

# Packington Men's Group PMG

In **October** we heard from **Laura Jackson, Area Co-Ordinator for Ashby Street Pastors**, ably assisted by colleague **Chris Lewis**. Volunteer pastors



are drawn from local churches, undertake 12 modules of training to become fully qualified, and go in teams of 4 onto town centre streets on Friday or Saturday nights, wearing their distinctive uniform, to be with the people who are there. They offer *practical secular help, a*

*reassuring presence and a listening ear.* The respect they deservedly earn has a significant calming effect on night-time street tensions, reducing much of the fear of crime. Our two speakers are clearly at the top of our honour roll of those helping, unpaid, to make our society better and our towns safer.

On **Thursday 10th November at 7:15pm**, in the **Memorial Hall Meeting Room**, (**Note this correct date / time, not as given in error in the recent Packington Post!**), an aperitif precedes our **PMG evening talk** by



Packington's own **Doctor Nick Gravestock**, about **Changes in our NHS**. Most of us have had close contact with the National Health Service, some even frequent contact, so have a keen interest in how it works for us. In this talk we should hear how NHS changes may affect our GP's ability to look after us. We hope also to hear from **Music Therapist Joy Gravestock** about the effect on her Music Therapy courses.

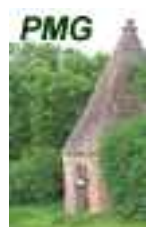
Also in November, **Saturday 26th at 7:30pm**

**PMG** visits with partners the **Ashby Venture Theatre** for "**Blithe Spirit**", by **Noel Coward**.

We have a block booking of tickets at £8 each, which must be paid-for from **PMG treasurer Wally Instrall** on **416786 before Saturday 12th November**. Lastly, **Advance**



**Notice** of our **Thursday 8th December 2011, 7pm, PMG evening talk and wine-tasting party event** with **French vineyard owner Katie Jones**, pictured left.



For more information about PMG - see the front of this Parish News, or the website "packington dot info".