Packington Men's Group PMG

The theme "**Wales - Land of Song**" guided **PMG's March Musical Party Evening**, post-St David's Day. 20 of us heard an introduction to Wales and Welsh language; **Packington's Choral Supremo Julian Baker**, pictured, led us to sing in Welsh two stirring songs, "Myfanwy" and "Mae Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" (the National Anthem), ably assisted by an authentic **Welsh-speaking couple, Marian and Peter Davies**, both former choristers of the famous Rhos choirs. We ate an excellent meal, by **Geoff Gasson**, of Welsh Lamb stew, with Leeks and real Welsh Laverbread cakes; **Peter Last** gave a satisfying presentation on St David; **Philip Whitworth** as compère kept us on schedule, with some great touches of humour; **Marian** gave a moving poetry reading from Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood", and the graceful soft harmony of "Eli Jenkins Prayer" from **Julian** ended the evening. Now well-able to sing in Welsh the Welsh National Anthem, how many PMG members stood two days later by their home TV sets to sing again this fine anthem along with players and 50,000 spectators, prior to the massive 30-3 rugby defeat of England by Wales?

Join us on **Thursday 11 April 2013 leaving at 6:45pm** for our **PMG evening visit and guided tour of Champney's Springs**, a mature relaxation paradise, well-suited to our lifestyles, almost on our doorsteps, and very affordable for locals. We shall see the peaceful grounds with lakes and wildlife; the luxury 25-metre swimming pool, with associated bubble-bath, sauna and steam-rooms; the large exercise room with many state-of-the-art equipments for exercising as gently or ferociously as you want, complete with radio or TV to distract you as you ease away the calories. **RSVP! please contact Robert on 411673 or email**, and say if you need or can offer transport.

Thursday 9th May 2013 - leaving at 11:30am - PMG Annual Luncheon, again at the Donington Manor Hotel. You must choose your menu before the 23rd of April - details to come. *More on PMG at front of this Parish News; on web, "packington dot info".*