

July Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

After our last meeting everyone agreed that Lynne Owens, the Chief Constable of Surrey Police, was an inspirational speaker. With such a busy and demanding job we really appreciated her giving up her time for us. Her talk enthralled us from the beginning and gave us an insight into the current issues facing Surrey Constabulary and the difficult decisions she has to make. We were also very impressed by and envious of her husband Neil's many talents as a house husband!



The visit to the Royal Opera House on 4 July was a great success. Members were taken on a fascinating tour behind the scenes.



Future Meetings

14 July Surrey Air Ambulance

Find out what goes on behind the scenes when the team is called out.

August – Summer Break

8 September Nibbles from around the World

A cooking demonstration with tasting by Janet Manning

Lightwater WI Quiz

24 July 7.30 pm.

This is a very popular event and we have 3 teams going to the quiz - 17 members in total! The final arrangements will be emailed to everyone who is going.

Visits

The next visit will be after the summer break. Watch this space. In the meantime please keep sending in your ideas for places we can go to.

Next Meeting 14 July Talk by Surrey Air Ambulance

This should be an interesting talk which will give us an insight into the work of the Surrey Air Ambulance. We will find out what happens behind the scenes when an air ambulance is called out and learn about the roles of the personnel both on the ground and in the helicopter.

Our TWEAK at last month's meeting was popular and raised £38 – half of which our WI keeps. If you have divided any plants, taken cuttings or grown seedlings in the last few weeks and have some to spare please bring them to sell.

If you are a jam making goddess, a green fingered gardener with an excess of produce or if you have anything else you would like to sell on the Bring and Buy table then bring it along. We ask for a donation of 10% for our WI. Sadly there will only be a few eggs for sale as a fox destroyed all but three of Valerie's flock – a real shock for her especially as she had raised many of the hens. The new ladies, 5 Columbian Blacktails and 3 white Leghorns, arrive soon so normal supplies will resume by September.

We will have the usual Book Swap table which also has space for magazines that you would like to exchange or pass on.

Finally, please remember that the Suggestions Box is by the noticeboards for those of you who wish to make comments or suggestions more privately. We welcome your feedback.

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	13 August 7.30 pm at Hilary's house Cutting for Stone Abraham Verghese
Coffee and Chat	14 & 28 July and 11 & 25 Aug at Café Nero
Knitting & Crochet Group	17 July 7 pm at Christine's house
Sewing Bee	18 July 1.30 pm at Margaret's house 25 July Time and place tbc
Thursday Supper Club	31 July 7.30 pm Al Sultan, Sunningdale
Diamond Diners	22 Aug 7.30 pm at Bella Italia, Camberley 12 Sept 7.30 pm at Zaffron, Farnborough
Walking Group	25 July 10.30 a.m. Barossa – partners, friends and dogs welcome

For more information please contact Jan Ansell or visit our website



National Federation News

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

Surrey Federation News

20 October 2014 Autumn Federation Meeting at Dorking

Speakers are Pippa Greenwood (RHS), Eileen Reynolds and dog (!) from Canine Partner Assistance Dogs and Tom Pey, Chief Executive Royal London Society for Blind People. Tickets cost £10. Deadline 15 August

More information is in the June Surrey Life Magazine

2 August 2014 Cranleigh Show

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

Denman

The Christmas events sell out quickly so book early if you are interested.

Sylvie Collins is our Denman rep. Please email her if you go on a course as we have to send in

IN THE COMMUNITY

18 July Free lunchtime concert, theatre café 1 pm Caribana Steel Band
19 July Camberley Farmers' Market, Park Street from 10 am – 3 pm
19 July Beverley Makery's Sewing Craft Workshop at Camberley Theatre
24 July Lightwater WI Quiz 7.30 pm
28 July Pop up rooftop cinema – Top Gun 9 pm. Open air cinema on top of Main Square car park!
30 July Guided historic walk round Frimley 6 – 7.30 pm Cost £2.50. Contact Surrey Heath Museum
1 – 3 August Surrey Heath Music Festival
30 August Camberley Car Show – town centre

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

Work Party Days at St Mary's Next date to be decided

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 so 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