

# FELLOWSHIP

Last month we heard about the Liphook Scouts who actually did not start until 1972 when a cub group was formed with four leaders, now 53 years later they have over 200 members and are one of the largest in



Hampshire. Mary was one of the four at the beginning, first meeting in the Catholic Church Hall, then moving to the old school room, part of the school before it became our library, and finally today in the purpose built part of the Millennium Centre. Because Liphook is in the three counties corner a badge was designed showing leaping deer, the South Downs, ponds at Waggoners Wells and Maple Leaf of Canada. Mary also had many photographs of her experiences with the cub section she had been involved with for all those years. Some members recalled sons in the scouts others their time with guiding, who also have their headquarters in the Millennium Centre.

We then had a visit from Lorraine who is a local preacher and a pharmacist but her talk reflected on some favourite music from various stages in her life. We heard Johnny Cash singing Amazing Grace, Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia by Laurel and Hardy, the Everley Brothers, and Roy Rogers Don't Fence Me In. Lorraine accompanied herself on the guitar singing Let It Be Me and plays the cornet in the Haslemere Band. We hope to have Lorraine back again in the New Year.

In November we had a return visit from Val who has visited before speaking about Project Linus UK an organisation providing quilts for babies, children and teenagers who are sick, disabled disadvantaged



or distressed. The quilts are checked, labelled and given to foster care homes, home start, women's refuges and some hospitals. The label gives washing instructions and some hospitals are unable to take the gifts which are given to the person for keeps and can be very personalised. Val stated she had distributed 1500 in Surrey which is her area but across the country 6,397,818 have been distributed since the organisation came to the UK from America in 2000. The name is taken from the cartoon Peanuts who had a friend Linus who dragged a comfort blanket. The numbers are an amazing figure of dedication to a cause.

Last week our meeting required some research in the bible for verses that referred to ingredients that were used to make a bible cake which we then sampled. We also had another successful Bring and Buy for our charity the Rosemary Foundation.

The meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December will be a visit from Rev. Pauline Crispin who is part of the circuit team and comes from Fareham and on the 17<sup>th</sup> it will be a Christmas related meeting.

Dates for January 2025 will be the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>.