

Packington Men's Group PMG



So what links our two pictures, a Ferret, and prototype fighter-bomber TSR2? Well, during our **January 2012 PMG Evening Talk** on the theme of "**Odds and Ends**", veteran **Ashby Auctioneer and Valuer, Chris Yeomans**, told us that he auctioned both of these! His first-ever sale in 1950 was of **3 ferrets for 25 shillings** at Ashby; also he auctioned **parts of TSR2 on behalf of the Defence Ministry** in the late 60s after the cancellation of the project. **30,000 woolly berets?** Sold, to the People's Republic of China! **A prize Lincoln Bull?** Sold, for 2,500 guineas in 1980! Chris mentioned Packington several times, and our 17 PMG members were captivated by the many pithy anecdotes of this entertaining speaker. We heard wonderful descriptions of the Ashby characters of this period, and several of our members had actually known these people. Chris mentioned how a bull escaped from his cattle market opposite the Royal Hotel onto the Bath Grounds; the bull was soon recaptured, but Chris commented that bulls were far easier to deal with than mad cows!



You are invited to join us on **Thursday 14 February 2013** at the **Memorial Hall Meeting Room** at **7:15pm** for an aperitif of sherry or fruit juice, followed by our **PMG Evening Talk** on "**Advanced Driving**" by guest speaker **Neil Snow** of **RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders, ROADaR**. Most of us have heard of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, RoSPA, and we



are all on RoSPA's side! This talk will introduce the RoadCraft system of car control, taught to all Police drivers, and may be valuable to those of us who have been driving for several decades. ROADaR has a network of local groups; the Leicester Group have trained and experienced tutors who offer free advice and driving assessments. They also offer to help us prepare for their Advanced Driving test, a valuable qualification - one which perhaps will help us to stay alive longer, and to pay lower insurance premiums?

Date for your Diary Thursday 14 March 2013 - Musical Party Evening on a theme of "**St David**", with hot meal and entertainment.

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