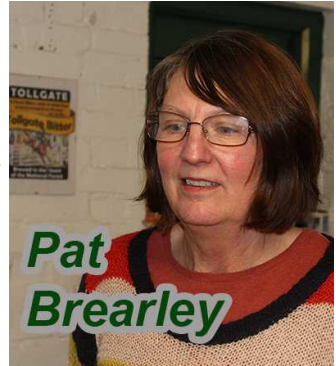


# Packington Men's Group PMG

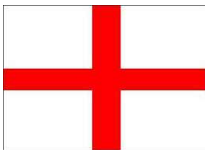
In **February** PMG visited the **Tollgate Brewery** in the Calke NT Estate, and were well entertained by **brewers Pat and Quentin Brearley**, a most hospitable working couple who clearly love both their product and sharing it. **Pat** is the scientist and brains behind the brewery. **Quentin**, an engineer, pulled us a large taster of ale from a fresh cask, and then gave us detailed explanations as we toured the brewery to see where and how their ale was made. There is a lot to know before you can brew successfully: we saw a mash-tun, a wort chiller, and sampled the feel and aroma of chocolate malt, and of fuggle and cascade hops! We heard about the development of the Tollgate brand name, and



then back at the bar with some nice snacks as a base we were treated to generous tastings of several different varieties of bottled ale with their imaginative names - "Red Storm Rising", "Ashby Pale", "Old Rasputin Stout", "Kalika". Mmmmm. Delicious! Thanks, Pat and Quentin!

**Thursday 13th March 2014 is our**

**Party Evening**, on a theme of **St George**, in anticipation of April 23rd. We shall meet early at the **Bull and Lion** for a nice party evening, including a sit-down meal of traditional English Fayre, provided by **new landlord Alan Hutchcraft** and his team; also a presentation on **St George**. Who was he? Why is he associated with England? Was he really born in Swadlincote? What's this about dragons? We hope to have fun finding out! The meal will cost up to £10 - please check your mail or email at the end of February for full details.



*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".*

