

# Packington Men's Group PMG

Our Autumn **PMG programme** opened in October when 13 PMG members



heard a sparkling talk by **Jack Fargher, Ashby Town Clerk**, pictured at left, about the wide range of responsibilities his job entails. His talk was vivid and forceful: Jack comes over as a capable administrator clearly at ease in letting people know what he has to do and why. Amongst some humorous anecdotes in his talk, we heard of the difficulties of allocating Ashby resources for all Ashby people, of the problems arising from the growing population and traffic in the area, and of various planning decisions and projects that were

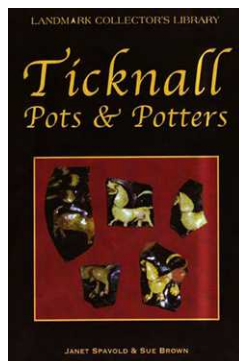
being undertaken. Some serious discussion took place about the lack of graveyard space for burials, and the decisions that councillors had been forced to take on allocation of the spaces available. Afterwards, not many of us really thought we would be prepared to volunteer to do Jack's vital job in his place!

**Thursday 12th November at 7:45pm**: after an aperitif of sherry or fruit juice, our presentation on **"Ticknall Pottery"** is by **Guest Speaker Sue Brown**.



Ticknall village was a major local producer of Midland Purple pottery wares, which have been found on the early sites; some are decorated. Ticknall also specialised in good quality plain and finely-decorated Cistercian

wares. Our speaker **Sue Brown** can trace her ancestors in the village back to the 17th Century, including three Ticknall potters; she herself is qualified as an MA in Regional History at Nottingham Uni, and became joint author of the landmark book "Ticknall Pots and Potters".



Advance notice that our **December party evening** is at **6pm** on **Thursday 10th December 2015** at the **Bull and Lion**. Expect Party Fun and music; a quiz with prizes; and remember to come hungry and thirsty!



*For more on PMG : see the front of this Parish News, or look on our village website, Packington dot info*

