

December Newsletter



Camberley Diamond WI

St. Mary's Church & Centre, Park Road, Camberley, GU15 2SR

President: Christine Craig



With the Annual Meeting over, it is satisfying to know that we have everything in place for next year with a new and varied programme of events and a committee to run things. Debbie Thomas and Amanda Webster-Robbins were elected as new members and join Janet Ansell, Bobbi Chilton, Sylvie Collins, Christine Craig, Hilary Jorgensen, Sue O'Riordan and Linda Welsh as our committee for 2013/2014. Caron Harrington was thanked, in her absence, for all her hard work on the committee over the last year.

Bobbi Chilton's report highlighted the wide variety of things we have done this year. Our programme of interesting talks was interspersed with practical topics including planting garden tubs and a craft evening. In addition to these, we took part in the Strictly Scarecrows competition at Wisley and the Ash Hill WI quiz night. Our activities have been extended by our flourishing subgroups and visits to The Royal Hospital Chelsea and the Winchester Christmas Market. We have joined Camberley WI on their theatre trips and have welcomed their members on our visits.

Treasurer Sue O'Riordan's Financial Statement showed that our finances are healthy which is always good to hear! She fully deserves the warm thanks she received for all her hard work.

The quiz that Sue organized was certainly different! Our geography of counties was put to the test when we had to locate some very unusual places amongst them Upper Dicker, Shittington and Devil's Lapful. We also did some food tasting to identify mystery ingredients. All good fun and not too serious!

Thank you everyone for your support and encouragement - it's part of what makes our WI so warm and friendly.



Future Meetings

December 9

Christmas Celebration

Entertainment by Stephen Robbins, keyboard player and vocalist. Music, carols, mulled wine, mince pies and festive fun

January 13 2014

Colour Me Beautiful

A fabulously stylish you – it's as easy as ABC. Accessories, Body Shape and Capsule Wardrobes

In the Community

December 15

Carols by Candlelight

St. Mary's Church 6.30 pm
An invitation to all groups who use the church and centre to join in a candlelit celebration of carols and readings. Amanda Webster-Robbins will be doing a reading for our WI. All money raised goes to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

December 21

Christmas Farmers' Market

Christmas food shopping accompanied by carol singing. Saturday 21 December 10 am – 3 pm in Park Street, Camberley

NEXT VISITS

Feb/ March The Poppy Factory in Richmond

Date and details to follow in the New Year

February 26 Matinee – ‘The Lion King’

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Monday 9 December

This meeting will be relaxing end to our WI year with lots of time to chat and socialise. Stephen Robbins will play and sing while we enjoy mulled wine or fruit juice, mince pies and other foodie treats. We'll round off the evening with carol singing – a lovely start to the festive season.

There will be a Suggestions Box at this and future meetings for those of you who wish to make comments or suggestions more privately. As always, we will also ask for your feedback during the business part of the meetings. It is your WI and your feedback and comments are valuable in helping the committee to develop things in the way that you want. Please talk to us and let us know what we should do next.

There will be the usual Bring and Buy table and Book Swap. We will also have a special Christmas raffle and Margaret Collingwood's cards will be on sale.

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	8 January - at Christine Craig's house Planning the reading list for 2014
Walking Group	24 January – Blackwater to Sandhurst 20 Feb - The Vyne - walk & afternoon tea
Knitting and Crochet Group	12 Dec Sylvia Gardner's house 23 Jan June Phillips house
Coffee and Chat	9 Dec, 6 Jan and 20 Jan Café Nero
Thursday Supper Club	Chinese meal in January tbc
Friday Supper Club	24 Jan Bar Estilo, Camberley

If you are interested in joining any of our subgroups please contact Jan Ansell



News from the Surrey Federation and National Federation

Monday 17 March 2014 Annual Council Meeting at Dorking

Saturday 7 June 2014 National AGM in Leeds

Monday 20 October 2014 Autumn Federation Meeting at Dorking.

Denman Workshop Day Monday 24 March 2014. Details will be on the notice board at the meeting on 9 December.

Surrey @ Denman 2014

Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 June – there are SEVEN courses

The Jersey Federation

Another holiday is on offer from 3 - 10 May 2014. For further details please contact Ann Pasturel on 01534 730409 or email apasturel@live.co.uk

REMINDER

The Diamonds' Favourite Recipes Book

Sue O'Riordan says thank you for your recipes and **please** keep them coming in. The book will be a fun and interesting way to share recipes and raise funds for the group. Starters, Mains, Desserts, Cakes, Preserves and everything in between. Recipe cards are available at meetings or you can email your recipe to Sue.

CHARITY

Recycling Our collecting for charity is going very well. Please bring any stamps, computer ink cartridges, mobile phones, old spectacles, plastic milk bottle tops, foreign coins and bras to our meetings.

BESOM As you know, St. Mary's is a collection point for BESOM which, amongst other things, collects food to distribute to those in need in our community. Non-perishable items can be left on the chest in the church entrance

Support Our Soldiers Christmas Boxes. Sue O'Riordan is collecting donations so please bring any items to our next meeting.

If one or more of you would like to coordinate and develop our charity work, please speak to one of the committee.

2014 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

The subscription fee for 2014 is **£34.70** and is due in January. You can pay by cheque, electronic transfer or in cash.

Please note that payment is not due until January, however if you wish to pay by postdated cheque you can pay the Treasurer at the November and December meetings. Cheques should be made payable to: Camberley Diamond W.I and dated 13th January 2014.

If you wish to pay by cash or electronic banking please do not make any payments until January.

It is also possible to pay your subscription fee over the next 3 months if this is a more suitable method for you. The following cash payments should be made:

November Meeting: £12.00 December Meeting: £12.00 January Meeting: £10.70

EXPENSES

We hope to simplify payments by using the Electronic Banking System as much as possible. If you prefer to paid in cash for claims under £10 or by cheque for claims over £10 then please let the Treasurer know when making your claim.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak the Treasurer.

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone has enjoyed the delicious refreshments we have at our meetings and our funds have benefited from the raffles. Thank you for contributing so generously. Sylvie Collins will be asking for volunteers for the 2014 raffle and refreshment rotas. Please help her to complete these as quickly as possible.

