

## Packington Men's Group PMG

In **December** 20 PMG members, with two sons of members, enjoyed a **Wine-Tasting Party evening** led by **Katie Jones**, owner of French vineyard **Domaine Jones**. While seated at round tables we first enjoyed a



nice social period with French mineral waters, fruit juices and wines, all provided by the PMG committee, along with an excellent set of "nibbles" prepared by Clifford. Katie's illustrated presentation on how she came to be a vineyard owner followed, proving her to be an accomplished speaker, and we were then able to liberally sample 3 expensive special wines from the 80-year-old vines in her Roussillon vineyard. Katie was assisted in generously pouring the samples by her father **Robert Jones** of Ashby. Did you know that Languedoc-Roussillon produces more wine than the whole of Australia? We certainly enjoyed some of its finer fruits.



On **Thursday 12th January 2012** at **7:15pm** in the **Memorial Hall Meeting Room**, after an aperitif of sherry or fruit juice, our PMG evening talk and demonstration is "**Well Dressing**", by a devotee of this flower-petal decoration activity, author **Steve Aynsley**. Prevalent near to us in the Peak District, **Well Dressing** has taken place for hundreds of years.

Steve wrote his book while chairing the Aston-on-Trent Well-Dressing committee, to boost interest in the July Derbyshire Festival and Derbyshire Day, and it certainly did! Steve will have two lady helpers, and we expect an opportunity to practice their art during the evening.

Advance notice: **Thursday 9th February at 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room PMG evening talk** See more on PMG at front of this Parish News; or on web, "packington dot info".

