Packington Men's Group PMG

In **October 2012**, a **PMG** audience of 17 enjoyed the **PMG Evening Talk and Presentation** by **Mr Derrick Hale, Training Officer of the National Hedge-Laying Society**. Hedge-laying is a way of rejuvenating a hedge by partly cutting-through hedge stems near ground level, then "laying" them over so they will re-grow from where cut. This process can extend the life span of hedgerows almost indefinitely, also providing a habitat for wild birds and insects. In

his presentation, our experienced speaker demonstrated the tools of his trade, such as the illustrated large Maul (A mallet is a small maul); several Billhooks, cleverly-shaped hand cutting tools as shown at right; and axes. Examples of regional variations of hedge-laying styles were explained, as was the regulatory environment: did you know that Hedgerow Regulations in our country prohibit any action which results in the destruction of a hedge? Now you do!

On **Thursday 8th November at 7:15pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room**, after an aperitif, our **PMG evening talk** is "**History and Modern Work of the Royal British Legion**". The Legion started in 1921, and **Guest Speaker Andrew Moore** will cover when & where the Ashby Branch was

formed (since closed and re-formed); the area covered by the local Branch; the Poppy Appeal and Poppy Support in today's climes; Membership types (local and On-line); and will conclude with a short video and a questions period**.** Many of us are armed forces veterans, and **w**ith just 3 days to "Armistice" Sunday, any individual donations at this meeting, to help the Legion's support of both serving personnel and veterans, will be very gratefully received.

Advance notice: PMG December Party Evening, on a theme of "**Life with an Accordion"**. Enjoy sitting with wine or soft drinks and snacks, with **renowned accordionist Heather Hawthorn**, on **Tuesday (YES: TUESDAY) 11th December at 7:15 pm**

*Read more about **PMG** at the front of this Parish News; or on the "Men's Group" page at the village website "packington dot info".*