



### **COFFEE MORNING**

Our March Saturday coffee morning was a great success. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to meet old friends and to enjoy the refreshments. Thanks go to Barbara Cleasby for organising the event and to Ingrid Marsh for putting together an interesting slideshow featuring Ipplepen Shops and Businesses. Another one of these events is planned for the end of September and we hope to see you all there.

### **CORONATION**

The first part of May is dominated by the coronation of King Charles. It prompted me to forage through our archive and I came across a programme of Ipplepen festivities from June 1911 celebrating the coronation of their majesties King George V and Queen Mary.



Here are some of the gems from this programme:

**8a.m. – National Anthem sung on the Church Tower. All children over the age of 10 are invited to attend.**

**11a.m. – Service in the Parish Church. After the service all children invited to assemble in Silver Street and march to the Cross where, after singing, each will receive a cake and a bottle of Mineral Water.**

**From 3p.m. – Sports including for Boys aged 11-14 a 'Bun Eating Contest' with the first prize of a Coronation Knife.**

**For Boys of 6-8 there was a Crawling Race with the first prize of a Musical Instrument.**

**For girls of 12-16 there was a 'Needle Threading Race' with first prize of a Teapot and for Women over 40 a Polishing Competition with first prize of a Coronation Biscuit Box.**

**All of the events followed at 9.30 – 11p.m. by a display of fireworks provided by Mr. Graham of Ambrook and a bonfire on Great Biltor lit by Mr. Maddicott.**

**John Marsh**