

Packington Men's Group PMG

PMG March 2014

**"Travels in
Tanzania"**

**Rev
Linda Cox,
Guest
Speaker**



In **March** the situation in our village pub had intervened to preclude the holding there of our **PMG** St George's party evening. We were grateful to **Linda Cox**, who came as our **PMG Guest Speaker** to describe her "**Tanzania Travels**". Most of us have not been to East Africa, Tanganyika or Zanzibar, the territories from which Tanzania formed in 1964. The capital city is Dodoma, and

we heard of the geography of the country, from the sea at Dar Es Salaam to Kilimajaro, pictured, Africa's highest mountain, in the North East of the country. It was touching to hear of widespread poverty, and of the poor roads and services. Those of us who may have complained about our own free schools and free hospitals perhaps gained a new perspective after hearing of the low incomes and high costs of education and health in this far-away African country. Technology was blamed for our almost comical failure to persuade a computer, a memory stick, and a projector to contribute to the presentation, but we all seemed to enjoy it nevertheless.



Wednesday, NOT Thursday, 9th April 2014 sees our **April Factory Visit**: we are to visit **Seal Elastics**, a leading maker of specialist fabrics and webbings at



their **Whitwick factory**. They supply well-known brands such as Speedo swimwear, as well as products as diverse as body armour, truck lashings, jogging suits, orthopaedic supports and equestrian and canine harness items. We expect a thoroughly interesting afternoon.



There are only 16 places available, so First-Come, First-Served: **please make early contact with Mike Taylor on 414862 to reserve your place** as one of the 16; say if you need or can offer transport. *More on PMG at front of this Parish News*

