

December Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

Our Annual Meeting was interesting and informative. It's good to know that our finances are healthy and Bobbi Chilton's review of the highlights of the year reminded us of how much we have done and achieved. Our subgroups are varied and flourishing and we have enjoyed a wide range of speakers, activities and visits. Our new committee is in place and there is an exciting programme of events to look forward to in 2015.

Following the business part of the meeting we relaxed with some Tai Chi. Cherry Collins taught us a variety of moves, many based on animal movements. It was great fun, very enjoyable and the session flew by. Several of our members were inspired enough to sign up for one of her classes.

Below are some photos of the new sugar craft group in action.



Future Meetings

12 January 2015 Line Dancing

Our new programme of events for 2015 gets off to a healthy start. Line Dancing is great fun and it's an enjoyable way to exercise after the excesses of the Christmas period.

9 February 2015 Life after Iran

Sandra Simmonds returns to give the third of her fascinating talks about her experiences in Iran during the time of the Shah and the Cultural Revolution.

Visits

Thirty three of us went on the Bath Christmas Market visit. The weather was cold but bright and we all had a very enjoyable day. Thank you to Amanda for organising this.

We have two visits to look forward to in early 2015.

2 Feb Taste of Denman Day

18 April Bletchley Park

*For more information contact
Debbie Thomas or Amanda
Webster-Robbins*

YULETIDE TALES 8 December

Chester House productions will be presenting a collection of poems, prose, drama, comedy and anecdotes with a festive theme. They invite you, among other things, to: discover some intriguing Christmas facts; hear about the Scandinavian goat; marvel at a Victorian recipe for hare soup; relish the Christmas goose; savour Mrs Cratchit's Christmas pudding; enjoy two contemporary Christmas scenes and learn how to write thank you letters. Of course it wouldn't be a Christmas celebration without mulled wine, mince pies and merriment!

We will have a special Christmas raffle and the book/magazine swap table will be there for your holiday reading. Val's hens are working hard to provide some eggs and mincemeat and other preserves will also be on sale. If you have any preserves or produce to sell please 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 please), used stamps, ink cartridges, old spectacles and broken costume jewellery. The Phyllis Tuckwell shop would also like bras, mobile phones and foreign coins. Also please remember the Besom – contributions are particularly welcome at this time of year.

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	15 Dec 10.30 am at Bill's in Park Street
Knitting & Crochet Group	18 Dec 7 pm at Christine's house
Sewing Bee	12 Dec 1.30 pm at Bobbi's's house
Gourmet Group	16 Dec 7.30 pm at Bill's in Park Street
Diamond Diners	Next meeting tbc
Walking Group	Date/place tbc in New Year
Sugar Craft	Mondays except for WI meetings

For more information please contact **Christine Craig** or visit our website



National Federation News

Surrey Federation News

10 January NFWI Baking Course – Bread Module

23 March Annual Council Meeting

19 May Batron Relay event at Ripley Village Hall

21 June 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.

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 each year

IN THE COMMUNITY

Until 14 Dec West Green House Christmas Fair

14 Dec Community Carols by Candlelight 6.30 pm

20 Dec Christmas Farmers' Market, Park Street, Camberley

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 7 March 2015

2015 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

The subscription fee for 2015 is **£36** for full members and **£17** for dual members. **Please note that payment is not due until January** and you can pay by cheque, electronic transfer or in cash.

If you wish to pay by postdated cheque you can do this at the December meeting. Cheques should be made payable to: Camberley Diamond WI and dated 12th January 2015.

If you wish to pay by cash or electronic transfer a reminder with all the details will be sent at the beginning of January

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! We have two new coordinators, Angela Docis for refreshments and Valerie Buttlerley for the raffle.

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