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# January Newsletter

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## Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

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Happy New Year everyone.

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas. It seems more than 5 weeks since the last meeting. Our Christmas celebration was great fun with delicious food, mulled wine, a fantastic raffle, music and dancing. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The dancing was a first and lots of you took to the floor for the Twist and the Hokey Cokey – the Diamonds really know how to let their hair down!

As you already know, we have an interesting programme of events for this year. To remind you of the dates, we have printed an Events Calendar which will be given out at Monday's meeting.

We welcomed Valerie Butterley to the committee this month so we are now at full strength and ready for the coming year. We can look forward to lots of fun, friendship and interesting things to do. Don't forget to renew your subscription!

### NEXT VISITS

**Feb/ March The Poppy Factory in Richmond**

Date and details coming very soon

**February 26 Matinee – 'The Lion King'**

Details about sharing travel/lunch will be sent nearer the date



### Future Meetings

**13 January 2014**

#### **Colour Me Beautiful**

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

**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.

#### **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 groups will also be invited. Ploughman's supper included.

More details to follow.

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### 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

## Accessories, Body Shape and Capsule Wardrobes – Monday 13 January

This meeting should get us off to a good start for this year. Kerrie Ellis from Colour Me Beautiful is returning to show us how to develop a simple and stylish wardrobe that works! She'll talk about how to find your 'signature style', how to dress your shape, what to do with accessories and the difference they can make and how to develop the much talked about capsule wardrobe. It promises to be a fun night with audience participation so we do hope that you can join us.

Later in the evening, Amanda Webster-Robbins and Debbie Thomas will be giving you more information about the topics for the Resolutions. These are:

- Increasing organ donations
- Providing more non –acute hospital beds
- Funding for women's centres that cater for the specific needs of women at risk of offending
- Campaign against female genital mutilation

These are all interesting and very topical subjects and we hope that there will be time for a short discussion about them.

Please remember that we value your comments and suggestions. It is your WI and your feedback will help the committee to develop things in the way that you want. Please talk to us 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. Magazines are also welcome for the Book Swap*

## SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

<b>Book Group</b>	<b>19 February - at Linda Welsh's house The Paris Wife by Paula McLain</b>
<b>Walking Group</b>	<b>24 January Blackwater to Sandhurst 20 February The Vyne - walk &amp; lunch or tea</b>
<b>Knitting and Crochet Group</b>	<b>23 Jan June Phillips house</b>
<b>Coffee and Chat</b>	<b>20 Jan, 3 Feb and 17 Feb Café Nero</b>
<b>Thursday Supper Club</b>	<b>Chinese meal in February tbc</b>
<b>Friday Supper Club</b>	<b>24 Jan Bar Estilo, Camberley</b>

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



## News from the Surrey Federation and National Federation

**Details will be on the noticeboard**

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. Deadline 31 January**

### Surrey @ Denman 2014

Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 June – there are SEVEN courses. **Deadline 17 January.**

## The Jersey Federation

**HOLIDAY OFFER 3 - 10 May 2014.** For further details please contact Ann Pasturel on 01534 730409 or email [apasturel@live.co.uk](mailto:apasturel@live.co.uk)

### REMINDER

#### 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!

## 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. 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**

## 2014 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE THIS MONTH

Please renew your subscriptions this month. 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 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](mailto:sue68diamond@gmail.com)

## EXPENSES

We hope to simplify payments by using the Electronic Banking System as much as possible. If you prefer to be 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 to 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 raffle and refreshment rotas for Feb - April. Please help her to complete these as quickly as possible.

