

Packington Men's Group PMG



In September, 14 of us enjoyed our **PMG Visit to Eglantine Vineyard**, at **Costock** in **Nottinghamshire** where **owners Tony & Veronica Skuriat** since 1979 have set about 4,000 vines on their 4-acre south-facing slopes with their own purpose-built winery. Veronica showed us the outdoor vineyard, its vines and grape varieties, how to plant and prune them,



and the problems of safeguarding against disease and disaster; Tony then described at length the winery equipment, showing how the grapes were stripped, pressed, fermented, and bottled., before offering us a taste of some of their products, wines and even mead.

You are invited to join us on Thursday 10th October at 7:15pm in the Meeting Room of Packington Memorial Hall for an aperitif of sherry or fruit juice, prior to our PMG Evening Talk entitled "Olympic Volunteering" by Guest Speaker Greg Clark. We were all touched by the **2012 London Olympics**, which seemed to somehow



light up the whole country. Did you know that **70,000 Olympic volunteers gave of their time and energy?** They were largely unsung – and definitely unpaid – heroes and heroines, but in their distinctive uniforms they made the games possible, contributing eight million hours of voluntary work behind the scenes. What was it like herding crowds? How was life for those Olympics volunteers? We are

privileged to hear from **Guest Speaker Greg Clark**, who was **one of the 70,000**, already well-known as a caring Ashby Dentist, in an illustrated presentation that we hope may rekindle for us some of his -and our own - happy memories of those halcyon weeks in 2012. *See more on PMG at front of this Parish News; also, see the Men's Group page on our new village website "packington dot info".*

