

July 2015 Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

When we set up our WI the committee was warned that many WIs have had speakers who don't turn up and it was our turn in June! Instead of doing chest compressions to Staying Alive and resuscitating unsuspecting dummies, we had a quiz. Judy Campbell was away so it was a last minute rush to find suitable questions but it was worth it. The quiz was lots of fun and it was also enjoyable having plenty of time to sit and chat.

June was the highlight of the celebrations for the NFWI Centenary. The AGM at the Albert Hall was attended by the Queen, Princess Anne, the Countess of Wessex and delegates from all over the country. It was a special occasion in a grand setting; the sound of thousands of voices singing Jerusalem was surprisingly moving and more than one tear was wiped away.



And of course two of our lovely ladies went to the Royal Garden Party and, despite windy weather and queues, they had had an enjoyable and memorable afternoon

On the same day as the garden party, a group of us went to Frogmore and had a very pleasant morning strolling in the gardens and looking round the house. The house is small and personal so it was no surprise to learn that Prince Philip uses it for entertaining small groups of people. When she is at Windsor the Queen often walks to Frogmore for afternoon tea and to enjoy its more private gardens.



Future Meetings

14 September Colour Me Beautiful
Kerrie Ellis returns to talk to us about two subjects 'Dressing your style personality' and 'Face up to it – choosing hairstyles, glasses and make up'. It should be an enjoyable evening.

12 October Majestic Wines
Listen to advice on choosing your Christmas wines and matching them to your menu...and of course you will be able to taste some of them!

Visits

Last month's trip to Portsmouth was a great success. Coming up next is

6 August West Green House

There are two options for this visit. Either a guided tour of West Green House gardens with one of the gardeners, followed by a simple lunch. Cost £14.50 OR you can simply enjoy the gardens at your leisure and buy something in the café. Entrance £8 Free to National Trust members.

Contact Christine Craig for more information

13 July West Green House Gardens

Since Marilyn Abbott took over the lease of West Green House in 1993, she and her team have restored the gardens and park, introduced Opera in the Garden and won a silver gilt medal at Chelsea in 2014. Find out more about this lovely place from Gareth Manning, the Head Gardener.

We will also be voting on whether we wish to introduce Centenary Bursaries. More detailed information has been emailed to everyone.

As always we will have a Raffle and the Bring and Buy table. At this time of year plants for the garden and garden produce are always welcome. Please bring any you wish to sell. Sadly once again a fox has taken some of Valerie's hens so her egg supply is greatly reduced.

There's lots of holiday reading on the Book table and it's free! Donations are welcome but just take a book if you want one. We don't want too many books to pile up as we try to keep a good turnover of titles.

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

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| Book Group | 12 August 7.30 pm at Valerie's house |
| Coffee and Chat | 13 and 27 July 10.30 am Bill's, Park Street |
| Knitting & Crochet Group | 16 July 7 pm at Christine's house |
| Sewing Bee | 17 July 1.30 pm at Bobbi's house |
| Gourmet Group | 30 July 7.30 pm at The Lamb, Chobham |
| Diamond Diners | 28 July 7.30 pm at Malacca |
| Walking Group | 14 July Wraysbury Lakes and Ankerwycke |
| Sugar Craft | New classes begin in July |

For more information contact Christine Craig or visit our website

IN THE COMMUNITY

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| 18 July | Farmers' Market, Camberley |
| 12 Sept | West End Show |

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



Surrey Federation News

23 July Lightwater WI Quiz 7.30 pm All places taken

16 Sept SFWI Garden Party, Painshill Park

27 Sept Pirbright WI Quiz 6.30 pm

19 Oct Historical London – Blue Badge guided tour

28 Oct SFWI Autumn Meeting

NFWI News

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

Please contact Sally Ellis for further information. Details will be on the WI 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

Thank you for all your donations to the raffle and for the delicious refreshments that we enjoy at the meetings. Please sign up if you haven't taken a turn this year! The rota list is always by the noticeboards or you can speak to one of the coordinators, Angela Docis for refreshments and Valerie Buttlery for the raffle.

CHARITY AND RECYCLING

BRONZEFIELD BEES WI

If you have any unwanted art and craft materials then please donate them to Bronzefield Bees WI. They always need materials and equipment for their thriving Art and Craft Group. **THEY HAVE SENT OUT AN APPEAL FOR KNITTING WOOL.**

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.

For more information about the charity collections please contact Ros Terry

BESOM

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. Current needs are tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned fruit, custard, sugar, small pasta sauces, tinned meals like mince and curry, cereal, coffee and long life semi skimmed milk. The organisers of BESOM are very grateful for the regular support our WI has given.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

If you have a few hours to spare on Wed 2nd, Thurs 3rd, Fri 4th or Sat 5th September 2015. The church has asked for volunteers to help them redecorate the hall. They would be grateful for any time you can spare and partners and friends are very welcome. Tasty snacks are always provided!