

## Spaxton Women's Institute

We started the year with our usual 'fish & chip' lunch in January. The visit by Georgina Long our Police Community Support Officer in February was enlightening and very informative. She advised us to mark everything and lock-up any machinery. If we suspect that someone or something is suspicious collect as much information as possible and most importantly report it. 'Farm Watch' is a good deterrent and 'Horse Watch' has now been set up.



In March we had a visit from Helmi Wolff who told us about living in Nazi occupied Holland. She was the youngest of seven children and had a happy life until the invasion. She was aged four when she saw her father and eldest brother taken forcefully by the Gestapo. They were taken to a labour camp because they were tradesmen – electrician and carpenter, so were useful to the Germans. However, thankfully they both eventually returned home.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March four members are travelling to Edington Village Hall to hear Claire Rawle speak on 'From Novice to Bargain Hunt'. Then on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Langford Budville Village Hall two members will listen to Brian Martin, a charity cyclist on 'Peddling across Australia, Vietnam and Cambodia'.

We will hold our AGM in May at 7.30pm.

David Shelling is our guest speaker on 3<sup>rd</sup> June again at 7.30pm when he will talk to us on 'Operation Henry' – a walk he took with a donkey.

July is the month for the talk subject 'The Cinnamon Trust' set up to help people with dementia.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for any meeting.

### Spaxton Women's Institute – Coffee Morning

**We are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Spaxton Village Hall, 10am – 1pm**

There will be various craft tables around the hall.

Tables can be booked at a cost of £5 (please contact Pat on 01278 421231)

Please come along – we need your support



### Friends of Spaxton Church (FOSC) - New Memorial Garden

We have now started on the long needed New Memorial Garden in the churchyard. The old memorial garden is adjacent to the tower in a place not ideal for sitting and remembering loved ones.

The New Memorial Garden construction is under way and will be laid out to allow people to sit and remember loved ones in a pleasing setting. There will be a memorial wall on which to attach the names of the departed.



This is a FOSC project funded by donations and as usual we still need your contributions. Many people give their time willingly but money pays for the contractors and materials. If you would like to donate to a very worthwhile village project, or **renew your FOSC membership (now due)**, please contact one of the following: Carol 671891, Caroline 671626, Josh 671396, Pete 671121.