

# Packington Men's Group (PMG)

In **January 2010**, in the brand-new Memorial Hall, a fascinating talk



for 20 of us was given by **Mr Philip Heath**, on the topic of "**Churches and Churchgoing in South Derbyshire.**" As a Heritage Officer for South Derbyshire, our guest speaker confessed to a deep interest for the history of the buildings he dealt with in his day job. In a well-illustrated projector

presentation, he showed some of the surviving architecture and decor of local churches going back over a thousand years, and also highlighted the amazing social beliefs of our forebears, such as those represented by pictures of people in boiling vats in "purgatory". The evidence could be seen to point to a burdensome system foisted on an involuntary early church-going public by those who found employ or political benefit from it. This was a well-researched talk by a professional historian.

On **Thursday 11th February 2010 at 7:30pm** an aperitif is followed by a **Musical Evening**, this year led by Packington's **Mr Julian Baker**,



a renowned **Music Director**. It takes special skill and courage to direct and motivate an orchestra and chorus of a hundred or more, so Julian should find explaining his passion for music to a mere score of us in PMG relatively easy. Music has a very special place in the hearts and emotions of nearly all of us, so expect to

leave the Memorial Hall happier than when you arrived!

**Date for your Diary: Thursday 11th March 7:30pm**, an **evening talk**. For more about **PMG** - see the rear of this Parish News, or the village website "**packington dot info**". **New members needed and welcomed!** If you might fit our demographic profile, do please come along to our meeting.

