

March Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

February's meeting was another busy one. Lots of you appreciated Sandra Simmonds talk 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, gave a fascinating insight into life behind the veil.....and there is a third talk!

The marmalade class went well with Debbie and I helping four ladies to develop their preserving skills. Lots of chat, sticky fun and marmalade at the end! The next class is on 21 March – contact Christine if you are interested

Twelve of us went to see the Lion King and really enjoyed the show. We had excellent seats and the colourful costumes were amazing. If you are planning to travel from Farnborough Station in the near future please check the website as the parking is very limited while the improvements are being carried out.

The Sewing Bee is a new group which meets on Friday mornings. All kinds of needlecraft are included and all levels of ability are welcome. The next meeting is at Caroline Clarke's house on Friday 14 March. Please contact Tara Bicker if you are interested.

NEXT VISITS

13 March The Vyne - walk and lunch

26 March The Poppy Factory in Richmond

There are 31 going but there are still some places left

17 May Wimbledon museum and tour **Full**



Future Meetings

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.

14 April 2014 Morris Dancers

A talk about the history of Morris Dancing and the various characters, then a demo and a chance to try for yourself!

A date for your diary

Camberley Diamond Quiz Evening

Saturday 29 March 7 pm

Please support our fund raising Quiz Evening at St Mary's. Bring your partners and friends to join in the fun and challenges.

Tickets are £8 which includes a Ploughman's supper of bread, cheese, paté, ham and coleslaw.

Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own alcoholic or soft drinks and glasses.

Get

Buy your ticket from one of the committee or at the church office.

In the Community

Next Farmers Market

Saturday 15 March in Park Street, Camberley

Saturday 22 March Muppets in the Atrium

Work Party Days at St Mary's

Talk by Ian Laidlaw Breast Surgeon

This should be a fascinating talk by Ian Laidlaw, one of the breast surgeons at Frimley Park Hospital. He will tell us about his work, the latest developments in breast cancer treatment and much more. Pauline Boardman, a breast care nurse, will also be there to answer questions. People involved in various cancer charities - KatCanDo, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, and Cancer Research UK- will be attending as will the Mayor Beverley Harding. There has already been a preview article in the Camberley News and hopefully the press will report on the actual evening so that the FPH Breast Cancer Appeal gets lots of publicity.

All money from this evening will be donated to the appeal.

Thank you to everyone who has emailed ideas for the Programme for 2014 – 2015 and also for future visits. Please keep the suggestions coming as they are very helpful. Remember there is a Suggestions Box for those of you who wish to make comments or suggestions more privately.

*Please note that here will **not** be a Bring and Buy or Book Swap at this meeting.*

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	2 April at Christine Craig's house The Light Between Oceans M L Stedman
Coffee and Chat	17 March, 31 March & 14 April Café Nero
Knitting & Crochet Group	13 March Bobbi Chilton's house
Sewing Bee	14 March 10 am Caroline Clarke's house
Thursday Supper Club	20 March – Khari, the Atrium, Camberley
Diamond Diners	21 March Loch Fyne near Ascot
Walking Group	13 March The Vyne - walk & lunch

For more information about the 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 – Ros Terry is our rep

Monday 20 October 2014 Autumn Federation Meeting at Dorking.

Tweak a £20

At the AGM on 17 March all reps will be given £20. The idea is that each WI will try to turn this into as large a sum 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. This will be a fun way of sharing your favourite recipes - Starters, Mains, Desserts, Cakes, Preserves and anything else. 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!

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone has enjoyed the delicious refreshments we have at our meetings and our funds have benefited from the raffles. Thank you to all of you for contributing so generously. There are still some spaces on the rotas for May to September; please contact Sylvie Collins if you wish to put your name down.

EXPENSES

We wish 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.

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.

Reminder: please separate foreign stamps from British stamps and also to leave a ½ cm border around stamps, if possible. It will be a little more effort but it is a very worthwhile cause.

BESOM Food contributions are very welcome

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.

Thank you to Ros Terry for offering to coordinate the charity work.

