

# SCAYNES HILL WI

Barbara Ehlers – Silversmith



At our April meeting Barbara Ehlers, a silversmith from Ditchling came and spoke to us about making silver jewellery and also about the hall marks and their origins. Barbara sends all her silver to London and so has the lion head as part of her hall mark. She also warned us against 'fake' silver which is turning up online!

Another interesting nugget of information was that silver is an antibacterial and therefore to be born 'with a silver spoon' was a sign of good health through the benefits of absorbing small amounts of silver. Colloidal silver is still used as an antibacterial by some.

Barbara brought a fantastic sales table and I believe that quite a few items were purchased by the ladies.

Next month we have Jane from Madajazz coming to speak to us. She is part of a company that imports handmade bags and hats from Madagascar – bright, colourful and handwoven. There will be some for sale too!

Visitors are welcome – ring Fiona on 891217 or Sue on 831786 for more information.

**madajazz**  
jazzy bags from **J**madagascar