



Packington's Fantastic Fireworks

Bonfire Night Beats the Weather and Goes Off With A Bang!

Despite the weather the local community turned out to watch another fabulous display of fireworks.

With a few days to go we had no wood on the bonfire site. A few valiant attempts to bring some pallets and fencing failed due to vehicles getting stuck in the mud. The situation was saved by Matt Wathes, our bonfire lighting expert, with the power and large wheels of his tractor.

Matt was able to bring a trailer load of old wooden pallets (thanks to Packingtonian, Roy Dennis) and move the abandoned wood to the bonfire site. What a relief. We had a bonfire! Well done Matt!

Unfortunately the rain continued right up to around 9.30pm when organisers left the Recreation Ground. It was the worst conditions experienced this century, but we survived, people turned up and despite a few minor hiccups the show went on. The sparkler event was held, and the fireworks were again a great spectacle even though we lost approximately eight large fireworks to wet fuses.

The food tent did great sales even though it was difficult for customers to eat a burger and hold a drink whilst also holding an umbrella, a child's hand and having to wipe the rain water from their eyes!

You could certainly say that the whole week was a challenging experience and despite the dreadful weather we hope you enjoyed the evening.

Through your support, the Recreation Ground is now better off with profits in excess of **£2,500**.



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Packington Parish Council

Crime

During the last two months the Police have reported that there have been no crimes in the Parish.

Flooding

The recent history of flooding within the village has resulted in the Parish Council having a public meeting to ascertain the true scale of the flooding event in September. Members of the public were asked how they were affected, and the hope is that with increased numbers of houses which had flood damage, it will give weight to some mitigation measures which only the authorities can administer. The two recent floods were the worst in living memory and the indication from the upward spiral of events over the last thirty years shows it is getting worse quite rapidly.

The Parish Council's working party FLOAT (Flood Action Team) has increased its activity and has met a number of times to consider what steps to take. A full report from them is included in this edition of the Packington Post.

The Council is mindful of all the upstream development which is bound to increase water run-off and approved a motion to contact the Planning Authority at NWLDC to review their flooding and surface water procedures for all new building sites. We have also asked them to review the existing surface water mitigation methods and to see if the existing holding ponds and underground storage tanks are fit for purpose. We will also be supporting FLOAT in asking questions as to the enormous amount of water running off the A42.

Village Safety

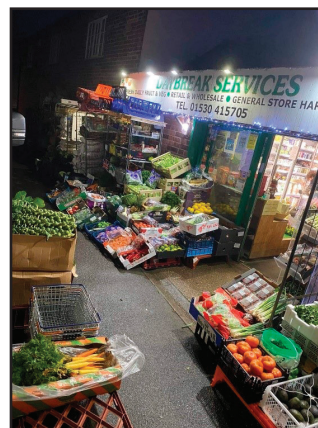
The Council is planning a Village Safety event in March next year and will be inviting a number of outside speakers and organisations including the Police, Neighbourhood Watch, NWLDC Resilience Officer, Flooding, Highway Safety etc.

Chris Miles, Chairman

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. Designed to take the stress out of Christmas food shopping, they 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 fresh fruit and vegetables, the team also source local farm turkeys, turkey crowns, hand-raised pork pies, fresh meats, sausage, bacon and great range of cheeses and provisions.



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 Thursday 22nd December**.

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

Monday 18th December to Friday 22nd December - 6.00am till 5.00pm.

Saturday 23rd December - 7.00am till finish.

Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve - 7.00am till 2.30pm.

It will reopen on **Wednesday 27th December** until midday.

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

Pete and the Daybreak Team

FLOAT Relunched Amid Flooding Concerns



Many residents will be aware of the flooding issues that the village is facing.

On Monday 18th September Packington was affected by an intense series of rainstorms. The huge volume of water that fell quickly saturated open ground areas and began a rapid run off through rainwater gullies and drainage systems into the Gilwiskaw Brook.

While heavy rainfall may usually have some impact in the village, on this occasion the result was that more than 15 homes were flooded as well as over 40 properties being cut off due to the flood waters. Packington Primary School was also unable to open.

Extremely distressing for everyone affected, it caused damage to property, loss of personal effects and a huge amount of disruption as the home and property owners began the clear up afterwards.

FLOAT (Packington Flood Action Team) has been in regular contact with Leicestershire County Council (LCC), NWLDC and the Environment Agency to examine the root causes of the more extreme flooding. The examination indicated that it was a combination of water coming out of the Gilwiskaw Brook, failure of culverts and ditches around the village, and the continual issue of emergency discharge from the sewage works.

LCC plan further investigations into what can be done to clear watercourses and the Environment Agency has been tasked with improving the flood alert system to try and ensure warnings are sent before flooding happens.

Friday 20th October saw storm Babet hit and once again Packington flooded. Fortunately it was during the day so some preparation could be made. The lowest lying homes in

the village still suffered significant flooding, roads through the village were impassable and the school was once again cut off by the floodwaters.

But the community really rallied round to check on neighbours and assist in getting sandbags to protect homes that were at threat of the rising water, which was much appreciated.

Unfortunately, we did get a small number of ‘thrill seekers’ coming into the village in off-road vehicles, which is not only dangerous but also caused more issues for homes affected.

FLOAT is planning more open meetings to keep villagers updated and welcomes input from residents who wish to get involved.



More information can be found on the Post website.

Sarah Marvin,
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Letter to Editor

Dear Editor

I would like to express a big thank you to all of those who volunteered their help when we had floods on Friday 20th October, especially those who went to collect sandbags from the council (or whichever agency was providing them), then helped to wheel them down and distribute the bags to the houses most in need.

On Babelake Street and Brook Close there were several elderly residents who would not have been able to collect and move the sandbags themselves, so the volunteers' work massively helped those vulnerable residents who would have otherwise struggled and been left in jeopardy.

Many residents have said how touched they were by the volunteers' help, and that on such a dreadful day it helped to buoy their spirits during that very difficult and stressful time.

Many thanks.

Simon (Brook Close)

Packington Traffic Calming Group

Following 12 months of protracted correspondence, numerous emails being generated and being routed from one department or official organisation to another with no one seeming to want to take ownership and/or support, **enough is enough!**

We have therefore arranged a meeting to discuss our concerns face to face with these organisations. Those attending are:

- Mr Nicholas Rushton, Leader of the LCC for Packington
- Fiona Blockley, Traffic and Signals Team Manager at LCC
- Mr Nigel Smith, District Councillor for Packington and Ravenstone
- Councillors from Packington Parish Council
- John, Packington Primary School, School Crossing Patrol Officer

Unfortunately, PC Ryan Lang from the Dedicated Neighbourhood Team for Packington, and the Police and Crime Commissioner are unable to attend. However, we are awaiting confirmation of attendance by a representative from Leicestershire Police.

A lot of time and effort has been put in over the past year to obtain:

- speed traffic data
- a petition with over 300 signatures
- comments from many concerned village residents
- a statement from the School Crossing Patrol Officer
- investigations into minimum width of pavements to ensure safety, equality and inclusion
- investigations into speed limit reduction

We are hoping that a presentation of all this information will encourage some positive support and suggestions to enable us to work together, rather than the negative feedback we have received so far.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact:

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jonathan.alexander.uk@outlook.com or
Nicola Beanland, PTCG Secretary
nicolabeanland@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Link

Neighbourhood Link is a community email messaging service where members can receive the latest news, updates and events information directly from the Police.

If you would like to sign up to Neighbourhood Link all you need to do is email your *Name, Email, House Number and Post Code* to

nicholas.haylings@leics.police.uk

You will then receive an email from Leicestershire Police with an invitation to join, once you accept you will be enrolled to the system.

Nick Haylings, PCSO,
Leicestershire Police
nicholas.haylings@leics.police.uk

CCTV in Packington

We recently held a village CCTV meeting and consequently a new CCTV committee has been formed.

The meeting was split into four parts:

1.Existing cameras: It was discussed whether the existing cameras were still in good order and if new CCTV cameras need to be acquired.

2.Contracts: It was then agreed that a formal contract needed to be in place between the CCTV monitoring company and the village. This contract would state Service Level Agreements, how long footage was kept by the monitoring company, length of contract etc.

3.Process: Conversations were held as to the purpose of the cameras and how villagers could inform the CCTV committee if criminal activity was taking place.

4.Evolution: Finally, the committee discussed how it could further improve the safety of the village and what additional technology was on the market.

The committee will provide an update via the Packington Post and if anyone would like to join the group please contact me.

Karl Saunt, 07905 439115

Measham Medical Unit Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Active Practice

Measham Medical Unit is currently working towards becoming an Active Practice, hopefully gaining accreditation, and joining the national network of registered practices. Our PPG, along with the Medical Unit will work in partnership with a local physical activity provider to try and reduce sedentary behaviour and increase physical activity in staff and patients.

Communication

Our PPG is always looking for ways to improve communications with all registered patients. At the recent drop-in flu clinics, members of our committee were on hand to listen to views of the community.

Breast Screening

In other news, we will be hosting the breast screening unit in the car park at Measham Medical Unit from early October for the next few months. If you're due for a screening mammogram or require any further information, please call the breast screening team on **0116 2583 664**. We are unable to book breast screening appointments at the Medical Unit.

Christmas Opening Times

The Unit will be closed on **Monday 25th** and **Tuesday 26th December**.

The Unit will be open from **8.00am to 6.00pm** on **Wednesday 27th** to **Friday 29th December**.

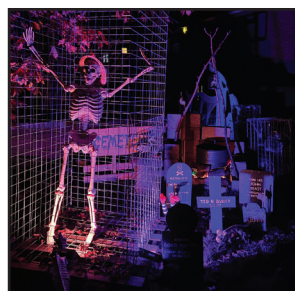
The Unit will be closed from **Saturday 30th December** to **Monday 1st January**, reopening as normal from **Tuesday 2nd January**.

The PPG AGM will be held on **Monday 8th January 2024** at **Measham Leisure Centre** at **1.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

John Wilebur, PPG Chairman
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Trick or Treat!

Packington residents once again showed their creativity with some super spooky Halloween displays. Thanks to Anthony Cash for creating the Packington Pumpkin Trail map, which allowed local youngsters and their families to work their way around the village 'Trick and Treating'.



Packington Parent School Association (PSA) also hosted a fantastic Halloween party in association with the Ashby Rotary Group.

Bonfire Night

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Thanks to Karn Turnbull, the online ticket provision proved a great success. We also thank all those who supported and survived the event, and a special thank you to the team of volunteers who helped run our Bonfire Night.

So a big shout out to Rachael Miles for collecting the food and drink; to the Food group headed by Mel Dughan, with Iona and Flo Dring, Dave, Lisa, Mia and Dan Gammon; for the Firework team, Alan Pearson, David Dring, and David Goacher; for the bouncers, sorry, ticket checkers Colin Lench and Bob Parry; for the Marshalls Simon Tebbett, Steve Salt, Bryan Smith and Zac Holden who tripled up by being the Chairman's runner, technical assistant and general goffer to the Chairman; for Petra Goacher, David Goacher, Bob Parry and Dave Gammon who assisted on all three days. Great work everyone and a big BIG BIG THANK YOU!

Chris Miles, Organiser and Chairman of the Trustees.

If you would like to be part of the Bonfire team, please contact Chris on 07856 179485 or christopher.miles@sky.com

Packington Table Tennis Club

In October we formalised the club and created a club membership scheme. Both adult and junior players can now pay on a monthly or on a discounted (two months free) annual basis. This has been very popular and to date we have 28 adult members and 10 juniors signed up. This has established the club on a solid financial foundation for the future. Pay and play is still available at a premium rate. The club is close to capacity and considering forming a waiting list.

With the numbers of team players growing, it was decided to form a new team called the Packington Panthers who play in Division 4 of the Loughborough League. Packington Pirates playing in Division 3 and the Packington Patriots in Division 2. All teams have made a promising start to the new league season.

The Packington table tennis teams and shirts have been kindly sponsored by James Mattley of JJM Planning.

The new team shirt design was a Packington School competition to design a logo that included Patriots, Pirates and Panthers. Lucy Plant's design won and now features on the new team shirts (as seen below). Lucy also won a voucher for Rebound in Ashby. Well done Lucy and what a great design!



The victorious Patriots: from L to R, Brendon Mattley, Lawrence Dack, and James Mattley.

Over the summer Packington entered three teams into the summer handicap competition, which provided a good opportunity for all players, regardless of standard, to face more experienced opponents and hone their competitive ringcraft. The Packington Patriots topped the competition and earned the club its first piece of silverware!

Children from Packington School (Years 3-6) continue to improve and enjoy every minute of the after-school sessions. These sessions are every **Wednesday from 3.30pm - 4.30pm** and will continue until the Christmas holiday. A big thank you to Goff Lewis who helps with the school coaching most weeks and also to Anthony Wickwar, Nathan Priestland, Steve Mellor, Andy Wilson and John Mattley who also help when available.

There is a Leicestershire Schools Table Tennis Competition on the **first two Saturdays in December (2nd and 9th)** and we hope to have a few Packington entries. We also hope to arrange a match against All Saints School in Coalville soon, who have some juniors close to County U11 level, and learning how they develop their juniors will be a huge benefit to us.

Table Tennis sessions run **every Wednesday**. Between **7.00pm - 8.00pm** is a general junior session, for ages 7 - 16 years and **8.00pm - 9:30pm** is club night for both adults and juniors.

Depending on whether matches are being held there are also some tables available on **Thursdays between 7.15pm - 9.15pm**.

It has been encouraging to see more local villagers attending following our last article in the Post.

For any further information call:
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Film Club

Film Club has some great films coming up in the next few months, comedy, fantasy, adventure and drama.

On **Friday 8th December** we will be showing our **free film for Christmas**. This year it will be the recently released **Barbie**, which has had great reviews at the cinema.

This self-aware movie about a doll who travels to the real world looking for meaning in life is not just emotional but packed with incredible humour that leaves one reeling in the end. This film has a 12 certificate.



As we move into the new year, our film on **Friday 12th January, 2024** will be The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. This film also carries a 12 certification.

A story of rediscovery and transformation, Harold Fry is an uplifting reminder that you're never too old to take a chance, and that kindness is less rare than you think.

Tickets, for this film are £5 for adults, inclusive of refreshments. Doors open at **7.00pm** for refreshments and the film starts at **7.30pm** at the Memorial Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Packington Film Club Committee

Do you have a story for the Packington Post? We are always interested to hear about news or events in the village. Send your story to editor@packington.info

Packington Book Club

Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm
in the meeting room at the Memorial Hall.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

Small Things Like These
by **Claire Keegan**



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Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd December 2023

The Magic of Christmas

Keep warm & get into the Christmas spirit with **Mulled Wine & Baileys Hot Chocolate.**

Fairy Godmother will be entertaining the crowds on Sunday.

LIVE MUSIC

Saturday Headliner
SHEENA McHUGH (The Voice Finalist)

Sunday Headliner
GARY PRIESTLEY

Local Schools & Groups
plus many more acts!

Ashby Christmas Market

Sat 2nd December 10am-5pm
Sun 3rd December 10am-4pm

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 collection for the Ashby Food Bank. We collected 137kg of food!

Packington Cross Country

Unfortunately, due to the poor weather forecast and ground conditions we had to cancel our Cross Country event planned for Saturday 4th November. We hope to rearrange for the spring term and will ensure the date is advertised once it is confirmed.

Class News:

Robins – Our Robins children have been very fortunate to receive a new mud kitchen generously funded by our PSA. A group of volunteers have transformed an outdoor space to create this wonderful new resource and they can't wait to start using it. Coming up they have a trip to Twycross Zoo planned which they are all very excited about.



Blackbirds – The Blackbirds have been busy this term with a trip to Ashby School to take part in a multi-skills festival hosted by the North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership. The children all got involved and had lots of fun. They have recently restarted their Welly Wednesday sessions and love exploring the outdoor Forest School area. This month they took part in a trip to the National Space Centre along with the Owls class. It was a busy day but they all had a great time and enjoyed a Rockets Workshop as part of the visit.

Owls – Our Owls class accompanied the Blackbirds on a trip to the National Space Centre but their workshop was on Alien Evolution! They have been continuing with their weekly swimming lessons throughout this term and are beginning to plan their

class assembly for the end of November. To finish their Stone Age topic they had a Stone Age day with lots of activities including cave art, survival hunt and campfire stories. Y4 pupils are currently taking part in Badminton sessions on Friday afternoons with a coach from Whitwick Junior Badminton club.

Eagles – The Eagles started the term with their visit to Willersley Castle for a two-night residential. The children had a great time and took on lots of new challenges. After half term a group of 21 took part in Bikeability sessions funded by the local authority and all children passed their Level 2 badges. The instructors commented on how well behaved they were, which is fantastic feedback to receive. Y5 have been taking part in Badminton sessions also and, despite all of this, the class still had time to plan a class assembly for parents/carers to attend in Church at the end of October.



Book Fair

We once again held a Scholastic Bookfair in school for four nights. Every purchase helps towards funding free books for school and in the past we have managed to raise a fantastic amount to help fill our bookshelves for our pupils.

New 2024 Reception Pupils

We still have spaces on our meetings arranged for parents/carers of prospective pupils for our September 2024 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**.

Coming up:

We have a busy December planned with our annual whole school Pantomime trip to see Peter Pan at Loughborough Town Hall, our Robins and Blackbirds classes will perform their nativity to parents/carers and our PSA are planning a Winter Wonderland event.

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Packington's Community Orchard – 10 Years On

The original idea for a local community orchard came from a discussion between members of the Memorial Hall committee in 2009. The committee had been told that the Memorial Hall would be granted £250,000 by the "Big Lottery Fund" provided we could convince the "BL Fund" that we had plans (amongst other things) to use the new Memorial Hall to cater for all ages of our village community. We tried to think of an annual event we could organise that would involve villagers of all ages.

As the then secretary of the Memorial Hall committee, I mentioned that in a recent edition of the magazine circulated by "ACRE" ("Action with Communities in Rural England"), which we subscribed to, there was an article about a wonderful annual weekend event organised by a village in Gloucestershire. This involved picking the fruit from their community orchard on a Friday, bringing it to the Village Hall where, on the Saturday, the village Grannies (and Grandpas!) inculcated the local children in the art of using fresh fruit to make fruit cakes, tarts, pies, cider or whatever else took their fancy. This was clearly a three generational event - just what the "BL Fund" were looking for. As it turned out, before we ever got it off the ground, Mike Coke had come up with his wonderful alternative idea of the "Big Breakfast" which filled our three generational requirement project perfectly.

The idea of an orchard was not forgotten however and our indefatigable Chairman of the Memorial Hall, Chris Miles, in his secondary role as Chairman of the Parish Council, pursued the "Community Orchard" idea with vigour.



Eventually the March 2014 edition of Packington Post reported:

"On 22nd February (2014) volunteers met to plant the next batch of trees for the Community Orchard in Packington Wood. With 23 trees planted this time (the total is now over 60). The trees include five varieties of native UK apples...There are also plums, pears, cherries and damsons....."

It is a sobering thought that by the time this article will be in print the instigators of the original orchard plan will all be over 80!

We knew it was a long-term project when we started it. Fruit trees take their time to produce a reasonable crop. There is an old Greek proverb which is very apposite. It says: "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they will never sit in," or in this case "plant trees whose fruit they know they may never consume".



Is there anyone in our community who will now volunteer to take this "Orchard" project forward?

A properly constituted "Packington Orchard Group" may be able to access some of the money from the Solar Panel Fund to plant further trees to carry on the project for future generations.

A line of fruit trees on either side of the footpath on the Recreation ground would be a beautiful addition to our village environment.

Adrian Mongredien

HOLY ROOD CHURCH

invites you to

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

with the

Salvation Army Band



At the **Bull and Lion**
7.00pm on Thursday 14th December
Mince pies and mulled wine to follow

Packington Village History Group

Over our last couple of meetings we have been hearing about Thomas Oakey, born around 1875 into a farming family in the village. He has left us vivid descriptions of Holy Rood Church around the year 1900 and shortly after: in particular he paints a picture of Rev. Arthur Mammatt who was vicar of Packington from 1890 up to his sudden death at the end of 1901.

Rev. Mammatt made a great impression on the village, being an enthusiast for education of both children and adults alongside his contribution to the church. He arranged the removal of the church's eighteenth-century box pews and installation of pews which are still in place today, despite being later described as "among the most uncomfortable in the whole of Christendom."

Our final meeting for 2023 will take place on **Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm** in the **Memorial Hall Meeting Room**. We will hear a little more about Thomas Oakey and Rev. Mammatt and discuss plans for the coming year.

You will be welcome to join us!

Robin Boucher, 01530 411638
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Packington Community Choir Receives Solar Grant Funding

A fabulous new digital Yamaha piano has arrived in Packington after our choir was successful in its application for funding from the solar grant scheme.

The piano will be used for our choir rehearsals, performances and will also be available for use by the community for events in the village.

The community choir has been busy rehearsing into the autumn months, with some members taking part in a small performance during the Heritage event at our Holy Rood Church. As the nights draw in, we're now learning some festive songs as we go into the winter – getting ready for an informal performance with friends and family.

Some members also took part in our first local singing and wine tasting event in Ashby, aptly named 'Sing and Sip'! The group enjoyed a variety of wines and did some great singing.



Our community choir is always on the lookout for new members. If you have a love of singing but have never taken that leap, and want to learn in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, please come along!

We meet every **Thursday at Holy Rood Church from 7.00pm to 9.00pm**.

Contact **Aimée** on **07967 316645** (also if you want to borrow the piano for an event!)

Aimée Harrison
Packington Community Choir

Church Services

Church services for November and December all start at **10.00am** unless otherwise stated:

Holy Rood Church, Packington:
26th November – Holy Communion

3rd December – Christingle at 4.00pm

10th December – Toy Service and Instant Nativity

17th December – Carols by Candlelight at 6.00pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine

24th December (Christmas eve) – Crib Service at 4.00pm and Christmas Midnight Communion at 11.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Normanton-le-Heath:
20th November - Holy Communion

3rd December – Tree Service

25th December (Christmas Day) – Family Holy Communion

Holy Rood Church - Two-in-One!
Sunday 10th December 2023 at 10.00am

The **Annual Toy Service** is when we ask folk to bring presents for children (new items, unwrapped) and, during the Service, to lay them under our Christmas tree. They will subsequently be taken to the Marlene Reid Centre for distribution to families in need. Gifts of wrapping paper will also be welcome.

This year we are also issuing a special invitation to all children in the village, with mums and dads as well of course, because we really do need your help with our **Instant Nativity Service**. It's your chance to be a shepherd, an angel, a king, whoever you would like, as we re-tell the story of Jesus' birth. We shall have some costumes available but if you have something of your own that would be suitable to wear, then do bring it along.

New Year's Day, Monday 1st January 2024!

For everyone, but perhaps especially for those who might otherwise be alone on New Year's Day, do join us in Church for soup, a pudding, and a glass of wine. These will be served from **12.00noon until 2.00pm** and you can turn up on the day or book a place by ringing **Anne Wathes** on **01530 414621**.

You will also be most welcome to come along a little earlier, at **11.30am**, when we shall enjoy some poems and prayers suitable for bringing in the New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you to these events.

Lesley Birtwistle

Charity Coffee Morning

A huge thankyou to everyone who supported our annual charity event, either by helping on the day or coming along and spending money!

Raffle prizes were won by:

1st £50 M&S voucher - Jane Mattley

2nd Hamper - Fran Rowsby

3rd Bottle of Gin - Kate Last

The Christmas cake was won by Angela Parry

The 'Sweets in a Jar' competition, which contained 63 sweets, was won by Margaret Aspinall who was nearest with her guess of 67.

Amount raised to date is **£718.48** for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

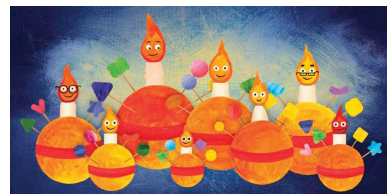
Anne Wathes

Let's come together to celebrate Christingle

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

Come and join us.

Sunday 3rd December at 4.00pm
Holy Rood Church, Packington



Refreshments served after the service by Packington School PSA

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Every Thursday – Community Choir, 7.00pm at Holy Rood Church. Page 10

Wednesday 22nd November – Book Club 7:30pm in the Meeting Room, Memorial Hall

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday (23rd November, 14th December) - Board Games 2.00pm in the Meeting Room, Memorial Hall

Saturday 25th November – Linocut Print Workshop, 1.00pm at the Memorial Hall. Tickets available from ministryofmaterials.com

Monday 27th November – Festive Menu begins at The Bull & Lion. Runs until 23rd December. Call 01530 415257 to book

Tuesday 28th November – History Group Meeting, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Page 10

Every 4th Wednesday (27th December, 24th January) – Coffee Morning at Holy Rood Church

Sunday 3rd December - Ashby Santa Fun Run & Walk, from 10.45am Ashby Bath Grounds. ashbysantarun.com

Friday 8th December, Friday 12th January – Film Club, doors open 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Page 7

Saturday 9th December – PHS Wreath Making, from 10.00am at the Memorial Hall. Tickets only

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Carols with The Salvation Army, 7.00pm at The Bull & Lion, Page 10

Friday 15th December – Christmas Concert with the Oddfellows Brass Band, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Contact Kay Carter on 07805 046165 for tickets

Monday 18th December – Santa's Sleigh supported by the Rotary Group will be visiting Packington. See local advertising for timings

Tuesday 26th December – Pennyroyal Garland Dancers Boxing Day Dance at the Bull & Lion. See Facebook for details

Sunday 31st December - New Years Eve Party with DJ, Disco and Buffet at The Bull & Lion. Everyone invited

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