

Packington Men's Group In **May**, 15 **PMG members** visited the amazing **Ulverscroft Grange Model Railway**, enjoying a demonstration of the large 38-feet by 16-feet layout with its scale-model radio-controlled trains



running at scale speeds through deftly-modelled countryside. Our **Ulverscroft Volunteer Guide, Bob Lee**, in photo, described how the layout came into being as a train signalling demonstration, and gave a vivid description of the **quiet gentleman**

philanthropist, David Clark, after whom the Shuttleworth-Clark Foundation which owns Ulverscroft is named, Shuttleworth being David's mother's maiden name. During his life David gave away most of his inherited wealth, and died in his 90s, almost unknown, while travelling on the restored steam Great Central Railway which he had helped to finance. Fellow **Ulverscroft Volunteer Colin Baker**, on left in the photo, showed us the **210-lever signal box**, and helped control the running of the busy layout. We concluded our visit with afternoon tea in the **Ulverscroft Grange Tea-Room**, a nice friendly facility with panoramic views over Bradgate Park, and several of us resolved to visit this charming and reasonably-priced charity restaurant facility again.

Please join us on **Thursday 11th June 2015, leaving the village at 1:45pm** for the brief drive to nearby **Hick's Lodge, the National Forest Cycling Centre**. This former open-cast coal mine is now a well-restored and very pleasant leisure haven, and is not just for cyclists! It has lakeside walks and adjacent rolling wooded countryside giving spectacular views from the terrace of the Cafe-Restaurant, where after our **gentle afternoon stroll together** we'll have **afternoon tea**. **RSVP - for transport and seating, please contact Mike Taylor on 414862, or by email to miketaylor216@gmail.com - say whether you need or can offer transport, please by Monday 8th June 2015.**

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