

Anne Griffiths is a leading textile artist who came to **Hampstead Norreys W. I.** to talk about her work on the W.I. Diamond Light Source Project. This project resulted in 'Designs for Life. 'This was an art/scientific collaboration with Diamond Light Source at Harwell and Oxfordshire W.I.s. The groups worked on ideas for textile panels about the study of diseases, drug development and environmental health relating to the biosciences researched at the Diamond Light Source. Anne coordinated the project and spent time talking to the scientists and collecting images of cells and micro-organisms which were translated in to patterns on the textile panels. There are fifty panels, measuring 50cm x 50cm, and all are displayed at the Diamond Light Source. Each panel includes a variety of techniques chosen by the individual W.I groups. These include patchwork, textile painting, quilting, hand and machine embroidery. The completed panels are displayed in the synchrotron building where they can be viewed on the Diamond open days. They were on display when Her Majesty the Queen opened the facility and Anne made a panel to present to the queen. The completed work is stunning and next time there is an open day at Harwell it would be well worthwhile making a trip there. We were mesmerised by the concept and completed works.

If you would like to join us at our monthly meetings, please come along to Hampstead Norreys Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. If you would like to talk to someone about our meetings, please phone 01635 201147 and we can arrange to meet you at the door so that you do not walk into a room of 'new faces.'