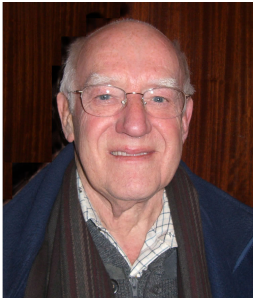


# Packington Men's Group (PMG)



In **January**, 20 of us met in the rear room of Packington HR Church, with a glass of sherry and in the comfort of the new radiant heaters, to hear guest speaker **Denis Baker**, **Chairman of the Swannington Heritage Trust**, describe



the "**Landscape Evidence of Coal Mining in Coleorton & Swannington**" Despite a disaster minutes before start time, when his projector crashed to the floor and would project no more, Denis was able to vividly paint word-pictures to illustrate his talk in place of projector slides. Evidence of 800 years of mining on the exposed coal seam edge at Swannington, as well as in the near buried strata using first bell pits, then lower horse gins, and further at deep mines near Snibston, is all around us. This was a fascinating talk by a consummate historian and enthusiast.

On **Thursday 12th February 2009 at 6:45pm** we leave the village hall for a 7pm **visit to a potato factory**. If you have ever dug up and washed a few nice new potatoes from your own garden, you will have much respect for an operation just 3 miles away in Measham that can prepare a thousand tons of spuds each week! Don't like peeling? They have abrasive machines that can can peel 2 tonnes in an



hour! Situated on a 14-acre site with a modern 70,000 sq-ft factory, purpose-built in 2003, **AB Produce PLC** are well-placed to ensure an interesting tour & refreshments. We need to know names in advance for the issuing of security passes - so if you can come, please contact

Robert on 411673 by 6th February to confirm your attendance, unless you already did so firmly after the January 8th Meeting.

**Date for your Diary: Thursday 12th March** at the Rear Room HR Church, with sherry at **7:15 pm for 7:30**, a talk and **Faith Discussion** by guest speaker **Rev Vivien Elphick**, who may outline the details of a career that has only recently led from Norwich Cathedral to Packington and Measham.

