

Packington Men's Group PMG



Last year we had a Scottish flavour; this year **20 PMG members** enjoyed our March **Irish**

Party Evening. The highlight of the evening - apart from the Limerick competition, the tasty meal cooked by Geoff Gasson of Irish stew with home-made soda bread and Irish fruit crumble, the fine Irish beverages, and the great social opportunity - was a spectacular performance by **Packington's very own Drochettes, an Irish-dancing team of 3 girls from our village**.



We also enjoyed a presentation on St Patrick by **Peter last, pictured left**, and a "spirited" reminiscence by **Bert Monk**.



The judges awarded **Wally Instrall** the prize for best Limerick amongst stiff competition. The whole evening was expertly compered by **Philip Whitworth**, whose introduction cleverly included some of his own highly descriptive Limericks.

Dates for your Diary: On **Thursday 12th April** leaving the village at **1:40pm** PMG visits **Hough Mill**. This restored Mill is one of the Swannington Heritage Trust's refurbished sites, and there are two parts to the visit; firstly, a guided tour by **curator**

Bill Pemberton of the Mill itself, with it's new working skeleton model of the original mill. Then, a tour of nearby Gorse Field with its extinct local mines, which are a good walk away across uneven rough terrain, so stout shoes will be useful.



There is no charge, but the Mill is being opened specially and a small donation is expected - a donation box will be available. **RSVP** - Please contact **Wally Instrall on 416786** and say if you need or can offer transport.

Thursday 10th May leaving at **11:30am** - **PMG Annual Luncheon**, this year at the **Donington Manor Hotel**, a 2- or 3-course meal for £10 or £13. You must choose your menu in advance before the end of April - details to come. More on PMG at front of this Parish News; on web, "packington dot info".

