

# Packington Men's Group (PMG)



In **November**, 20 of us heard a fascinating evening talk by **John Mugglestone on Local Packington History**. We were entranced by vivid reminiscences of village life 70 years ago, before water, gas or electricity came to the village, and before aircraft and traffic noise! John described aspects of ancient village history, and explained the topography of water past the mill which pre-dates the Domesday Book. He described three ancient charities recorded in our church, including the 16 acres 1 rood 12 poles of land in 7 fields off Spring Lane shown here, known as "Allowance Close" and gifted for ever to the village by the Earls of Huntingdon to provide for "9 poor widows". Drinks were served, and our grateful thanks go to John for his generous hospitality and a fine talk.



A reminder that on **Sunday 7th December**, at **2pm**, with our ladies, PMG visits the Hill St Baptist Church, Swadlincote for the 105th annual performance of "**The Messiah**" by **G F Handel**, pictured. Musical Director is Packington's Julian Baker. Tickets £7, call Mike 414862.



Party Time! On **Thursday 11th December** we hold our traditional **PMG evening Christmas party**, this year at the special new venue of the Measham Vicarage, with thanks to Rev Elphick for the use of her home. For our newer members, this fun start to the festive season will include several party-pieces; Rick on 412588 may well ask you in advance to give one of them. Then we have our hot meal buffet, for which we bring our own plates and eating irons. This year glasses are provided!



This meal is provisioned by self-help, and a list of needed victuals and beverages will be circulated in early December, for you to then agree with the quartermaster what items from the list you are able to provide. Please also say if you need or can provide transport. The third and best part of the evening is usually traditional carol-singing around the piano!

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