

# Packington Men's Group PMG

In **December** we held our **PMG 2013 Seasonal Party Evening** at the village pub, the **Packington Bull and Lion**, an early sell-out with an amazing 23 sitting down to our seasonal supper in our own function room. The **General Knowledge quiz was won by the table 3 team of Doug Pratt, Rob Miller, Rod Instrall**

**and Arthur Morris** in a tense tie-breaker finish from **table 4's Mike Coke, Harry Ikin, Peter Cooper and Frank Mugglestone**. The standard was high, although one answer to the question "How many MPs in Parliament?" in hindsight deserved double points, not zero: "Too Many!". We also gained an insight into the politics of brewery tied-house management from **new pub manager Justin Hadley**, pictured at right, the 3rd new manager within a year. **Justin and business partner Julie Lester** ran the **Black Horse pub in Sheepy Magna** for 9 years; dare we now hope for an equally-long period of stability in our own village pub? Top billing for the second half of our evening



was **Maestro Chris Miles and his brilliant musical keyboard** that filled the room with great sound and enabled us to sing for fun; Chris proved once again to be one of few great entertainers in the world, able to play, accompany, sing, and lead our singing, all at the same time. **PMG says "Thanks, Chris - you made our evening complete."**

Come and join us at **7:15pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014** in the **Memorial Hall Meeting Room** for an aperitif of fruit juice or sherry, and then to hear **founder PMG member**

**Peter Cooper** talk on **Packington History and the Packington Village History Group, PVHG**. Peter probably knows as much or more about the history of our village than anyone. Do you know when electricity and mains water came to Packington? Gas? All, surprisingly recently! When did paved roads first come? Why is it called Babelake Street? Where is the village water spring on Measham Road? When was the bridge in Bridge Street built? Our history has shaped our village; Peter makes the subject really interesting.

**Advance Notice** of our afternoon visit on **Thursday 13th February 2014** to the **Tollgate Brewery**. This niche local industry makes special brews to local acclaim, and we are to see how they are made, why they are special, and also to partake of the product. *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".*

