

April Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

Our last meeting in support of the FPH Breast Care Appeal was very successful and we had an audience of over 120 people. Ian Laidlaw's talk about the way the treatment of breast cancer has changed in the last 20 years was



Interesting and gave us an insight into how expensive the new equipment is. We surpassed ourselves with the refreshments and raffle; thank you to everyone who contributed to these. Siemens, Bargain Booze, Camberley Stores and House of Fraser also donated money and prizes. It was wonderful that we gave £800 to the appeal.

Our quiz evening was very enjoyable with around 70 of us trying to answer Judy Campbell's well thought out questions. The delicious ploughman's made a welcome half way break. The added bonus is that we raised £370 for our funds.



The second marmalade class went well and Tara Bicker, Pauline Tibbles and their husbands were delighted with the results. I think Tara now has her eye on winning one of the classes in a WI competition – see left! Once the soft fruit season begins we can try some jam making if anyone is interested.



Future Meetings

14 April 2014 Fleet Morris Dancers

12 May Vegetable and herb growing made easy

Jenny Barker, from Lindum Nurseries in Eversley, returns to give us more of her expert gardening advice in a talk and demonstration about growing herbs and vegetables.

9 June The Pride and Pains of Police Leadership

Talk by Lynne Owens the Chief Constable for Surrey

HAVE YOU SENT A RECIPE?

DIAMOND DISHES COOKBOOK

After an initial flurry we haven't had any more recipes. Thank you for your recipes but **please** keep them coming as we need lots for the book. Starters, Mains, Desserts, Cakes, Preserves – in fact any of your favourite recipes. Cards are available at meetings or you can e-mail your recipe to Sue O'Riordan.

Fleet Morris Dancers 14 April 2014

Listen to the talk about Morris dancing, watch them dance and then try it yourself. Also if you would like to indulge your artistic aspirations bring along an Easter egg you have made.

Needlecraft, polystyrene, chocolate, baked or an actual egg – any medium you choose and decorated in any way that fires your imagination.

The Bring and Buy table will have marmalade and fresh eggs for sale and anything else you would like to bring along. We ask for a donation of 10% for the WI. We will have the Book Swap and also any magazines that you would like to exchange or pass on as this has been very popular.

Connect Cards will be on sale. These A6 cards are created from photos of landscapes, flowers and birds. All proceeds go to the Connect Counselling Service which is a Camberley-based professional counselling service.

Thank you to everyone who has emailed ideas for the Programme for 2014 – 2015 and also for future visits.

Please remember that there is always a Suggestions Box by the noticeboards for those of you who wish to make comments or suggestions more privately.

VISITS

17 May Wimbledon museum and tour **Full**

Thank you for your feedback on future visits. Watch this space for the next trip!

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	14 May at Patricia Harrison's house Sense and Sensibility by Joanna Trollope
Coffee and Chat	14 and 28 April Café Nero
Knitting & Crochet Group	17 April Bobbi Chilton's house
Sewing Bee	11 April at 1.30 pm at Bobbi's house 18 April time and place tbc
Thursday Supper Club	1 May Bar Estilo the Atrium, Camberley
Diamond Diners	2 May Malacca, North Camp
Walking Group	25 April Virginia Water

For more information please contact Jan Ansell or visit our website



National Federation News

15/16 October 2014 NFWI HQ in London. Members' Open Days Cost £5. Deadline 31 July. Contact Christine for more information.

The proposed resolution for the AGM in June is Increasing Organ Donation. We will discuss and vote on this in our May meeting.

Surrey Federation News

20 October 2014 Autumn Federation Meeting at Dorking
NFWI Certificate in Baking Skills Level 3 Pastry Course starts soon.

26 May Surrey County Show

2 August 2014 Cranleigh Show

Please contact SFWI if you are interested in any of the above. Details will be on the noticeboard

Denman

Sylvie Collins is our Denman rep. Please will you let her know if you go on a course as we have to send in numbers to SFWI at the end of the year

IN THE COMMUNITY

19 April Camberley Farmers' Market, Park Street from 10 am - 3 pm
3 May Surrey Heath Show at Frimley Lodge Park from 10 am - 4 pm
5 May Chobham Carnival
17 May Camberley Farmers' Market, Park Street from 10 am - 3 pm
21 June Camberley Farmers' Market, Park Street from 10 am - 3 pm
28 June The Big Curry, Park Street
My Surrey Heath Photo Competition - closing date 30 May

For more information on all Surrey Heath events visit www.surreyheath.gov.uk

Work Party Days at St Mary's Next date coming soon

EXPENSES

We use 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 please let Sue O'Riordan, our Treasurer, know when making your claim. If you have any questions about finance please do not hesitate to speak to her or email her.

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 or Jan Ansell if you wish to put your name down.

CHARITY

RECYCLING

At our meetings we collect British and foreign stamps, computer ink cartridges, old spectacles, plastic milk bottle tops, foreign coins, bras and broken costume jewellery. We recycle these to the following charities: the Air Ambulance, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Vision Aid Overseas and the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

Reminder: please separate foreign stamps from British stamps and leave a ½ cm border around stamps, if possible.

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.

For more information about the charity collections please contact Ros Terry