

Nov 2015 Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

It was great to see so many of you at the last meeting and to welcome all the guests. Chris from Majestic was really excellent and gave a very entertaining and informative talk. I think he enjoyed the evening as much as we did. The noise level from the swirling, swishing, slurping and sipping was impressive. So too was our concentration as we tried to see legs on our glasses and taste hints of apple and creosote in the wine! Pairing wines with food was a revelation and demonstrated how food can kill or complement a wine. Some of us couldn't resist Amanda's smoked salmon nibbles so we didn't have a lot left when it came to the actual tasting!

It's incredible to think that we are now three years old and in true WI tradition we celebrated with cake. Admittedly not homemade but Costco did us proud and the chocolate cake was delicious. The church office appreciated the leftovers the next day.

So much has been achieved over the last three years and our WI is thriving. New friendships have been made and our meetings are friendly and stimulating; subgroups and visits add an extra dimension. We have a lot to be proud of and much to look forward to in the next WI year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President of Camberley Diamond WI. It has been a privilege, great fun and very rewarding. I could not have done this without your support; thank you for this.



Future Meetings



14 December Christmas Party

Relax and celebrate the festive season with friends. Time to chat and have fun, food and drinks! More information will follow.

11 January 2016 Line Dancing

Back by popular demand so burn away the Christmas calories and get the New Year off to a healthy start with some line dancing.

Visits

11 Nov Bombay Sapphire Distillery

3 Dec Kew Gardens

Jan 2016 Woking Pantomime

17 March 2016 CR Group Outing
Barrow Boys and Bankers

Invitations

18 Nov 10 am Bronzefield Bees WI
Coffee Morning

3 Dec Bagshot WI Christmas Party
2.15 pm

9 November Annual Meeting, Social Time and Games

At this time of year there are usually changes to the committee and Sue, Valerie and I are retiring. This means that there will be vacancies so please consider putting your name forward and helping to run our WI. As well as voting for the committee, we will also be appointing a new President.

The Annual Meeting gives us all an opportunity to look back at what we have done and of course with the Centenary it has been a special year. Sally Ellis, our Secretary, will present the highlights of the year in her Annual Report. Healthy finances are also important and Sue O'Riordan, our Treasurer, will give the Financial Statement

It's not all business and there will be time to relax, chat and test your brains with some fun table top puzzles.



SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	25 Nov 7.30 pm at Linda's house
Coffee and Chat	16 & 30 Nov 10.30 am Bill's, Park Street
Diamond Diners	13 Nov Lunch at The Bee, Windlesham
Gourmet Group	2 Dec 7.30 pm at Mama Mia, Harley Wintney
Knitting & Crochet Group	17 Nov 7 pm at Christine's house
Quilting Group	26 Nov 7 pm at Christine's house
Sewing Bee	13 Nov 2 pm at Caroline's house
Sugar Craft	14 & 19 Nov at Sylvia's house
Walking Group	25 Nov Crondall circular walk

For more information visit our website

IN THE COMMUNITY

- 13 Nov** Bagshot WI Quiz Evening 7.15 pm
- 21 Nov** Farmers' Market, Camberley
- 5 Dec** St Mary's work party day preparing the church for Christmas
- 11 Dec** Camberley Youth Wind Orchestra, 7.30 pm High Cross
- 18 Nov – 20 Dec** West Green House Christmas Fair

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

RAFFLE AND REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the refreshments and raffle. If you haven't volunteered this year there spaces on the rotas for December and January. Ask Angela Docis or Valerie Butterley for more information.

Surrey Federation News

30 Nov 2015 Machine Embroidery Workshop SFWI HQ All day

7 March 2016 Annual Council Meeting, Dorking

NFWI News

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

11 June 2016 AGM in Brighton

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

Denman

15-17 July Surrey Denman Weekend. Cost £265. This includes all meals and workshops/classes. More information in the October Surrey News and on the noticeboard.

Sylvie Collins is our Denman rep. Please email her for any information or refer to the Denman website.

BISCUIT RECIPES FROM ROS TERRY

FLORENTINES – makes 18

50g butter)
50g dem Sugar) Melt together
50g syrup)
50g plain flour
50g mixed peel
25g finely chopped almonds
25g finely chopped walnuts
25g finely chopped dried cranberries/mixed fruit

Mix the dry ingredients into the melted mixture. Put 1 tsp of mixture on trays – 6 to tray – 3 trays.
Press down and bake at 160 fan for 8 – 10 minutes until golden brown
Can be “tidied up” with pastry cutter whilst still hot. Cool on baking tray
Melt 100g dark chocolate – spread on underside of Florentines and leave to set.

JUST ONE MORE BISCUIT (CRUNCH) (makes about 24)

6 oz plain flour)
5 oz sugar)
3 oz porridge oats) Mix together
1 or 2 tsp ground ginger)
1 tsp mixed spice)
1 tsp baking powder)
4 oz Margarine) Melt in Pan
1 good tbsp golden syrup)

Dissolve 1 tsp bicarb of soda in 2 tbsp boiling water
Tip dry mixture into melted marg /syrup and add bicarb mixture immediately
Mix all together into soft mixture. Put walnut-size balls on greased tray and flatten with fork.
Bake at 150 fan for 15 mins

CHARITY AND RECYCLING

BRONZEFIELD BEES WI

Donations of art and craft materials and equipment are always welcomed by the Bronzefield Bees WI for its thriving Art and Crafts group.

RECYCLING

We collect British and foreign stamps, computer ink cartridges, old spectacles, plastic *milk* bottle tops, foreign coins, bras, mobile phones, buttons, zips and broken costume jewellery. These are donated to: the Air Ambulance, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Vision Aid Overseas and the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

For more information about the charity collections please contact Ros Terry

BESOM

St. Mary's is a collection point for BESOM which, amongst other things, collects food to distribute to those in need in our community. Donations are always welcome and with Christmas coming up any seasonal non-perishable food items would be appreciated.