

March Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

It was interesting to listen to the third of Sandra Simmonds talks at our last meeting and it was well received. She touched on the time she spent in Iran during the time of the Shah and Cultural Revolution and then went on to describe her life since returning to England – another adventure in itself. Sandra would like to go back to Iran so that she can see how things have changed since she lived there but this has not been possible in the current political situation. Her fourth talk will have to wait for a while. Sandra has led a very varied life and if she does write the book she has hinted about, it certainly won't be boring!

Thank you to those of you who have paid your subscriptions and for those of you who haven't this is a polite final reminder! Please will you pay before or at the next meeting otherwise your membership will lapse. Details of how you can pay are on Page 3.

Don't forget that our Annual Quiz Evening is on Saturday 21 March. Partners and other guests are very welcome. You don't need to come as a team as you can join up with others on the evening. Tickets are £8. This includes a very superior ploughman's supper of cheeses, ham, pate, coleslaw, tomatoes, relish and French bread!



Future Meetings

13 April Life Behind Bars

Find out about life in a women's prison. A talk by prison warden Martin Clarke.

11 May The Role of Women in World War 1

Andy Robertshaw's talk about the important part women played in keeping the country going while the men were away fighting.

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

In the pipeline

Portsmouth in June.

West Green House gardens – a guided tour. This will follow the talk by Gareth Manning, head gardener, at our July meeting.

9 MARCH 2015 HELP FOR HEROES - JAMES BURNS

James Burns, the London and South East Regional Coordinator of Help for Heroes will be giving the talk. We will learn more about the history and work of this charity. This is an open meeting and friends and partners are very welcome. Local WIs have also been invited. Coincidentally, a Help for Heroes shop is opening at 96 Prince of Wales Walk in the Mall, Camberley at the beginning of March.

At the meeting there will be 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 hens are still producing their lovely eggs so these will be on sale.

The committee will begin to plan the programme for 2016 in April. Any suggestions for this would be most welcome – please speak to one of the committee, email or post your ideas in the Suggestions Box by the noticeboards.

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

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| Book Group | 8 April 7.30 pm at Debbie's house |
| Coffee and Chat | 9 & 23 March 10.30 am Bill's in Park Street |
| Knitting & Crochet Group | 12 March 7 pm at Bobbi's house |
| Sewing Bee | 6 March 1.30 pm at Bobbi's house |
| Gourmet Group | 18 March 7.30 pm at the Thai House |
| Diamond Diners | 27 March 7.30 pm at Dynasty, Camberley |
| Walking Group | 26 March Hawley Lake |
| Sugar Craft | Mondays except for WI meetings and Wednesdays |

For more information contact Christine Craig or visit our website

IN THE COMMUNITY

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| 7 March | Work party day at St Mary's Church |
| 15 March | Bingo and Buns 2 pm at Bisley WI |
| 21 March | Farmers' Market Park Street, Camberley |
| 26 March | Chobham Ridges Group Spring Meeting 2.15 pm at Mytchett WI - 8 places available |
| 2 April | Bagshot WI birthday party 2.30 pm – 2 guests |

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



Surrey Federation News

23 March 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

Don't forget to buy tickets for our quiz. These are available at WI meetings, St Mary's office or contact Denise Powell. 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.

2015 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions for 2015 are now overdue and your membership will lapse if they are not paid by the next meeting. Please will anyone who hasn't paid do so no later than our WI meeting on 9 March. 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

We all enjoy the delicious refreshments we have at our meetings and our funds benefit from the raffle. Thank you to all of you for contributing so generously and please sign up if you haven't had a turn! The rota list is always by the noticeboards. 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, buttons, zips 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