

September Newsletter

Camberley Diamond WI

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

President: Christine Craig

It's seems a long time since our July meeting and the talk about the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance which gave us an insight into what goes on behind the scenes. June Phillips presented a cheque for £60, which was money raised from a cake sale by pupils in her tutor group in memory of their friend who, despite the efforts of the air ambulance, sadly lost his life.



Sylvie Collins and Tara Bicker had a really enjoyable time at Denman learning about flower arranging and watching a cookery demonstration. As you can see the flower arrangements are beautiful. If you are interested in any of the Denman courses book early – they do sell out quickly as I found out! You will have an opportunity visit Denman for one of their taster days when we arrange a visit early in the new year.

The summer seems to have flown by and autumn is upon us. Hopefully we will enjoy an Indian summer and of course we have many interesting WI events to look forward to.



Future Meetings

8 September Nibbles from around the World

Janet Manning will show us how to make some unusual nibbles

13 October Craft Evening

The crafts include water colour painting, flower arranging, needle felting, wire jewellery, spinning and sugar craft.

Pirbright WI Quiz

28 September 6.30 pm.

There are still places available if you wish to join the team for this quiz evening. The cost is £8 which includes a ploughman's supper.

St Mary's Barn Dance

4 October 7 pm – 10.30 pm

Tickets £12 to include fish and chip supper. Contact church office.

Visits

The next visit is to Windsor Castle on Wednesday 8 October

We are also planning a trip to the Christmas Market in Bath in early December. More information about this will be sent in October.

Meeting 8 September Nibbles from Around the World

Janet Manning will demonstrate how to make some unusual nibbles. They include seafood spring rolls, savoury muffins, mini Bretons and tortilla cubes. She will also give suggestions for how these recipes can be adapted. We will need some assistant chefs and of course there will be an opportunity to taste everything!

The TWEAK finishes at the end of this month so this is the last chance to raise any money – we have raised £63.30 so far. Any plants or cuttings that you wish to bring along will be very welcome.

If you have been busy making preserves or growing fruit and vegetables and would like to sell the surplus on the Bring and Buy stall there are always eager customers! We ask for a donation of 10% which goes into our WI funds.. The new hens have now settled into Valerie's flock and are beginning to lay so she may have a few eggs for sale.

We will have the usual Book Swap table which also has space for magazines that you would like to exchange or pass on.

Finally, please remember that the Suggestions Box is by the noticeboards for those of you who wish to make comments or suggestions more privately. We welcome your feedback.

SUBGROUPS – dates and venues for next meetings

Book Group	23 Sept 7.30 pm at Denise's house Peaches for M Le Curé by Joanne Harris
Coffee and Chat	8 & 22 Sept, 6 & 20 Oct at Café Nero
Knitting & Crochet Group	Christine's house in October – date tbc
Sewing Bee	12 Sept 1.30 pm at Valerie's house
Gourmet Group	25 Sept 7.30 pm Prezzo, The Atrium
Diamond Diners	12 Sept 7.30 pm at Zaffron in Farnborough
Walking Group	October – date and place tbc

For more information please contact Jan Ansell or visit our website



National Federation News

Surrey Federation News

20 October 2014 Autumn Federation Meeting at Dorking

11 November New speaker auditions Ripley village hall

Please contact SFWI if you are interested in any of the above. Details will be on the noticeboard

Denman

The Christmas events sell out quickly so book early if you are interested.

4 December Flavour of Christmas

15 December Mistletoe and Wine

15, 16 & 17 December Lunch

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 the year

IN THE COMMUNITY

12 September	Free lunchtime concert 1 pm Camberley Theatre - Hot Swing Gentlemen
13 September	Tour of Britain Stage 7 Start 10 am in Park Street
18 September	MacMillan Coffee morning 10,30 am - 1.30 pm at the Ark
20 September	Farmers' Market 10 am - 3 pm in Park Street
27 September	Beverley Makery's Sewing Craft workshop 10 am at Camberley Theatre
28 September	Pirbright WI Quiz Evening 6.30 pm
4 October	Barn dance at St Mary's Church 7 pm
13 – 16 Nov	Losley House Christmas Fair

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 to be decided

EXPENSES

We use Electronic Banking System as much as possible. If you prefer to be paid in cash for claims under £10 or by cheque for claims over £10 please let Sue O'Riordan, our Treasurer, know when making your claim. If you have any questions about finance please do not hesitate to speak to her or email her.

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. There are still some spaces on the rotas so please contact Sylvie Collins or Jan Ansell if you wish to put your name down.

CHARITY

RECYCLING

At our meetings we collect British and foreign stamps, computer ink cartridges, old spectacles, plastic milk bottle tops, foreign coins, bras 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