

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig



Ladies,

It was very enjoyable celebrating our first anniversary and our guests really enjoyed the evening. We have received letters of thanks from them and these will be on the noticeboard for all to see at the next meeting. Thank you to those of you who hosted our guests and to all of you for making them feel so welcome.

The canapés were a delicious feast and it is always good to try other people's food. Don't forget to give Sue any special recipes.

Looking at all that is happening in the next few months has made me realise just how much we have achieved since our first meeting. We have a wide range of extra activities and also we do our part in supporting local charities and the local community.

Well done the Diamonds!

NEXT VISITS

December 4 – Winchester Christmas Market

5 places available @ £15 each. Payment due by 14 November

February 26 – Matinee – 'The Lion King'

3 tickets available @ £28.50 each

Contact Christine Craig if you are interested



Future Meetings

November 11

Annual Meeting & Quiz Night

December 9

Christmas Celebrations

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

In the Community

November 14

Christmas Shopping Evening

St. Mary's Church 7 – 9pm
There will be many stalls selling a variety of gifts – body and bath products, jewellery, scarves, bags, cards, children's gifts, Pampered Chef and lots more.

November 23

Christmas Craft Fair

St. Peter's Church Frimley 1.30 – 4pm. Sarah Jane Croke (At the Drop of a Hat) has reserved a table for our WI to sell crafts. If you are interested please email her atthedropofahat@live.com

The committee will be serving light refreshments at this event to support Sarah Jane and to raise funds for our WI. If you would like to bake something or help on the afternoon, please speak to one of the committee.

ANNUAL MEETING – Monday 11 November

Elections for the committee and President will be held at this meeting. Seven of the current committee have said they are willing to serve for another year **but** these roles are open to **all** members. Please consider putting your name forward and helping to run our WI for the next year. You will find it interesting and a lot of fun.

Your committee needs you!

If you would like to help on the committee in any way, please contact Christine Craig.

During the business part of the meeting the Treasurer will present the Financial Statement and the Secretary will give the Annual Report which is a summary of our activities this year.

Sheila Tickner and Wendy Cook, SFWI Advisors, will help run the business part of the evening and Cara Bradney and Jackie Magness from Camberley WI will be our tellers.

After the refreshment break we can relax and have fun with the Quiz. There will be a mixture of questions, pictures, tasting and touching - something to suit everyone. Come as a team of up to 6 if you wish or just join in with those sitting at your table.

We will have the Bring and Buy table and Book Swap and also Christmas Cards from KatCanDo.

SUB GROUPS

Book Group	13 November	'The Book Thief' by Marcus Zusak
Walking Group	6 December	Basingstoke Canal
Knitting Group	14 November	June Phillips house
Coffee Mornings	11 & 25 th Nov	Café Nero
Thursday Supper Club	14 Nov	The Little Greece, Frimley Rd
Friday Supper Club	22 Nov	The Carpenters Arms, Sunninghill.

If you are interested in joining any of our sub groups please contact Jan Ansell (Janetansell@yahoo.com)



News from the Surrey Federation and National Federation

Christmas Fair & Real Jam Festival

December 7 & 8 at Denman

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 is compiling this book and needs your recipes. It 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 the meeting or you can email Sue. Please support her.

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. Grace Bates from BESOM has written to thank you for your generous donations last month.

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

KatCanDo Christmas Cards will be on sale at the November meeting. This is a local charity that supports local cancer appeals.

2014 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

The subscription fee for 2014 is **£34.70** and is due in January. You can pay by cheque, electronic transfer (details will be given in December) 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.