



Packington Celebrates Coronation of King Charles III

Coronation Party in the Park

It's the King's fault. He picked the weekend, early in May, and with climate change, we all know the weather can be unpredictable.

Well, the Committee got it wrong on the day itself as well and decided to postpone Party in the Park because it was forecast to be wet, cold and miserable.

There was a thought to go to the Memorial Hall and by the power of social media, it was going to go there until we realised it wouldn't quite be the same, opting to trust the weather forecast for the Sunday instead. So, we had to reverse the social media message and what a good decision for most.

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Village Volunteer Day

With the rain returning on Bank Holiday Monday, it greeted us as we arrived at the Memorial Hall to get organised and I had thought that we might not get anyone volunteering to get soaked. However, I was wrong.

At 10.00am we had a dozen hardy souls and by 10:15am there was nearly thirty. After a briefing and arming themselves with pickers, high viz vests and large blue bags, the troops were dispatched to the four roads leading into Packington.

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Read more about the Coronation celebrations on pages 8 and 9



Packington Parish Council

Parish Council has met twice since the last issue of the Packington Post. This was on Tuesday 4th April with an additional meeting on 18th April to discuss a planning issue. These were the last meetings before a new Council was to be elected.

Coleorton Lane - Illegal Campsite

To date there has been no decision made with regard to the outcome of the Public Inquiry.

Traffic Calming

The County Council Highways has still not come back with any results of their traffic survey at the time of writing this report. However, a report from the Police has acknowledged that speeding is a problem in our village and that they will ask for a mobile speed camera to be situated within the village providing they can find a suitable and safe location. Having looked at the latest mobile camera statistics in North West Leicestershire, no results were found for Packington.

Village CCTV and Neighbourhood Watch

A date to discuss these two important items will be arranged in due course. Look out for further information on this.

Parish Councillors

The following were elected to serve the new term of the Parish Council. Councillors Paul Fleetham, Keith Goodwin, Robert Martin, Christopher Miles and Russell Powell. It is hoped that a sixth councillor will be appointed by a process of co-option. This process has been widely shown on Packington Alerts, websites, and notice boards.

Please use the Council's web site for more information www.packingtonpc.org.uk

Chris Miles

Memorial Hall Open Day

Do you know what goes on in Packington Memorial Hall? Do you know how many groups use this building? Have you yet to step into this facility? Are you also aware of the other groups, services and activities that are on offer in the village?



THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT

The Trustees of the Memorial Hall are organising an open afternoon to be held on

Saturday 17th June - 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Tea and coffee will be provided, and the bar will be open. Come along and find out what's going on in Packington. It will be your chance to meet those who are providing a whole host of interesting classes, sessions, and entertainment. We look forward to a great turnout. You will be amazed.

If you would like to attend to showcase what your village group or service provide please contact **Chris Miles** on **07856 179485** to book your space.

Police Report

There has been a delay in new deployments of the Speed Camera Vans. However, I am assured that they will commence in May 2023.

So far no offences have been reported for April 2023 which is good news.

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Parish Council Elections

How disappointing that Packington only managed five nominations for the six places on the Parish Council.

Thanks to Clare Beynon, who stood down last year due to the pressure of work, and Jackie Bridgen, who has decided not to stand for another term. I am sure their viewpoint will be missed. There is one new councillor, Paul Fleetham, who lives in Drum and Monkey Lane. You can read a bit more about him below.

To fill the vacancy, the Parish Council have asked for applications from interested individuals. This process will all be over by the time this issue comes out; however, the result will be covered in full in the July issue of the Packington Post.

New Councillor Paul Fleetham



“My name is Paul Fleetham and I am recently retired, having worked for a UK Construction PLC as Managing Director of their UK and Middle East Construction and heavy building materials businesses.

“After a busy career I now intend to stay active in non-executive Director roles but primarily spend time with my family and enjoy doing all the things I haven’t had the time to do until now!

“I have lived in Packington for 18 years with my wife Helen and we have two grown up daughters and a granddaughter.

“In taking this new role it will let me contribute something back to the village we both love.”

We welcome Paul to our Parish Council. Feel free to say hello to him as you see him around the village.

Packington Recreation Ground Charity

Notice from Chris Miles, (Trustee.)

On my entrance to the Church Service on Coronation Sunday, I was greeted by a small child crying. Her mother was trying to stop bleeding on her hand. Her fingers had been punctured by glass. It had happened in our lovely play area. I rushed to see where this had happened and found a brown bottle of ale had been smashed to smithereens.

There was not a piece bigger than a fingernail and there were shards of razor-sharp glass in and around the stainless-steel crawling tunnel. I was appalled at this malicious and criminal act of vandalism which was obviously aimed at hurting the next user of the equipment.

This must have happened on the evening of Coronation Day. Did anyone see anyone drinking up at the park? Could you identify anyone who may have been present? Did you use the park on the Saturday? If you did, I would be pleased if you could let me know.

Chris Miles: 07856 179485

Double Award For Daybreak

We all know just how fortunate we are to have such a fantastic village shop to hand and we're not alone. As part of the Regional Countryside Alliance Awards, Daybreak Services has won the title of '**best village shop in the Midlands**', gaining the recognition it duly deserves, and that's not all.

Peter Swift will be attending a regional winner's reception at The House of Lords where the results for the national winners will be announced. Peter would like to thank all of the staff and customers for their continued support, without it, the shop wouldn't be the success that it is.



Congratulations to the Daybreak team for winning this prestigious award and good luck for the nationals.



Congratulations also go to Joe Swift, who was awarded third place at Teddfest Truckstop with Daybreak's familiar 'big van'.

Packington Easter Bunny Hunt

Despite the best efforts of storm Noa, this year's Easter Bunny Hunt went ahead as planned, with the aim being to raise money for Packington Primary School.

Although the early part of the event was impacted by some very heavy rain showers, the residents of Packington showed their resilience with this year's turnout beating that of the 2022 event. Well done and a big thank you to all who supported the event.



The event was organised by Ashby Rotary Club (satellite group), with Easter eggs and Easter bunnies being hidden around the village. Prizes were awarded to the children who found the most Easter eggs, and to the adult who found the most Easter bunnies.

Many congratulations go to Cameron Stewart (pictured below) and Bethany Wathes who won the Easter egg hunt, with R Blake winning a runners-up prize. It was a very close count this year!



All Change at the Bull and Lion

It's fair to say that the Bull and Lion has had its ample share of tenants over the last few years, and with farewells now exchanged with Tracey and Drew, it's time once again to welcome the Bull and Lion's new tenants to the village. They are Terry, Sammy and their three children, Gracie-Mae, 13, Jaysie-Leigh, 10 and Lacey-Joe, 5, along with their two pet pugs, Peppa and Penelope.



The Bull and Lion is the fourth pub that the couple have run so they are clearly experienced publicans, and it is due to this experience that Terry and Sammy have secured a five-year lease with Marston's which will help to bring stability to both the village and their own family. Asked why they chose Packington, they said it wasn't any one thing in particular, rather everything about the village and the people in it, which they'd like their family to be a part of.

Terry and Sammy are looking forward to meeting everyone and have lots of plans for the pub. They are keen to create a traditional, family friendly atmosphere where everyone is welcome. They hope to serve a wide range of locally sourced food seven days a week, as well as bringing a range of local guest ales to the bar, thanks to the recent collaboration with SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers).

We can expect to see things such as lunchtime specials, along with ploughman's lunches, afternoon teas, special 'cook to order' steak nights, and the revival of pie night. There will also be a range of bar snacks and traditional pub cobs for those in between times. The couple are hoping to freshen the place up and bring back entertainment in future months.

They are open to suggestions as to what you'd like to see on their future menus, in particular vegetarian/vegan offerings, and hope to provide you with a warm and friendly welcome as you support them in their new venture.

Terry and Sammy: 01530 415257
packingtonpubco@gmail.com

Facebook: Bull & Lion Packington
Instagram: bullandlionpackington

Farewell Message from Tracey

"To our lovely friends and customers, it's been an absolute pleasure getting to know each and every one of you during our time at the Bull and Lion. Drew, the team and I would like to thank you for the love, support and outstanding community spirit that was shown to us and each other. We have made many friends and sincerely hope to see you all again soon. We all totally appreciate everything you have done to help us put the B & L back at the heart of this beautiful village. This is not goodbye... Love and best wishes, Tracey, Drew and the team at the B & L".



Food Gusto Update

Many of us in the village will know that Food Gusto was started by the late Wesley Ewing some 14 years ago - its foundation event was a Christmas Food Gusto in Packington Memorial Hall.

Wesley's family and friends were a big part of the organisation and running of the events and they now feel it's time for new energy to take it on. So, it is exciting to announce that the Slow Roast Company has acquired Food Gusto, under the management of Kendal and Buckley Harris, who have been Food Gusto exhibitors for the past six years.

Kendal and Buckley have a wealth of experience as caterers and in running small events and they relish the opportunity to expand by taking on the Food Gusto Food & Drink Festivals, along with the enthusiasm to maintain the culture and success.

The first Food Gusto event, under new management, is the **Ashby Food Gusto Festival**, set for the end of May on **Ashby Bath Grounds – Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May 2023**, with the full support of Ashby Town Council.



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80th Annual Village Show

This year Packington Horticultural Society (PHS) will be once again organising the annual Village Show, which will take place on **Saturday 2nd September** at the **Memorial Hall**.

We hope this year will be one of our biggest shows ever as we celebrate the show's 80th year in existence! So, make sure you tend to your tomatoes and practice your baking skills as we'd like as many people as possible to enter this year, or simply come along view the exhibits and enjoy the entertainment of the show.

Further information and a souvenir 80th Show Guide will be distributed to the village and surrounding areas in August. We look forward to seeing you there!

Spring Fair

The end of April saw the second PHS Spring Fair take place in the Memorial Hall. It was great to see all of those who came along to this shopping event that saw a selection of local businesses, craftspeople and artisan makers showcase their talents and sell their products.



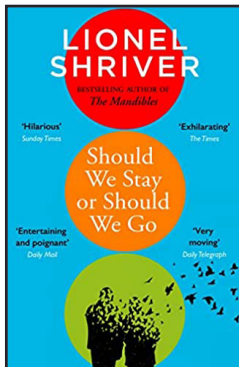
Some lucky visitors also got their hands on a selection of fabulous prizes, provided by each of our talented stall holders. All proceeds from the raffle went into the PHS charity pot that is distributed to local community groups.

For further information about this and other events held by PHS visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/packingtonshow](https://www.facebook.com/packingtonshow) or search 'Packington Village Show'

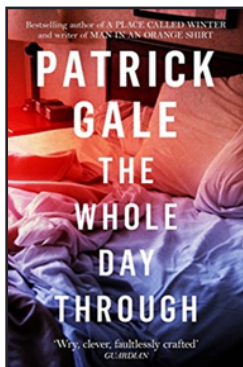
Packington Book Club

Join our friendly group to read and discuss a wide variety of books (and chat too). We don't take things seriously; the only qualification is that you enjoy reading.

Wednesday 24th May – Should We Stay Or Should We Go by Lionel Shriver. A suicide pact at 80 – but do they both feel the same when the time arrives?



Wednesday 28th June – The Whole Day Through by Patrick Gale. What happens when two people are torn between duty and desire?



We meet between **7:30pm – 9:00pm** on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the **meeting room at Packington Memorial Hall**. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided.

If you would like further information, please contact **Helen Edgington: 01530 412808 or 07766 086580 helenmedgington@gmail.com**

Board Game Afternoon

The board game afternoon had its final meeting for the season on Thursday 27th April. In the summer because everyone is busy with outdoor activities and holidays there won't be any meetings for a while.

We'll be starting up again at the **end of September** and there will be details in the Packington Post nearer to the time.

Helen Edgington: 07766 086580



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Party in the Park

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We were sorry for anyone who already had alternative plans for that day and couldn't make it. The change proved fantastic and the weather was practically scorching. The celebrations at the park went really well, with children having fun and games.

Chris and Simon worked hard in organising the youngsters' games and had to work even harder when it was the turn for the Mums and Dads Tug-o-War. They were an unruly lot but were finally licked into shape. It was all very competitive, but in a nice way, even the mixed teams for the great rounders match later in the evening was a spectacle to behold. There was some fine batting and fielding from a lot of people.



Callum, our DJ for the day, played some great music throughout the event and everyone thought he connected his choice of songs perfectly to the audience. Thank you, Callum.

A Coronation Quiz was given to groups to keep the brain active during the picnic break with the Harrison family awarded a small prize for achieving the top score.

Groups tucked into their food and some cooked on small barbecues. I noticed one family cooking on a large barbecue and that was because it looked like they had a whole side of beef!



The weather continued to be warm and most people started to disperse at about 8.00pm, having had a really relaxed and enjoyable time on the park. Well done Packington and the organisers.



Volunteer Monday "The Litter Pick"
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One group was held back to begin work on making the Memorial Hall a weed free zone and as a number of people joined us during the morning this was magnificently achieved. The volunteers also agreed to scrub up the street signs in the area where they lived so they should be free from dirt and grime. Another volunteer said she would clean the Coronation Gates leading to the Church.



So well done the volunteers and thank you to the ladies of the Coronation Organising Group for providing the troops with bacon cobs, teas and coffees. It was really nice to see some youngsters taking part and doing their bit to make Packington look clean and tidy. A great morning's work and guess what? The rain stopped and we all dried out before we got home.

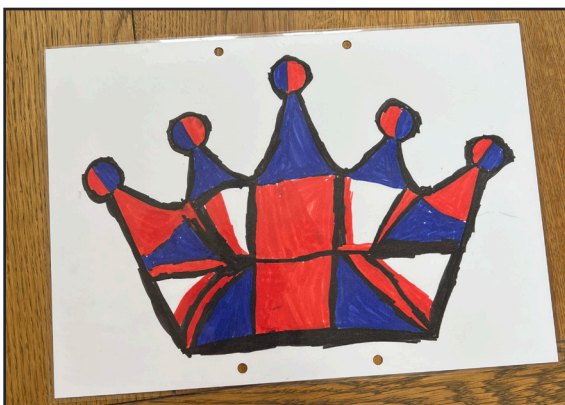
Coronation Crown Posters

The youngsters at Packington Primary School all took part in producing their own colourful crowns and what a fantastic effort and display! The competition was very difficult to judge as the standard was amazing. The posters were then laminated and used to decorate the streets of Packington.

Thanks to Helen for fixing all the posters onto lamp posts. Great job!

There were three age groups taking part and the winners were –

Age 4 to 5: Myla



Age 6 to 8: Tillie



Age 9 to 11: Indie



Prizes of a Coronation Bear Guardsman and a Coronation drinks container were awarded to all three at a school assembly.

In addition to these prizes, three commemorative oak trees will be planted in Packington Recreation Ground with a specially named plaque of the winners to view during their lifetime.

Thank you

Finally, can I publicly thank all those who made the Coronation Weekend special. The Bellingers, the Church, especially Ann Wathes and Lesley Birtwistle. To the hard-working Committee who may want to continue Party in the Park annually, and to anyone else who volunteered to make it a special weekend.

Chris Miles

Easter Holiday Fun

Our junior reporter, Jessica Wathes gives us the lowdown on some of the village activities during the Easter holidays.

It's been so busy in Packington there was the:

PACKINGTON EASTER EGG HUNT

Before the fun event happened, they had to set the Easter egg hunt up. While they were setting up, it rained and everyone got soaked from head to toe. As the clock struck two, people walked into the park and they got a map for a single reason . . . for the Easter egg hunt!!! Each child got a mini chocolate egg and started the hunt, they looked up and down and all around. When they finished, they gave the organisers their sheets with how many eggs they had found. I thought there were 56 - I was wrong! When it turned four o'clock, the hunt ended, the crowds disappeared and slowly everyone left. The next day they announced the winners and.... my sister was one!!!!



TOASTIES AT CHURCH

As everyone grew hungry, people took a step into the delicious smelling church. They found a table and then ordered their food. The children went to play, they could do junk modelling, craft, puzzles, art, card and board games and...EAT! After they ate, they could go and play or look at the tasty cakes or drinks. The lovely two hours passed, but soon they had to go sadly. As they left, they thought of the brilliant time they had.

THE AMAZING CIRCUS

Early in the morning, something arrived. Something that went through a lot of practices. Something that would make us all smile. It was... the CIRCUS. From one o'clock onwards, the circus was ready to perform in front of crowds of people. There was slinky man called 'slinky go go'. There was a lady who could fit in a bottle, there was this man who said he was a superhero and on the sound effects he kept on doing trumping noises. They threw water and white clay or shaving foam over the crowd - no seat was safe from a drenching. Outside the tent there was an ice cream van, pizza van, fish and chips and a fire engine. There were also ponies and rabbits to stroke. There was also a goody shop where you got drinks and snacks. Just after five the laughter stopped, and everyone went home to share the wonderful time they had.



And there was even more fun during the Coronation Weekend!!!! I just can't fit it all in but everyone agreed what an amazing Coronation Weekend was had in Packington.

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Circus Comes to Packington

As Jessica reports, bank holiday Monday saw the Circus come to Packington. The event was organised by the PSA (Parent School Association) in order to raise money for Packington Primary School.

National Festival Circus set up their red and white top at the Recreational Ground early. Ready to perform three shows in front of almost 600 people. The shows were filled with good old-fashioned slapstick fun, along with a contortionist, strong man and showgirls.



They were joined by food trucks, an ice cream van, The Phoenix Foundation and a fire engine along with the PSA having their own stall with refreshments and a raffle. The icing on the cake was to have an RAF spitfire Flypast, spectators enjoyed three flyovers in total and a wing wave as he left!



In total over £3,000 was raised for the school.

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Cracker the Guide Dog Update



Hello, everyone; Cracker here again with my latest update. As you can see, I was ready and waiting at Poochies café for my invite to the Coronation, but I think it must have got lost in the post.

I am a lot bigger now and have started teaching the family basic Guide Dog training. I have taught them when I am out for a walk, and I keep stopping and sniffing, to give me a little treat to spur me on. So, what do I do - keep stopping and sniffing - humans can be a little dumb sometimes!

I have made lots of new friends in Packington. My favourite is Millie; we had a great time playing together. I am not allowed to play with too many dogs, though, as it will distract me on my training – but then I am only a toddler.

I recently had an assessment by the Guide Dog people – grandad Terry, who lives on Mill Street, was ticked off for not being assertive enough - well, how can he? He is just one of my playthings; if he weren't so big, I would be tossing him up in the air like I do with my toy bunny.

Look forward to our next chat.

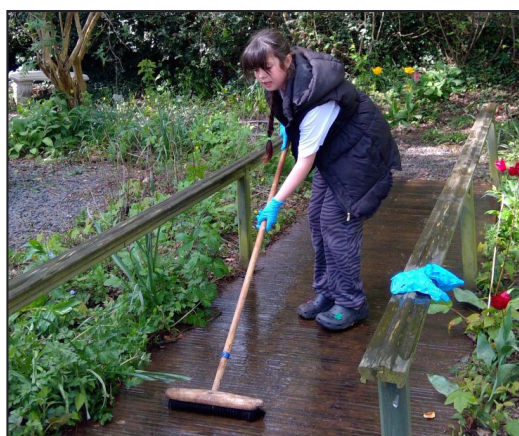
Cracker, Guide Dog in Training

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.

The Big Help Out

As part of our Coronation activities, we organised 'The Big Help Out' where every pupil got involved in helping to improve our school environment.



We also invited families of our pupils in to help and we were so pleased with the support given. Our school is now looking super tidy and clean and we would like to give a huge thank you to everyone involved.



Sporting Events

As part of our link with the North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership, we have had the opportunity to take part in some fun sporting events recently, including badminton, tennis and rugby. These are a great chance for pupils to try out a new sport and everyone attending joined in and 'had a go'. Coming up we have Bee Netball and more tennis for our Year 5&6 children, as well as the annual Saffron Lane athletics.



Coming up: Friday 16th June – we are inviting our families into school for our 'Trooping the Colours' celebration afternoon, which will include May Pole dancing and stalls created and run by our older pupils.

Church Services

Packington Church Services for May, June and July all start at **10:00am** unless otherwise stated:

Holy Rood Church, Packington:
28th May - Holy Communion

4th June - Celtic Morning Prayer
11th June - Morning Prayer
25th June - Holy Communion

2nd July - Guest speaker: Foodbank
9th July - Morning Prayer
23rd July - Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Church, Normanton-le-Heath:
21st May - Holy Communion
4th June - Morning Prayer
18th June - Holy Communion

2nd July - Morning Prayer
16th July - Holy Communion

Welcome to Packington Community Choir

On Saturday 1st April Holy Rood Church saw the very first meeting of Packington Community Choir. This was a resounding success and subsequent Thursday evening meetings are becoming very popular.

We would like to welcome and thank Aimee for all her enthusiasm and expertise and for taking the plunge and starting this choir. Also, a huge thank you for her kind donation towards the running costs of the Church.

Wishing her every success for the future.

Holy Rood Church Team

Coronation Sunday

On a warm sunny day our Coronation Celebrations began at 11.00am with a service of Songs of Praise. The Church looked very patriotic with beautiful flower displays, bunting and paperchains made by children at the toastie event. Some well-known and roof raising hymns were chosen and sung by members of the congregation, concluding with the National Anthem. For some it was their second experience of a Coronation, but whether it was first or second, it was wonderful to be part of this historic time. Thank you to Chris Miles for playing the organ for us.



Lunch was served at 12.30pm. Jacket potatoes, quiche and salad went down a treat with over 40 people being served. Deliciously rich puddings and wine were also on the menu.

A very happy and memorable occasion!

Christian Aid Envelopes



Every house in Packington should have recently received a Christian Aid Envelope inviting donations for this year's collection. As this is a 'deliver only' scheme, the envelopes can be returned to one of the addresses below.

**20 Ashby Road
13 or 25 Babelake Street
2 Century Drive
8 Hall Lane
5 or 28 Homecroft Drive
2a Mill Street
11 Nethercroft Drive
4 or 33 Normanton Road
23 The Grange**

If anyone would like their envelope collected, please get in touch with me.

Thank you,
Doreen Gasson: 01530 412012
gasson123@btinternet.com
13, Babelake Street, Packington

Coffee Morning

Join us in Church on the 4th Wednesday of every month.



Come along to enjoy coffee, tea and homemade cakes.
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Holy Rood Church
Packington
10.00am – 12 noon

Open Gardens Needs You!

We would like to run Open Gardens again this August Bank Holiday, 28th. To do this, we need **significant help** to make it happen as a number of regular garden openers and helpers have, for very good reasons, withdrawn.

We currently need:

- at least 10 garden owners to offer to open
- a team to run teas in the village hall
- a team to run the car park at the recreation ground
- a team to run the bookstall and garden equipment and plant stall if we want one
- someone to take on organising a card payment machine that can be used via a mobile
- a history group member to organise an exhibition at the hall?

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch **as soon as possible**.



A meeting will be held on **Thursday 1st June at 6.00pm** in the **meeting room** at the **Memorial Hall**. I'd welcome anyone interested in opening their garden or helping in other ways to please come along.

Nick Gravestock: 01530 416710
Text/WhatsApp 07766 600594
blutiles@leicester.anglican.org

Editorial Note

This annual village event has been held 31 times since 1990 (minus two years for Covid) and raised a staggering amount of over £60,000 for the upkeep of Holy Rood Church.

High Street History Walk

Robin Boucher will lead a walk up the High Street on the evening of **Tuesday 27th June**. High Street has been the centre of Packington life for centuries and there is plenty to say about the Bull and Lion, the farms, the Post Office, shops, the Methodist Church, the Memorial Hall, the smithy and more.

We will meet at the corner of High Street and Bridge Street (opposite the Bull and Lion) for a **7.30pm start**. Why not come and join us?

If the weather is set against us on **Tuesday 27th June**, we will try again exactly one week later on **Tuesday 4th July** – same time and place.

Robin Boucher: 01530 411638
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Packington Community Choir

Our newly formed community choir is enjoying welcoming new participants each week and, with around 30 attending, looks set to stay!

So far, we've had an awful lot of fun and lots of laughter whilst learning a wide range of pieces - from popular classics to gospel and traditional tunes. Despite being a newly formed group, the choir is already singing some wonderful harmonies, and I'm looking forward to what we can achieve in the coming months.



If you enjoy singing, give us a go; there's no audition or necessity to read music. We're an informal group that focuses on the joy of coming together to share a love of singing.

To book your first session free of charge,

Contact Aimee: 07967 316645
aimeemusic@live.co.uk

May Day Celebrations

With the first bank holiday in May spoiling us with some much-needed sunshine, the Pennyroyal Garland Dancers, accompanied by a handful of Morris Men, once again visited the village to keep the annual May Day tradition alive. Plenty of people gathered outside to watch village resident, Amelia Stokes crowned as this year's May Queen, with Lucy Plant and Blythe Salt by her side as loyal attendants



As tradition dictates, the dancers then set off with their newly crowned Queen to parade through the village and spread good cheer. Returning to the pub for some welcome refreshments, the singing and dancing continued long into the afternoon providing enjoyment for all. Feedback received after the event praised Amelia and her attendants for getting involved and for taking the time to personally thank the Pennyroyal Dancers.



Classic Car Meet Up

With the bank holiday falling on the first Monday in May, we saw the return of the monthly classic car evening at the Bull and Lion. With owners turning out to show off their Pride and Joy, enthusiasts were not in short supply to admire them.



As the sun continued to shine throughout the evening, a crowd gathered outside to enjoy the event whilst tucking into burgers and hotdogs from the pub's pop-up barbecue.



The meet takes place on the **first Monday of the month** from **April to September** inclusive and cars assemble between **5:30pm and 8:30pm**.

For more information, please follow our Facebook page by searching - **Packington Classic & Exotic Car Meet**

Presentation to our Former Editor

Packington Communications Group (PCG) publish this renowned village bi-monthly Packington Post colour magazine. PCG marked the occasion of the standing-down of their former editor, Mike Coke, with a presentation on 12th April 2023.

Mike is shown receiving a framed replica of covers of his first and last issues, from current editor Amy Powell.



Also presented was a floribunda rose plant, which will serve as a living visual reminder of Mike's outstanding service when it soon flowers in his garden in The Grange.



Mike edited 43 issues, from Issue 74 in September 2015 until Issue 117 of November 2022. The Packington Post is produced and distributed entirely by village volunteers, and we're sure our whole village are grateful to Mike for his sterling service as our editor.

Robert Dilworth

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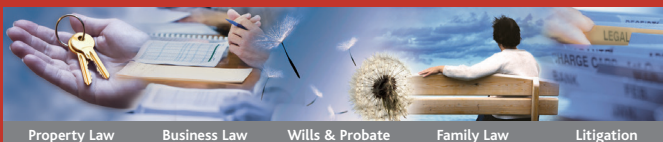
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