

## Spice of Life Singers

*By Nancy Mann*

Ms. Frances Burch is the founder of the Spice of Life choir at Windsor Gardens.

She sang as a girl with her father, who I believe, was of Welsh extraction; she has memories of gathering around an upright piano to sing many a lively song.

Welsh grasses draw minerals from a rocky soil, which minerals create strong leg bones in Welsh ponies, and create strong ribcages in the Welsh people. This stock also has strong muscles and deep voices. Tom Jones, Richard Burton, and Anthony Hopkins, all with strong voices, come to mind.

Spice of Life is directed by a husband and wife team-Barry and Jeanette. We meet every Wednesday morning, at Centerpoint, at 10:15 a.m. There is no cost to join; we buy our nominally priced music which we change out every year. We enjoy the warm-up drills, and the learning of the parts.

We sing vigorously during rehearsals, but sometimes start tremoring slightly, or “clam-up” during a performance, when we are singing in front of a larger audience – the public. Our director, Barry, treats the audience, however, with a solo, in his wonderful voice and expression.

We sing songs by Cole Porter, and popular American songs, and we perform twice yearly. Tickets are free.

At the end of the holiday performance this year, in early December, I think I may offer a gift to anyone who can name the three worst singers in the group – the value of the gift will be over \$20.00. Hints will be given as to the singers’ heights and other general descriptions.

Just to show you the good spirit, sense of fun, and excellent attitude that the singers possess!