

November Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

The meeting began with having to make a difficult decision – which two of the seven activities on offer to choose! Throughout each session there was a low buzz of voices as everyone concentrated on the task in hand. By the end of the evening we were proudly showing off our sugar paste flowers, cross stitch, Christmas flower arrangements, water colour paintings and needle felted decorations. Some of us chose to watch one of the demonstrations – wire jewellery being made or spinning. It was a very enjoyable and productive evening.



Since our last meeting 14 of us enjoyed the 'naughty but nice' Evening of Burlesque at Camberley Theatre. Sylvie Collins even took to the stage but she did keep her clothes on! She is on the left of the photo and Jan Ansell is with her in the photo below.



Future Meetings

8 December Yuletide Tales

A medley of poems, prose, drama, comedy and much more.....and of course mulled wine, mince pies and merriment!

12 January 2015 Line Dancing

This is a healthy start to our programme for 2015. Line Dancing is great fun and it's an enjoyable way to exercise after the excesses of the Christmas period.

Visits

3 Dec Bath Christmas Market

2 Feb Taste of Denman Day



ANNUAL MEETING 10 November

This is our chance to look back at the highlights of the last year and feel justifiably proud of all we have done and achieved. We also need to look forward and plan for the next year. As well as voting for the President, we have to elect new committee members to replace the five who are standing down. Please don't wait to be asked – volunteer! Being on the committee is fun and our WI cannot function without you.

To follow the business part of the evening, we have the chance to try something completely different, Tai Chi. Dress in comfortable clothes and shoes and join in the fun or it is not for you then sit back and watch the cabaret!

We will have our usual raffle and the book/magazine swap. Val's eggs and a selection of jams and jellies will be for sale on the Bring and Buy table. If you have any produce from the garden, preserves to sell or anything else then bring them along.

Our charity collections are doing really well so please keep everything coming. A reminder that wanted items include plastic milk bottle tops (no other plastic tops), used stamps, ink cartridges, old spectacles and broken costume jewellery. The Phyllis Tuckwell shop would also like bras, mobile phones and foreign coins. A huge bag of jewellery was handed to the ACWW stall at the SFWI Annual Meeting on 20 October.

Finally, please remember that the Suggestions Box is by the noticeboards for those of you who wish to make comments or suggestions more privately. Thank you to those of you who have given feedback – it is always welcome.

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	10 Dec 7.30 pm at Valerie's house
Coffee and Chat	17 Nov 10.30 am at Bill's in Park Street
Knitting & Crochet Group	13 Nov 7 pm at Sylvia's house
Sewing Bee	14 Nov 1.30 pm at Margaret's house
Gourmet Group	17 Dec 7.30 pm at Bill's in Park Street
Diamond Diners	20 Nov 7.30 pm at Bill's in Park Street
Walking Group	27 Nov at Lightwater Country Park
Sugar Craft	17 Nov 7 pm at Sylvia's house

For more information please contact Christine Craig or visit our website



National Federation News

Surrey Federation News

11 November New speaker auditions Ripley village hall

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.

4 December Flavour of Christmas

15 December Mistletoe and Wine

15, 16 & 17 December Lunch

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

IN THE COMMUNITY

- 14 Nov Bagshot WI Autumn Quiz
- 15 Nov Christmas lights switched on
- 15 Nov Christmas Farmers' Market, Park Street, Camberley - carol singers, street theatre and free face painting
- 17 Nov Art Materials Live Fair at London ExCel
- 12 Nov – 14 Dec West Green House Christmas Fair
- 13 – 16 Nov Loseley House Christmas Fair

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 and please sign up if you haven't had a turn!

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