

Packington Men's Group PMG

During Packington's snow-white freezing week in early **February, 10 PMG members** braved the icy pavements to take part in a lively "**Information**

PMG Information Teach-In **February 2012**



Teach-In" led by **PMG Secretary Robert Dilworth**. Robert introduced the topic of the mechanised handling of digital information, with a half-hour talk on how the information and digital computer industries had evolved in a mere 50 years, and the internet in just 20. He provided a display of some of the latest pads and pods, for illustration. The Teach-In format empowers an audience to both listen-to, and then produce, much of the



content. This was certainly the case, with an hour's intense discussion among PMG members, on up-to-the-minute topics such as Skype, Facebook and Twitter, personal privacy and security, backup to "the Cloud", internet banking, and the use of social media concepts in the village website, Packington dot info.

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 theme on Thursday 8th March, at 7:15 in the main Memorial Hall**. We have a presentation to give us an early understanding of just **who was St Patrick**, and what it was that marked him out for posterity. Using chairs at round tables, we shall also absorb some of the **tastes, sounds, and**

flavours of Ireland - Irish Stew, Irish Whiskey, Irish Stout, and Irish Music should all be present, along with a shamrock or two. We need to know the numbers in advance, so **entry is by ticket, price £5, from Treasurer Wally on 416786 - please quickly pay for your ticket to reserve your place!** Also, enter the obligatory Limerick competition: members read aloud their own Limerick penned in advance - a prize will be awarded.

Dates for your Diary: **Thursday 12th April 1:40pm PMG Visit** to Hough Mill, Swannington; and on **Thursday 10th May 11:30am PMG Annual Luncheon**, this year at the Donington Manor Hotel, a 2-course meal for £10. More on PMG at front of this Parish News; on web, "packington dot info".

