

Packington Men's Group (PMG)



In **December**, in the brand-new Memorial Hall, a treat for 21 of us at the **PMG evening pre-Christmas party**, was a recital by musicians **Joy and Nick Gravestock** of violin, guitar and lute music. After some Spanish dances and vocal items from Joy, Nick gave us the early history of the **lute**, played a couple of pieces, and told of the difficulties

of tuning it especially in cold or damp conditions. The recital concluded with an accelerating version of the Sailor's Hornpipe, which led to the remark that we were now the Packington Promenaders! Our tasty self-help buffet meal and drinks were brilliantly organised by **Marian Mugglestone**, and the sparkling keyboard of maestro **Chris Miles** was joined by Joy's violin to help make our carol-singing as good as ever.

On **Thursday 14th January 2010 at 7:30pm** we start the year with a talk by **Mr Philip Heath**, on "**Churches and Churchgoing in South Derbyshire - a social history going back from Anglo-Saxon to Victorian times**". Those large buildings with plus signs on them, in every village all over our country, actually give a fascinating insight into how our forebears lived and socialised a thousand years ago. As Heritage Officer for S Derbyshire, our guest is well-qualified, and has a good reputation as a knowledgeable and intriguing speaker.

New Year - please try to quickly pay your PMG 2010 **annual £12 subscription**, now due, to our treasurer, **Wally Instrall on 416786**.

Date for your Diary: Thursday 11th February 2010 at 7:30pm, a musical evening led by renowned choral and orchestral musical director, Packington's very own Julian Baker.

New members needed and welcomed! If you might fit our demographic profile, do please come along to our meeting in January. For more about **PMG** - see the rear of this Parish News, or the village website "**packington dot info**".

