

February Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig



It was lovely to see so many of you at our last meeting and to welcome our many guests and three new members

It was a packed hall and a packed programme. Kerrie Ellis' presentation gave us lots of useful tips for revamping our wardrobes so that we make the most of our clothes and accessories. The long queue during the break showed how interesting many of you found her talk! Kerrie is available for private bookings – either individual or small groups. Contact Christine Craig if you want more information about this.

Amanda and Debbie's presentation on the proposed Resolutions for this year was very interesting and informative. It is a pity that we did not have more time to discuss these important issues in greater depth but we will have an opportunity to discuss some of the topics in May.

A big thank you to those of you who donated to the raffle or who brought and served the refreshments. This adds to our enjoyment of the evening; we do appreciate your hard work.

Don't forget to renew your subscription if you haven't already done this so you can enjoy another year of fun and friendship.

NEXT VISITS

February 26 'The Lion King'

26 March The Poppy Factory in Richmond – a few places available

Early May Wimbledon museum and tour



Future Meetings

10 February 2014

A day in Iran as a housewife

Sandra Simmons returns to give the second of her fascinating talks about life in Iran.

10 March 2014

Frimley Park Hospital Appeal

Ian Laidlaw, the breast surgeon, and others from FPH will be giving talks. Friends, family and partners are welcome.

A date for your diary

Camberley Diamond Quiz Evening

Saturday 29 March 7 pm

We are holding a fund raising Quiz Evening at St Mary's. Please bring your partners and friends to join in the fun and challenges. Local WIs and other groups will also be invited. Ploughman's supper included.

Tickets are £8 and can be bought from the one of the committee or the church office.

In the Community

Next Farmers Market

Saturday 15 February in Park Street, Camberley

Work Party Days at St Mary's

Dates for 2014 coming soon

A Day in Iran as a Housewife Monday 10 February

Sandra Simmonds is back by popular demand to give the second of her talks about her life in Iran when, as a foreigner, she married into a conservative Iranian family. Her recollections and descriptions of daily life particularly that of the women, are very interesting and give an insight to life behind the veil.

Please remember that we value your comments and suggestions. Ideas for the Programme for 2014 – 2015 and also for future visits would be appreciated. It is your WI so please talk to the committee and let us know what we should do next. Remember there is a Suggestions Box for those of you who wish to make comments or suggestions more privately.

As always we will have the Bring and Buy table and Book Swap. The magazines were a popular addition last month so please bring any that you have finished with.

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	19 February - at Linda Welsh's house The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
Walking Group	20 February The Vyne - walk & lunch or tea
Knitting and Crochet Group	13 February June Phillips house
Coffee and Chat	17 Feb, 3 March and 17 March Café Nero
Thursday Supper Club	20 March – Khari, the Atrium, Camberley
Friday Supper Club	21 March Loch Fyne near Ascot

For more information about the subgroups please contact Jan Ansell

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS

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



News from the Surrey Federation and National Federation

Details will be on the noticeboard

Monday 17 March 2014 Annual Council Meeting at Dorking

Monday 20 October 2014 Autumn Federation Meeting at Dorking.

Tweak a £20

In March the SFWI is giving each WI £20 to turn into as much money as possible. At the end of the year this will be split 50/50 between the SFWI and our WI. *IDEAS PLEASE*

HAVE YOU SENT A RECIPE? DIAMOND DISHES COOKBOOK

Thank you for your recipes and **please** keep them coming. The book will be a fun and interesting way to share recipes and raise funds for our group. Starters, Mains, Desserts, Cakes, Preserves and everything in between. Recipe cards are available at meetings or you can email your recipe to Sue. If you haven't sent a recipe yet, now is your chance and you don't have to stop at one!

2014 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

Subscriptions were due in January so if you haven't paid yours please do so as soon as possible. The subscription fee for 2014 is **£34.70** and you can pay by cheque, electronic transfer or in cash.

Cheques should be made payable to: Camberley Diamond W.I and dated 10 February 2014. They can be given to Sue at Monday's meeting or posted to her.

If you are paying by Electronic Transfer you need the following details:

Sort Code: 40-16-05 Account No: 32071150.

Please use the reference: Subs + your name (or names if paying for more than one person) then send payment confirmation to the Treasurer – sue68diamond@gmail.com

EXPENSES

We wish 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.

CHARITY

RECYCLING Please remember to bring any stamps, computer ink cartridges, mobile phones, old spectacles, plastic milk bottle tops, foreign coins and bras to our meetings.

Yvonne Sweetman, who sends the used stamps to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, has received a letter from them thanking us for our collection. Also a request that we separate foreign stamps from British stamps and that we leave a ½ cm border around stamps, if possible. It will be a little more effort but it is a very worthwhile cause.

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. The organisers of BESOM are very grateful for the generous contributions made by our WI.

We need someone to coordinate our collections and charity work. If one or more of you would like to do this please speak to one of the committee