

Packington Men's Group PMG



Our **PMG event** in November saw 16 PMG members enjoy an aperitif and some social time before a fascinating talk by eminent historians, **Sue Brown** and **Janet Spavold**, pictured at left, on the **Ticknall pottery** industry of hundreds of years ago. We heard of a period in English history when

owning certain symbols on pottery could result in death; the potters had liberally decorated such innocent symbols on their wares, which suddenly became lethal, and new decorative icons were introduced. Ticknall village was a major local producer of Midland Purple pottery wares, and also specialised in good quality plain and finely-decorated Cistercian wares. We were able to view and hold actual historic Ticknall pottery examples from the display cases in a portable museum of many items found during excavations in Ticknall village.

Thursday 10th December 2015 at 6pm: PMG December Party Evening at the Bull & Lion Party Fun and music; quiz with prizes; come hungry and thirsty! Please: **choose from the menu**, and **pay £10 to treasurer Robin Dixon on 412465**, or at **4 The Grange**, by **Wednesday 2nd December**.

Mains:	A Gammon	B Turkey,	V Mushroom Strudel(v)
Desserts	C Cheesecake	D Ice Creams	P Xmas Pud & Brandy Butter

On **Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room**, after a social aperitif, our **PMG evening presentation** is on the **Ashby St Helen's Heritage project**, which has attracted lottery funding of over **half a million pounds**. Come and hear how and why from **guest speaker Ann Heaton**.

For more on PMG : see the front of this Parish News, or look on our village website, Packington dot info

