

Packington Men's Group PMG

"Peter's Packington" was the title of our **January 2014 talk** by **Peter Cooper**, pictured at left, a founder PMG member who also chairs the



Packington Village History Group, PVHG. Many of us long-term residents of the village were amazed to hear about the **Roman road** that passed to the South of our village, **crossing Babelake Street and Redburrow Lane**, passing locally through **Moira, Willesley and Normanton le Heath** and now recognised as **part of the 'Via Devana'** from Colchester to Chester. We also heard about the Domesday book entry for our parish, and the benign geography that gave

the village drinking water, milling power and adequate transport links.



On **Thursday 13th February** we leave the village **at 1:40pm** for a visit and guided tour of the **Tollgate Brewery**, just up the road near **Calke**. This niche local industry makes special brews to local acclaim, and we are



to see how they are made, why they are special - and to partake of the product. This should be a pleasant opportunity for us to socialise together in memorable surroundings with lubrication. It will be cool in the building, so wrap up well; but it should be nice and warm later, in the tasting area. **There are only 16 places available**, so First-Come, First-Served: please **make early contact with Mike Taylor on 414862 to reserve your place; the visit costs £5**, collected on the day. Please say if you need or can offer transport.

Thursday 13th March 2014 at 7pm is our party evening, notionally on a theme of St George. Who was he? Why is he associated with England? We hope to have fun finding out! *See more on PMG at front of this Parish News; also, see the Men's Group page on our new village website "packington dot info".*

