

April 2015 Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

From all your feedback, I missed a really interesting and thought provoking talk by James Burns from Help for Heroes. To quote Amanda WR 'the presentation gave us an insight into the whole operation from when a soldier is injured on the battlefield to treatment and rehabilitation in the UK, to some sort of normality.It was very humbling indeed.' Her full report is on our website. James Burns emailed to thank everyone for their donations. The collecting tins raised £116.89 and he is donating his speaker's fee to the charity.



Our Annual Quiz Evening on Saturday 21 March was a great success. Judy Campbell kept us firmly in line and everyone enjoyed her wide ranging questions. Our guests did very well with Bagshot WI coming first and Lightwater WI in joint second place. A tasty supper added to our enjoyment of the evening and all this fun raised £315.40 for our WI funds.

Chrissie Bradwell and I went on the Chobham Ridges outing on 19 March. In the morning a guide from Capital Curios showed us a variety of interesting and quirky places. After a pub lunch we went to the Freemasons' Grand Lodge in Covent Garden for a guided tour and talk. A most enjoyable day.



Future Meetings

11 May The Role of Women in World War 1

Find out more about the important part women played in keeping the country going while the men were away fighting.

8 June First Aid Talk and Demonstration

We never know when we may be faced with a medical emergency that we have to deal with ourselves. This talk will give us advice on what we should do. We can then practise what we have learnt on life like adult and child dummies.

Visits

18 April Bletchley Park

20 May The Producers

A combined visit to the Lightbox to see Damien Hurst's New Religions Exhibition followed by The Producers at Woking Theatre

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.

13 APRIL 2015 – LIFE BEHIND BARS

We are very fortunate to have as our speaker Martin Clarke who works at Bronzefield Prison in Ashford, near Staines. He will be joined by his colleague Dee Flarry and one of the offenders, Sarah. Bronzefield Prison is the first prison to start a WI and the Baton at the Ripley event on 19 May will be coming from here. It should be a fascinating talk and also very interesting to find out more about their WI.

There will be a Raffle and, if anyone has anything they would like to sell, there is the Bring and Buy table. Valerie will have some of her eggs for sale. We have so many books for the Book Swap that we need to reduce/turn round the stock so take a book if you see one you are interested in!

Please remember to give the committee your suggestions for the 2016 Programme. We already have quite a few but more are always welcome. Speak to one of the committee, post your ideas in the Suggestions Box by the noticeboards or email your suggestions.

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	28 May 7.30 pm at Debbie's house
Coffee and Chat	13 & 27 April 10.30 am Bill's in Park Street
Knitting & Crochet Group	16 April 7 pm at Sylvia's house
Sewing Bee	17 April 1.30 pm at Margaret's house
Gourmet Group	7 May 7.30 pm Crab and Anchor, Southwood
Diamond Diners	17th April the Frog & Wicket, Eversley Cross
Walking Group	30 April 10.30 am at Virginia Water
Sugar Craft	Monday 20 & 27 April 7.30 – 9.30 pm Thursday 23 & 30 April, 7 May 7.30 – 9.30 pm

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

IN THE COMMUNITY

18 April	Farmers' Market, Park Street, Camberley
Until 13 June	Wartime Home Exhibition at Surrey Heath Museum
6 June	Wartime Bake Off Competition 12 – 4 pm

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



Surrey Federation News

19 May Baton Relay event at Ripley Village Hall

6 June Wartime Bake Off Competition Camberley Theatre

21 June Cranleigh Show

28 Oct SFWI Autumn Meeting

NFWI News

2 June Royal Garden Party

4 June Annual Meeting at Albert Hall

25/26 Nov Open days for members at the London HQ

Please contact Sally Ellis 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

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 Buttlery 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).

A big thank you to Ros Terry and her friends for collecting 3 large bags of jewellery, button and zips for the ACWW. I really didn't mind taking them to the SFWI Spring Meeting but yes they were heavy and I went by train!

Reminder: please separate foreign stamps from British stamps and leave a ½ cm border around stamps, if possible.

For more information about the charity collections please contact Ros Terry

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.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

The church is appealing for volunteers to help with redecorating the hall on Wed 2nd, Thurs 3rd, Fri 4th and Sat 5th September 2015. They would be grateful for any time you can spare and partners friends are very welcome. They always provide tasty snacks!