

Packington Men's Group PMG

In **January** 14 PMG members took part in "**Well Dressing**", the floral decoration of Water Sources, led by **Author Steve Aynsley of Aston on Trent**, with the help of 4 ladies from Aston WI. This traditional decoration of village water sources requires painstaking dedication but then produces masterpieces of art on giant-sized clay tablets. You



could write a book (and Steve did) about all the processes involved, from soaking the wood frames in a lake for a week, gathering the moist clay, and then the week of work by lots of people to make the intricate patterns to the overall design of an artist. The Aston team brought with them all the materials to allow us to have a go, in miniature - picture at right shows our chairman availing of the opportunity.



On **Thursday 9th February 2012** at **7:15pm** in the **Memorial Hall Meeting Room**, after an aperitif, our **PMG "Information Teach-In"** will discuss current IT and our village website, then answer YOUR questions on electronic information handling, computers, wifi, smart phones, Facebook...

Last year in January we held a party evening with a Scottish flavour. This year we turn to Ireland. Although St Patrick's day is normally celebrated on 17th March, we will hold our **PMG party evening with a St Patrick's day theme on Thursday 8th March, at 7:15 in the main Memorial Hall**. We hope to gain an early understanding of just **who was St Patrick**, and what it was that marked him out for posterity. We shall also absorb some of the **tastes, sounds, and flavours of Ireland** - Irish



Stew, Irish Whiskey, Irish Stout, and Irish Music may all be present, along with a shamrock or two. **The evening is to be co-ordinated by Robert on 411673 and your committee would welcome offers of help.** As well as the setting-up of the venue, members may be asked to help with the presentation, and with the provision and serving of food and drink, as well as the clearing-up afterwards! A list of needs will be circulated, so please **let Robert know after February 3rd if you can come.**



More on PMG: at front of this Parish News; on web, "packington dot info".