

Board Game Afternoon



Do you like to play board games? Come and join our friendly group who meet to play board games on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. If you have a favourite game, please bring it with you – or you can learn a new one.

No booking necessary, just come along.

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Meeting room, Packington Memorial Hall
Cost: £2
Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided.

The next meeting is 8th December.

Any questions please ring:
Helen Edgington 07766 086580

Village Litter Pick

It is now a few years since the last outing to clear litter from the verges and hedgerows. This had become an annual event but like many activities was curtailed by Covid and Lockdown.



Usually happens in early March so watch out for details in the January Packington Post.

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Spooky Halloween & Fabulous Fireworks



Packington residents enjoyed the return of two very popular village events in late October and early November. Halloween was celebrated a day early with a superb party in the Memorial Hall.

This was followed by the Pumpkin Trail and lots of "Trick and Treating"

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Speedwatch

See article on Page 9. Have you signed the petition yet?



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Parish Council have met twice since the last issue of the Packington Post. There are a number of recurring themes in both meetings, so I will summarise with headings.

Crime in the village

September: One assault; one positive breath test; one theft of a motor vehicle.
October: No crimes reported.

Coleorton Lane - illegal campsite

September: Dates given to meet with the Head of Planning at NWLDC.
October: Full and frank discussion with NWLDC.
November: **Date of Public Enquiry released - 28th February 2023 lasting four days.** No further details so far.

Traffic calming

October: Parish Council agreed to wait on the findings of a County Council Highways traffic survey. This will be undertaken "shortly".
November: A member of the public asked questions about traffic calming and funding for such purposes. Chairman, Councillor Miles, responded by saying that traffic calming was always an agenda item and because of County Highways rules there is little or no room for manoeuvre and it was almost impossible to get any schemes approved. Councillor Rushton, Leader of Leicestershire County Council, backed this up by saying there were probably over 150 villages in Leicestershire who were all going through the same experience. Councillor Rushton concluded that traffic calming was driven by the number of serious accidents, deaths and injuries.

The Parish Council agreed a request by the resident, to find out how other towns and villages had managed to provide alternative traffic calming systems.

Village CCTV System

The Council have had two closed sessions (no public allowed because of the confidential information) concerning the Village CCTV system and it is hoped to successfully resolve issues which have arisen recently.

Neighbourhood Watch

A Public Meeting will be arranged to regroup this vital part of Packington's society. It is hoped that an explanation of the village CCTV system will also be part of that meeting.

Budget/Parish Precept

Discussions have taken place at both meetings, and it is hoped that a decision will be made at the December meeting. Despite having had no increases in the Parish precept over the last three years, early forecasts show, a moderate percentage increase will have to be made in the financial year April 2023/24.

Chris Miles, Chairman
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Packington and Normanton Church Ladies Group

What a lovely atmosphere of anticipation as the ladies gathered to listen to Jane Arnold tell us about the life of 'The Land Army' girls. Jane, dressed in her walking out uniform, proceeded to talk about the formation of the girls' Land Army in World War I and how it developed during World War II. Girls were able to join when they were 17½ years old and many took the opportunity to take the basic training, knowing they could then be sent to any part of Britain.



Jane modelled the smart overcoat; they had to give clothing coupons to pay for their outfits. These coupons were refunded when the outfits were returned.



Some sanitary arrangements were more basic than some girls expected! We supported LOROS and the DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal by giving £100 to each.

Pauline Miles

Ladies Group meet once a month mainly in Packington Church. Details of the 2023 programme can be obtained from:
Doreen Gasson 01530 412012.

Packington Film Club

We have some great films in the pipeline. Hopefully many of you will have been to see "Downton Abbey A New Era" which was shown in November.

On 9th December, our **free film**, will be "The Railway Children Return" starring Jenny Agutter and Sheridan Smith.



A sequel to the popular Railway Children film of the 1970's.

On 13th January, a British comedy, "The Duke", is a film starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren based on a true story of a Goya painting stolen from the National Gallery.

Moving on to 10th February, we will be showing "Belfast" a film written and directed by Kenneth Branagh, about the social tumult of the late 1960s.

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

Friendship Group

This group meets on the first Thursday of the month. Next date 8th December at 2.15pm in the Meeting Room at the Memorial Hall.

Meet for a cup of tea and chat

Contact Liz Deakin 01530 412119

Hospice Hope Day Centre Update

Site clearance work has now begun at the “wheelie bin” store in Swannington (land owned by NWLDC) ahead of an expected start by Bloors, the local builder, who are building a day centre for Hospice Hope.



Building work proper and the “turning of the first sod” should start in January with completion by the end of next year, weather permitting.

These are indeed exciting times for our local charity that supports people in our area whose quality or length of life is affected by their condition, along with their carers and partners, by providing a wide range of free services.

For more information as to what we do and how you can help support Hospice Hope, go to: www.hospicehope.org.uk

Christmas Opening at Daybreak

Christmas has always been a busy time at Daybreak Services, with the 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, the team also source local farm turkeys, turkey crowns, Walkers and hand-raised pork pies, fresh meats, sausage, bacon and a great range of cheeses.



If you are interested in taking advantage of the Christmas order form service, you can collect order forms from the shop and return them no later than **Monday 19th December**.

The shop will be open normal hours during the week before Christmas:

Monday to Saturday - 6.30am till 5.00pm.
It will close promptly at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve and reopen on Wednesday 28th December.

Opening hours over New Year will be posted in the shop.

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In this issue, nine year-old Jessica Wathes has written about the recent Halloween and Bonfire Night events:

Halloween Party

One Sunday afternoon children and adults of all ages gathered into the Packington village hall. For one reason only for the HALLOWEEN PARTY! In total 161 people came: 80 children and 81 adults. When everyone was there, they started playing games: musical statues and heads or tails were fun. There were also raffles, splat the rat, throw the hoop onto the witches hat, and really delicious cakes. Whilst everyone was playing the adults boringly chatted with family and friends. They raised £350 for the Phoenix Children's Foundation. It took eight people to organise it!

After the Halloween party it was trick or treating on the pumpkin trail. Which was a day early but great fun. There were lots of houses, with really good decorations. My favourite was the one down Spring Lane and my brother's favourite was the blue house.

Bonfire Party and Fireworks

On the 3rd of November the bonfire was built by Matt Wathes and Bob Parry and it took approximately 2 hours. Then on the afternoon of the 5th the bonfire had the finishing touches added to it ready to be lit. As it struck 7.00pm on Saturday, Matt lit the bonfire. He lit all 3 sides and soon the fire grew, grew and GREW. In the stalls there were 240 burgers and 202 hot dogs. My younger brother even had a hot chocolate which he loved! A few minutes later at 7.25pm, fireworks BANGED! Into the air some swirled up. The children under 13 queued up for sparklers between the first half and second half of fireworks. There were 40 packs of fireworks with 18 to 100 in a pack! Plus rockets. It took 20 people to organise it. There were approximately 1,500 people watching. The night went really well and everyone had a good time. As the bonfire continued to burn on, the crowd disappeared back home.



Bonfire Night In Aid of Packington Recreation Charity

Another great Packington party night. Weather good and improving from what was a dull, wet and windy day during daylight hours. My report this year will be shorter than usual as I am reliably informed that another report is being submitted for publication.

It was a bit of a relief this year that there were fewer spectators than last year. The Recreation Ground coped much better and the queues which stretched onto Measham Road last year did not materialise. The Donation Ticket system seemed to work much better, although we are already thinking of a simpler method to purchase tickets next year. Thanks must go to Marion Mugglestone and Charlotte for manning the entrance tent and to Simon Tebbett, in assisting with donation forms and people entering the Recreation Ground. Great job. Well done and thank you.



Let's get down to the facts and figures. Donations at the gate amounted to £2,034. The food and drink tent took £903 on the night. This left a surplus, after costs, of £1,282. Many people after the event said and thought the fireworks were exceptional again. You may be interested to know that the extra £200 spent on them this year was due to inflation and in total the cost of the fireworks was £1,200!

The presentation of the fireworks this year by Alan Pearson, David Dring and David Goacher, was outstanding! Many commented to me it was very 'professional'. Thank you, firework lighting team! Now what did we think of the Bonfire?

Measured, it was over 26ft (8m) high and as wide, and built with mostly pallets, fenceposts and sheds. Thank you to all who brought that material and we didn't have to provide any extra this year. Special thanks to Matt Wathes who put the final touches to the bonfire build with the Manitu fork lift and to Bob Parry who assisted with manhandling some very heavy pallets. The fire, lit by Matt, was soon ablaze and within minutes 70ft flames were licking the night sky. Great effort!

The food and drink tent was kept busy throughout the evening with Dean Holden cooking the burgers and hot dogs. While Mel Dughan was busy as usual serving and keeping control of the fantastic volunteers in the tent, who included: Sharon Miller; Paula Dring; Iona Dring; Sallie-Ann Stretton; Lisa Gammon; Leigh-Ann Lench; Dan Gammon.

Special mention also to Louise Gratton who whilst assisting in the tea tent was our official first aider. Louise is a local Paramedic and an official First Responder, and we thank her for being present. Well done food and drink team!

This year we were able to do our Sparkler Event for the younger children with their parents. Over 150 sparklers were lit successfully in a safe and controlled environment, and I'd like to thank Stewards, Steve Salt and Simon Tebbett for enabling that event to take place. I would also like to thank all the other Stewards; Zac Holden, John Mattley, (even though Leicester City were on telly), and Colin Lench who played their part on what was a very successful evening.

Another special mention to two guys from Packington who every year can be relied upon to turn their hand to anything. From sorting out the electrics; collecting and starting generators; transporting fireworks; fixing lighting; putting up tents and fencing; and asking their mate Dave Watkins to help set up the field; and taking it all down again the day after with Dean, Zac and Petra Goacher. Thank you, Bob Parry and Dave Gammon.

Lastly, thank you to all who came and supported the evening. We hope you enjoyed the display.

All profits from the evening will help maintain and improve the Recreation Ground.

Chris Miles, Organiser & Chairman of the Trustees.

1st Packington Brownies

We've had a busy term completing the camping badge as well as the aviation and baking badges. Diwali was celebrated by making diva lamps and colouring rangoli's whilst enjoying Indian snacks!



This year we will be holding our annual Christmas show at Hill Farm, Spring Lane Packington, LE65 1WU on **Tuesday 6th December starting at 5.45pm**. The Brownies will be celebrating Christmas around the world where we will hear how different countries celebrate around Christmastime. Why not come along for a drink and mince pie to support the Brownies.

If you would like to join the Brownies and are aged between 7-10 years old, please contact Janice Sumnall, Brownie Guider on **01530 411984**
hillfarmpackington@hotmail.co.uk

Meet Santa at Hill Farm

We are now taking bookings for breakfast with Santa on Saturday 10th and 17th December starting at 9.30am

Breakfast for children will include a hot and cold selection. All children will also receive a small gift from Santa and reindeer food for the big night.



Cost is £15.00 per child, accompanying adults £5.00 each, which includes a hot drink. To book please telephone:

01530 411984

or email

hillfarmpackington@hotmail.co.uk

or message through our Facebook page

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Hill Farm, Spring Lane, Packington, LE65 1WU



Harvest Festival

We had a lovely Harvest Festival service in Church at the beginning of October with beautiful singing and presentations from each class. Thank you to everybody who supported our Harvest Festival Raffle– we raised £187 and the children chose to split this between the Children's Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK.



Packington Cross Country

Unfortunately, due to the poor weather forecast & ground conditions we had to cancel our Cross-Country event planned for Saturday 5th November. We hope to rearrange for the spring term and will ensure the date is advertised once it is confirmed.

Eagles King Richard III Trip

Our Year 5&6 children had a great day out at the King Richard III Visitor Centre and the Guildhall in Leicester, where they took part in a workshop on the 'Trials of King Richard III'. This was a great way to start their topic and they all had a wonderful time.

New 2023 Reception Pupils

We still have spaces on our meetings arranged for parents/carers of prospective pupils for our September 2023 intake. These take place on alternate Tuesday mornings but we can also arrange other times to suit. Please call the school if you would like to book a place on **01530 412425**.

Sporting Events

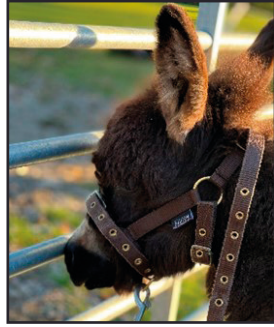
This year we have enjoyed being able to once again take part in the multi-school sporting events organised by the North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership. We have had a busy couple of months with our Year 1's taking part in a multiskills event and our Year 2&3 children in a multisports event. Our Year 5&6 children represented Packington at a football event for the Kirby Plate and, coming up, we have Dodgeball events for both our Year 3&4 and 5&6 children. It has been lovely to meet pupils from other schools whilst keeping fit and learning new skills.



November: We will be dressing all Spotty to support the Children in Need Great "Spotacular." To kick off anti-bullying week we will also be wearing Odd Socks to school celebrating what makes us unique.
December: We have lots of fun activities arranged for December including our whole School Pantomime trip, our Nativity performances and a Winter Wonderland Event organised by our PSA on 14th December.

Welcome to Delilah and Declan!

The Phoenix Children's Foundation has welcomed a new miniature donkey and her baby to the yard. Mum Delilah (left) and her son Declan (right) have been settling in well.



The donkeys will join the team of animals that are based at the charity. There are also miniature Shetland ponies, reindeer, alpacas, as well as lots of smaller animals such as geese, rabbits, chickens, cats, a dog and the leader of the pack Markie - our stunning peacock. All of the animals help to fundraise for the charity through appearances at events as well as providing young people with opportunities to grow emotionally and learn through Animal Assisted Activity (AAA).

Declan and Delilah are already bringing much joy to the residents of care homes, schools, hospitals and hospices.

The donkeys will both be attending St Helen's Church this year for their Christmas Eve Service.



The Phoenix Children's Foundation aims to enrich and enhance the lives of youngsters and their families living with illness, disability or lack of opportunity. To find out more visit facebook.com/phoenixchildrenscharity

Packington Village History Group

At our latest meeting we were joined by Peter Swift, who told us about his involvement in Packington's first carnival back in 1973. He also brought along some photos of early carnivals and other aspects of Packington in times past. Thank you for your contribution, Peter. Group members are now planning to conduct interviews with people about their memories of the carnivals.

One of our members recently pointed out that information about Packington's history on Wikipedia was very limited. Robin Boucher undertook to do some work on this. The site now shows information on the story of Packington up to the end of the nineteenth century - more will follow soon!

Our final meeting for 2022 will take place on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room. We will be discussing the carnival project, Packington on Wikipedia and information about the village from the 1921 census.

All are welcome to join us.

Contact **Robin Boucher: 01530 411638**
randbboucher@googlemail.com

Solar Benefit Fund

The balance currently available to allocate is **£24,410.36**. Applications for a grant would be very well received from properly constituted groups, which have a bank account.

Recent allocations in 2021/22 have been to Packington History Group to publish a book, Recreation Ground Charity for new fencing to the play area and Parish Council to purchase commemorative medals for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

For more information or an application form go to the Parish Council website or email: clerk@packingtonpc.org.uk

Population of Packington? A Detective Mystery story ..

Do you know how many people live here in our village today? When the Doomsday Book was compiled almost a thousand years ago, there were just ten dwellings in our village.

By contrast, in 2022, we deliver 402 copies of Packington Post to all separate village dwellings. The estimated population in 2020 was 824, which seems about right at just over two per dwelling.

PVHG founder member, and former village resident, Paul Monk, who was the Head Teacher at our village school from 1983 onwards, wrote the following, published in an Ashby Museum "Past and Present Journal" dated 12th August 2012.

Population Change in Packington – A local history detective story by Paul Monk – 4th January 2010

Censuses can be tricky things. They are very useful tools for the local historian, but consider their information in isolation and it is possible to reach very strange conclusions. Take Packington, for example. There was a dramatic rise and fall in the population during the nineteenth century which can only be explained by examining external factors.

The very first Census of England and Wales was taken in 1801 (Scotland followed in 1802). In this census the population was counted by households on a parish basis. There were no personal details, such as names, recorded. The population of the Parish of Packington was recorded in the 1801 Summary Report as 563 persons. At this time Packington was a rural village relying on agriculture for the majority of its employment. In 1901 the population of the parish was recorded as 473, about a 20% drop. There had been many economic changes during the nineteenth century but in 1901 Packington was still an essentially rural and agriculturally based village.

However, during the first half of the century the population grew to a maximum of 1,294 by the 1851 Census and then declined steadily to 1881 when the population was 1,153.

Then there was a dramatic slump in the population in the 1891 Census to 498. The answer to this unusual pattern lies in events outside the village and some local geography.

During the majority of the nineteenth century, the parish of Packington was not the same geographical area that it is today. Firstly, some of the village was in Derbyshire and some was in Leicestershire. The "islands" of Derbyshire can be clearly seen on the early Ordnance Survey maps. An example of this is a group of houses around the junction of Mill Street and the High Street which clearly shown as being in Derbyshire. An examination of the field boundaries in Babelake Street is also interesting as it shows alternate fields being in Derbyshire and Leicestershire. During this period Packington was actually known as the Parish of Packington with the Chapelry of Snibston. This meant that there was a part of the parish detached from the village on the far side of the parish of Ravenstone.

It is from these two geographical and ecclesiastical facts, together with events from outside, that an explanation for the population growth and decline can be deduced.

In 1834 George Stephenson opened the Leicester to Swannington line and moved to Alton Grange to oversee his railway and colliery interests. He had recently invested heavily in Snibston Colliery which was developing into a major enterprise. An important mine development needed workers and their families and they mainly settled near the colliery.

During the 1830s the population of Packington rose from 730 to 1024, an increase of 71 %.

It can be shown with some certainty that most of this increase of population was in the Snibston area and not in Packington village.

But what happened in the 1891 census when the population of the parish suddenly plummeted from 1153 to 498? This was a fall of about 230%!

To read the full story visit our website at: www.pvhg.uk/population-of-packington-a-detective-mystery-story/

Christmas Church Services

Holy Rood Packington and Holy Trinity Normanton churches would like to invite you and your family to join us for our special Christmas services held throughout December.

Come and celebrate with us the real reason for the season!

Sunday 4th December:

10.00am – Advent Lights – Holy Trinity, Normanton-le-Heath

4.00pm – Christingle – Holy Rood, Packington

Sunday 11th December:

10.00am – Toy Service – Holy Rood, Packington

Sunday 18th December:

6.00pm – Carol Service – Holy Rood, Packington

Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve):

4.00pm – Crib Service – Holy Rood, Packington

11.30pm – Midnight Communion – Holy Rood, Packington

Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day):

10.00am – Family Communion – Holy Trinity, Normanton-le-Heath



Coffee morning

Every 4th Wednesday of the month in Packington Church



28th December

25th January

10am to 12noon

Also books and jigsaws to borrow or swap

Soup and a Pudding

New Years Day
January 1st 2023
12noon – 2pm



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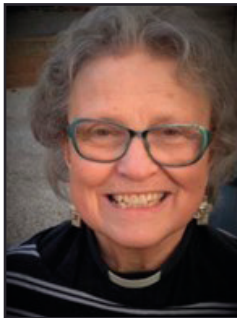
You are welcome to either turn up on the day or book a place by phoning Anne on **01530 414621**

Holy Rood Church Packington

Donations welcome towards Church funds

Dear Editor Adrian Mongredien writes;

May I express my thanks, and I'm sure those of many others in the village, to a long-time member of our Packington community who has in the last few months made an outstanding contribution to the spiritual well-being of our village. I refer to Reverend Lesley Birtwistle. Reverend Birtwistle is described as a "Retired Priest" in recent editions of the "Parish News" but despite this somewhat erroneous "official title" she continues to serve. Recently she has prepared and taken the funerals of four long-term residents of our local village community, all of whom, it appeared, had very different lived experiences.



In each case, with the help of the families concerned, she has captured the essence of those who have recently passed away, and in the process I'm sure she has provided much help and comfort to members of their families, and to those of us mourning the loss of a friend and acquaintance at this most difficult of times.

I know that many people may consider that officiating at funerals is all part of an ordained priest's "job description" and so it is, but each service is a unique occasion for those involved and each service needs meticulous preparation and concentrated effort to ensure the bereaved find solace from what maybe a life changing event for family and close friends.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely **Adrian Mongredien**

Lesley responded *"I do find it a real privilege to be involved with a family at such a traumatic time of their lives and to try to ensure that the service gives due honour to their loved one and brings some comfort to them in their distress."*

Service of Reflection

Rev Lesley Birtwistle conducted a very moving service to remember our Queen, Elizabeth II. This gave the people of the village the opportunity to give thanks for her life of service to her people.

After the service many took the opportunity to write a message in the Book of Condolence.



The Packington Bell ringers were again in action with a muffled peal, lasting for two hours, prior to the service.



The bell ringers were also in action on the day of the Queen's funeral ringing a special full peal taking around three hours, including a single toll 96 times, one for each year of her life.

Anyone interested in joining the bell ringers please contact:

Caroline Stewart 07969 910299
candrews@hotmail.co.uk

Volunteering

The Editor writes: back in issue 104 I wrote that “Volunteers are Heartbeat of the Community” again in Issue 112 the headline was “Opportunities to help your Community”

There are still plenty of openings for anyone with a few hours to spare during the month. My personal wish is that the Youth Club could be restarted. There are new youngsters in the village who would appreciate a chance to meet up out of school. The previous club leaders were looking for someone to carry on their good work, when Lockdown hit. As a result, the club closed. I am sure there could be some support available from NW Leicestershire Council to get the club going again.

The Memorial Hall is another key location in the village that is always in need of different talents to keep the place running for the benefit of all. Pleased to know that a new Treasurer has been appointed.

Packington Communications Group (PCG) is also on the lookout for new talent. The PCG not only produces the bi-monthly Packington Post but also the web site Packington. info, Packington Village Facebook page, Village email Alerts and the Welcome Pack. Many of the present team fall into the “older” generation and new, younger people are needed to make sure this important work continues. PCG is particularly looking for a Webmaster - full training available- and another willing person to help with the editing and compilation of the Packington Post.

I am sure there are other groups who would welcome volunteers, as well as for the many one-off events in the village, that we all enjoy. If you are interested in volunteering in the village, please email me at editor@packington.info and I will put you in touch with the relevant people.

Mike Coke

Neighbourhood Watch

This group needs to be revived and to make it successful urgently needs a village co-ordinator. The latest list of street reps also needs to be updated.

Since the untimely death of Wes Ewing, the group has not really been functioning. He was the driving force behind the village CCTV scheme.

Notes of the last meeting, prior to Lockdown are dated August 2018. The opening statement reads “The Packington Neighbourhood Watch objective is to deter and reduce crime in the village. Our target should be to have every house involved as it is a shared responsibility.”

There is also an update on the village CCTV which says “there are currently 6 cameras operational and we hope to develop the system further with additional cameras. Vehicle movements can be analysed using this equipment. Vehicle speeds and time of regular speeders could be used in conjunction with speed watch.”

Again, please contact Editor and I can arrange to put you in touch.
editor@packington.info



Beautiful rainbow over the village

Memorial Hall Update

October was our busiest month this year so far!

Between regular bookings and individual parties, the volunteer team has been kept very busy with the administration and maintenance required to keep the hall hirer ready throughout the month. Special thanks to Dean who has gone over and beyond in the last few weeks.

The newly renovated bar was launched in October – complete with a lick of paint, new bottle fridges and glassware holders making it easier and more efficient for the bar staff team to serve customers. Welcome to Jolie and Joseph who joined the team this month – we hope to keep you busy!

The Annual Halloween Party organised by the Rotary Club proved to be very popular again last month. As last year this is followed by a Christmas Children's Party on Saturday 17th December organised by the same team. Look out for the posters and QR code which will be published with ticket details nearer the time.

The Horticultural Society has also organised a Wreath Making session on 3rd December 10.00am. Tickets are available from Laura laurajbryant@aol.com

Finally, thanks to Anthony for stepping in to loan a projector to support the Film Club whilst the Hall Projector remains unavailable. Graham and team are continuing to chase this through with the warranty which is proving to be a quest of determination!

The hall will be closed for the Christmas and New Year break on 23rd December until 3rd January to give all the volunteers a well-earned rest.

Please feel free to email bookings@pmhv.uk or call **07793 008906** with any questions.

Louise Gratton, Bookings Secretary

Bull and Lion

It's great to see the pub once again becoming a hive of activity for the local community to meet, eat and socialise. There will also be lots going on at the pub over the festive period.

From the 21st November they will be open for food seven days a week and the festive menu will be available to view soon. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve there will be a disco and buffet from 7.00pm.

Annual Boxing Day Dance

The Pennyroyal Garland Dancers will be returning to the Bull & Lion for their annual Boxing Day performance. Starting at 12 noon they will perform traditional garland dances and possibly some clog dances. They are also hoping to be joined by the Anstey Morris Men.



Keep an eye on the Packington Post and Bull & Lion Facebook pages for further details and timings.

For further information about events at the Bull & Lion contact Tracey and Drew on: traceytudor68@yahoo.com
01530 415257

Amazing village response to plea for support for traffic calming!

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for the fantastic response we had to our article in the last Packington Post! The petition received over 100 signatures in the first day – Wow!

It is currently standing at 195 signatures at the time of writing, and we would like to get that number higher. There are now petitions at Daybreak Services (behind the counter – please ask any of the staff) and Poochies of Packington for those people who would like to pop in and show their support.

For those people who are unable to access the petition online or at the above locations, please complete the questionnaire to show your support.



The petition plays a vital role in showing a strong community and thereby having a great impact in our future progress.

We held a meeting at the Bull & Lion (thank you to Drew and Tracey) on Thursday 13th October for those people who wished to support our campaign and a 'Traffic Calming' committee has now been formed. We had our first meeting on Monday 7th November and we are making good progress! A member of the committee also attended this month's Packington Parish Council meeting when a number of queries were raised following the meeting at the pub.

Meanwhile, just a reminder that the petition does not just apply to one signature per household. All members of every household can sign! Along with anyone wishing to support the campaign who lives outside of the village.

The link for the online petition is <https://chnq.it/kVPLYyb2>. Alternatively, you can go to the website change.org then search for **traffic calming – Packington village**. MANY thanks for your support!

Nicola Beanland 07974 944516



Traffic Calming Questionnaire

1. Do you think traffic drives at an excessive speed on Ashby Road?
Yes No (please circle)
2. Do you think traffic drives at an excessive speed on Coleorton Lane?
Yes No
3. Do you think traffic drives at an excessive speed on Normanton Road?
Yes No
4. Do you think traffic drives at an excessive speed on Measham Road?
Yes No
5. Do you think traffic drives at an excessive speed on the High Street?
Yes No
6. Would you be happy with average speed cameras being installed in the village?
Yes No

If you would like to show your support and be included in the village petition to obtain traffic calming in Packington, please sign below and drop this form off at Daybreak Services or Poochies of Packington. Alternatively, please telephone Nicola on 07974 944516 and we will collect the form from your home address.

Signature:

Date: