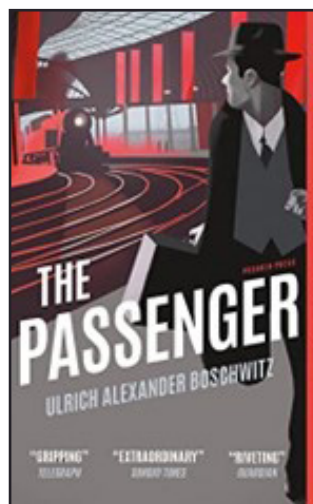
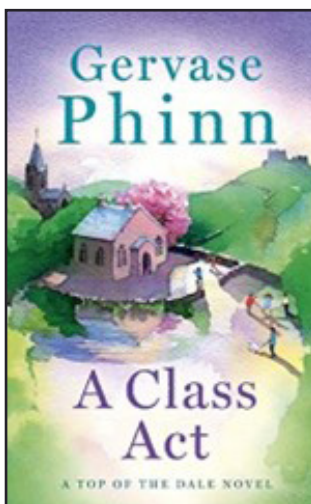
If you enjoy reading but are stuck in a rut or can't think what to read next, we'd love to meet you. We meet to chat about a wide variety of books and meet friends old and new. We don't take things too seriously – the only qualification is that you enjoy reading.

For the meeting on **Wednesday 26th October** we are reading "A Class Act" by Gervase Phinn, an amusing look at life in a struggling village school.

On **Wednesday 23rd November** there's a complete change of pace with 'The Passenger' by Ulrich Alexander Boschwitz, which is a contemporary and 'unparalleled depiction of the terrifying atmosphere of Nazi Germany'.

The book club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the small meeting room at the Memorial Hall. Just 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, please contact **Helen Edgington: 01530 412808, mob: 07766 086580, [helenmedgington@gmail.com](mailto:helenmedgington@gmail.com).**



## Friendship Group



This group is starting up again on: **Thursday 6th October** in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall at 2.25pm.

**Do come along for a "cup of tea and a chat"**

**Liz Deakin 412119**

## Board Game Club

Board Game Club is back for the new season. It's time to chat and play all those games that have been at the back of the cupboard all summer. If you have a favourite game you would like to play, please bring it with you or maybe just learn a new one! No booking necessary, just come along.

- Times: 2.00pm – 4.00pm second and fourth Thursdays of the month, the next two meetings are on **13th and 27th October**.

- Location: small meeting room

Packington Memorial Hall

- Refreshments: Tea/coffee and biscuits provided

- Cost: £2

Any questions please ring:

**Helen Edgington on 07766 086580 or Louise Tidman on 01530 412851**

