

January Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

Happy New Year to you all. Christmas seems a long time ago but I hope you had a very enjoyable holiday. Below are a few snaps from our December meeting.



The Events Programme for 2015 is on the website and your individual programmes are ready for collection at Monday's meeting. We have included a wide range of subjects for the monthly meetings so there should be something of interest for everyone.

A reminder that subscriptions are due this month. Please will you pay them promptly so that we can update our data bases as soon as possible. Details of how to pay are on Page 3.

Finally a date for your diaries. Our Quiz Evening will be on Saturday 21 March. Partners and other guests are very welcome. Tickets costing £8 will be on sale soon. The price includes a very superior ploughman's supper!



Future Meetings

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.

9 March 2015 Help for Heroes
A talk by James Burns, London and South East Regional Coordinator of Help for Heroes. Find out more about the history and work of this charity

Visits

18 April Bletchley Park

There are more than thirty going on this visit; a few places are still available. Information about transport and lunch arrangements will be sent soon

For more information contact Debbie Thomas or Amanda Webster-Robbins

We have planned a visit for the summer - a guided tour of the gardens of West Green House. It will follow the talk given by Gareth Manning, the head gardener, at our July meeting. More details nearer the time.

LINE DANCING 12 JANUARY 2015

This will be a lively and healthy start to our programme for 2015. Wear comfortable, flat shoes (not trainers) and join in the dancing. Evelyn Williams will lead us through the steps so all (!) we have to do is follow her. As always, anyone who doesn't want to dance can relax, sit back and enjoy watching the floor show.

We will have the usual tables - Raffle, Book and Magazine Swap and, if anyone has anything they would like to sell, there is the Bring and Buy. Valerie's lovely hens are still in lay despite the gloomy weather so there should be some delicious eggs for sale. Please keep everything coming for our charity collections. 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. Your generous contributions to BESOM were really appreciated by the organisers. Any donation, however small, is always welcome.

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

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| Book Group | 14 Jan 7.30 pm at Christine's house |
| Coffee and Chat | 12 Jan 10.30 am Bill's in Park Street |
| Knitting & Crochet Group | 15 Jan 7 pm at June's house |
| Sewing Bee | 16 Jan 2 pm at Caroline's house |
| Gourmet Group | 29 Jan 7.30 pm at Zizzi's |
| Diamond Diners | 6 Feb 7.30 pm the Cricketers, Bagshot |
| Walking Group | 22 Jan Virginia Water |
| Sugar Craft | Mondays except for WI meetings |

For more information please contact Christine Craig or visit our website



Surrey Federation News

23 Mar SFWI Annual Council Meeting

19 May Baton Relay event at Ripley Village Hall

21 June Cranleigh Show

28 Oct SFWI Autumn Meeting

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

Denman

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

CAMBERLEY DIAMOND QUIZ EVENING Saturday 21 March 7 pm

We are holding a fund raising Quiz Evening at St Mary's. Please bring your partners and friends to join in the fun and challenges. Local WIs and groups will also be invited. A very superior ploughman's supper is included in the ticket price of £8. Tickets will be on sale soon.

IN THE COMMUNITY

16 January Free lunchtime concert 1 pm at the theatre café. Premier String Trio.
17 January 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

Subscriptions for 2015 are now due. The fee is **£36** for full members and **£17** for dual members. If you are paying at Monday's meeting, please put cheques or cash in an envelope marked with Treasurer and your name on the outside. Cheques should be made payable to Camberley Diamond WI.

If you are paying by Electronic Transfer you need the following details:

Sort Code: 40-16-05 Account No: 32071150.

Please use the reference: Subs + your name (or names if paying for more than one person) then send payment confirmation to the Treasurer – sue68diamond@gmail.com

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