

February Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig



It was good to see so many of you at our last meeting. We got off to a lively and energetic start with the line dancing. Everyone really enjoyed this and Eve was an excellent teacher. The level was perfect and her instructions were clear and easy to follow - once some of us had worked out our left from our right!



Amanda and Debbie's interesting presentation of the Resolutions topics was a change of pace and gave us an opportunity to consider the wide ranging subjects that have been put forward.

Subscriptions were due in January. Thank you to those of you who have paid and please pay as soon as possible if you haven't. Details of how to pay are on Page 3.

Finally don't forget that our Quiz Evening is on Saturday 21 March. Partners and other guests are very welcome. Tickets are £8. This includes a very superior ploughman's supper!



Future Meetings

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

13 April Life Behind Bars
Find out about life in a women's prison. A talk by prison warden Martin Clarke.

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.

9 FEBRUARY 2015 LIFE AFTER IRAN SANDRA SIMMONDS

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. For those of you who have not heard her previous talks, Sandra was married to an Iranian and lived as part of a strictly conservative Moslem family for many years. She wore a veil and observed all the other cultural and religious rules that were required of her by the family.

You might have seen a request for buttons and zips on page 4 of this month's Surrey WI News. This is to support Trade Aid, a Rotary project that aims to provide individuals with the tools necessary to start their own businesses such as tailoring. The Rotary does not have a source for buttons and zips so the SFWI has offered to help. Trade Aid sends a 'Business in a Box' to communities in many places like Ghana. It would be good to add this to the worthwhile causes we support so please recycle your old buttons and zips and bring them to our meetings.

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. There will also be marmalade for sale and hopefully Valerie's lovely hens will lay some of their delicious eggs for us to buy.

Thank you for all your feedback; it is useful and always welcome. The Suggestions Box is by the noticeboards for those of you who wish to make comments or suggestions more privately.

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	25 Feb 7.30 pm at Linda's house
Coffee and Chat	9 & 23 Feb 10.30 am Bill's in Park Street
Knitting & Crochet Group	12 Feb 7 pm at Sylvia's house
Sewing Bee	Fridays at 1.30 pm. 13 Feb venue tbc
Gourmet Group	18 March 7.30 pm at the Thai House
Diamond Diners	27 March 7.30 pm at Dynasty, Camberley
Walking Group	26 Feb Hawley Lake
Sugar Craft	Mondays except for WI meetings Wednesday 18 Feb new class starts

For more information please contact Christine Craig or visit our website



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23 March SFWI Annual Council Meeting

26 March Chobham Ridges Group Spring 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

Don't forget to buy tickets for our quiz. These are available at WI meetings, St Mary's office or contact Christine Craig. Bring your partners and friends to join in the fun and challenges. Local WIs and groups have been invited. A very superior ploughman's supper is included in the ticket price of £8.

IN THE COMMUNITY

21 February 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 were due in January. Please will anyone who hasn't paid do so as soon as possible. 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! The coordinators are 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 (no other plastic tops), foreign coins, bras, mobile phones 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