

# Packington Men's Group PMG

In **September 2012**, **14 PMG members** enjoyed the PMG **Evening Talk and Presentation** by **Mr Jamie Wilde of the NW**



**Leics Society of Model Engineers**, and everyone present found this engaging and interesting. Few of us had realised this Society existed, nor that it has 100 members, nor that it has a site near to Coalville complete with tracks, workshops and a club house. **Jamie Wilde** brought along various models, which we all enthusiastically scrutinised after the talk. You need special skills, knowledge, tools, and dedication to build a

working steam locomotive strong enough to haul a train of passengers, and we were all very impressed to see and hear from Jamie how this has been done.

On **Thursday 11th October 2012 at 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room**, after an aperitif of sherry or fruit juice, the topic of our **Guest Speaker is "Hedge-Laying"**, a way of rejuvenating a hedge by partly cutting-through hedge stems near ground level, so that they will bend without breaking, then "laying" them so they will continue to grow. Broad-leaf tree-species have the ability to make new growth after being cut back, and this process can extend the life span of most hedgerows almost indefinitely, meanwhile also providing a habitat for wild birds, plants and insects. Our speaker is an experienced volunteer hedge-layer: his techniques might save us money on fencing our own gardens - so come and take advantage of this **FREE "Hedgucation"** evening!



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