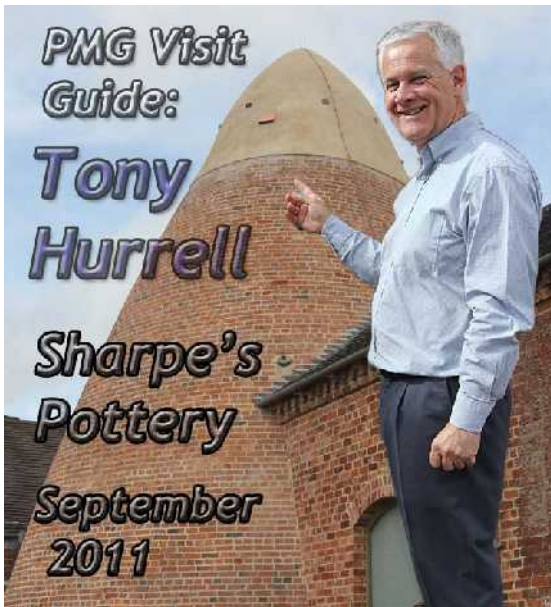


Packington Men's Group PMG



In **September PMG** visited **Sharpe's Pottery Museum** at nearby **Swadlincote** for a well-illustrated talk by our **visit guide, Tony Hurrell**, pictured at left. Swadlincote caused its own demise last century, as extraction of clay and coal, for the potteries that brought wealth, incurred wholesale despoliation. Today, at the heart of the National Forest, with the potteries almost gone, the area is regenerated: this

amazing clean modern museum and conference centre with its iconic restored "Kiln Hovel" building is testimony to new civic pride. We toured the whole museum and the fascinating "Magic Attic" with its 160-year archive of local newspapers and its busy active researchers.



On **Thursday 13th October at 7:15pm**, in the **Memorial Hall Meeting Room**, an aperitif precedes our **PMG evening talk** by **Laura Jackson, Area Co-Ordinator for Ashby Street Pastors**. Entitled "What is a Street Pastor?", her talk will describe a group who take to our town streets at a time when lots of young folk are there in high spirits, and when many mature adults might prefer to stay home and lock their doors!

Advance Notice: on **Thursday 9th November 2011 at 7:15pm** in the **Memorial Hall Meeting Room**, our **PMG evening talk** is by Packington's own **Doctor Nick Gravestock**, about the effects of changes to our NHS.

For more information about PMG - see the front of this Parish News, or the website "packington dot info".

