

# BOOKHAM BEES WI

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### EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**A TOUR OF THE MONOPOLY BOARD** - An illustrated talk with raconteur and photographer, **Roger Mendham**.  
No get out of jail card needed!  
There will be a raffle so please bring some change.

Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> September	First Thursday Walkers
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> September	Bees Picnic (cancelled if wet)
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> September	Pub Night 8pm
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> September	Sewing Group 1.30-4.30 ( please note new venue date and time!)
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday Walk 10.00am
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> September	Coffee Morning, The Vineries 10.30
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> September	Treasure Hunt – 2.00pm

Monday mornings	Walkie talkie 2 10.00am - Bookham Common
Wednesday mornings	Walkie talkie 1 8.00am

[ALL DETAILS OF GROUPS AND CONTACTS, FOR QUERIES AND TO JOIN, ARE ON THE LAST PAGE](#)

### FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS



**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT-** An opportunity to renew, update or develop your basic life-support knowledge and skills with our Charity of the Year, Community First Responders

**Wednesday 1<sup>ST</sup> November**

**NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME** - a floral delight to cheer up the shortening days, with **Annabel Alford Warren** followed by **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS** - fun and surprises for everyone





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### WHAT HAVE OUR GROUPS BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### Monthly meeting.



After having to cancel our 'DRINKS AND NIBBLES' on the green (Wednesday 2nd August) due to weather conditions, we enjoyed a perfect evening with sunshine the following Wednesday.

Many members attended, laden with chairs, goodies to eat and drinks.

There was plenty of chatter and laughter, and everyone entered the spirit with a few games. Some talented or lucky members even won prizes. (No egg and spoon races involved!!!!).

It was lovely that so many of us enjoyed a beautiful summer's evening. Let's face it, there haven't been too many this year.

*Jenny Bissel*

#### Book Club 2

We had chosen what could have been a controversial book but sadly it did not live up to any promise. 'Call me Elizabeth' by Dawn Annadale was the true story of how a wife and mother decided to become an Escort Girl for a few years, to pay her debts and enable her family to maintain their lifestyle. We felt it to be badly written, a little unbelievable at times and a very quick read, without depth and eliciting little empathy from us for her choices. Despite this it sparked lively conversation, covering wideranging subjects. Another enjoyable book club evening!

*Fiona Goldsmith*

#### Book Club 3

Rather quiet this holiday month so a few of us went to Kurthon Indian restaurant in Horsley for a curry. We chose this as some couldn't make the Supper group curry night - we too had nice food and great company, but the service was terrible! Never mind, the waiting around gave us longer to chat - about anything other than books!



*Jan Holland*

#### Coffee Morning

Just back from a very enjoyable coffee morning at The Vineries. 7+1 of us met with lots of chat and laughter and many subjects were discussed. There are never any silences with the Bees around. As you can see my husband Geoff joined us as we were late arriving as had an appointment at Cobham Eye unit. Geoff was prepared to sit on his own but of course these lovely ladies wouldn't hear of it. What a great bunch of ladies they are.



*Pam Ingledeu*

#### Gardening Group

Visit to Vale End, Albury

Sixteen of us visited the last outside garden of the summer, a very good number. We were very lucky because, after all the rain we have had, it was actually warm and dry for us!

Vale End garden used to open regularly for the NGS, which isn't surprising as the owner, Daphne Foulsham MBE, is an NGS Honorary Vice President, as well as being President of the Surrey Horticultural Federation.

Daphne first gave a brief history of the house and garden and answered questions. Her beautiful garden is laid out in terraces on the side of the hill overlooking a large millpond and wildflower meadow. The first and lowest level is a large lawned area, surrounded by a well-stocked, colourful border with phlox, sedums, eryngium, helianthemum, martagon lilies, shrubs and grasses, and a small pond with a fountain and attractive marginal plants.

More shrubs and perennials lead up to an unusual waterfall made from pantiles, and steps lead up yet again to the highest area where there is a fruit cage, vegetable patch and herb garden.

The afternoon finished with tea or coffee on the terrace, and a choice of delicious home-made cake followed by more tea or coffee and even more cake!

Daphne donated all the money collected from our visit to the Old Saxon Church in Albury, and we even received an email from the church to thank us for our donation!



*Anne Grabaskey*

#### Pub Group

No pub night in August but get your glad rags ready for a night out again in September!

#### Sewing group

A busy day in this group both sewing and knitting and talking about our new venue. From now on we will be meeting at King George V Playing Fields, in the Community Room.

We will be meeting on the second Thursday of the month from 1.30-4.30. All welcome to join us as it is a lovely big room and is being refurbished in the near future, so will be brilliant.

*Fiona Goldsmith*

#### Supper Group

No supper outing in August as many people were away, but Jan Gapper is arranging a delicious sounding meal at The Cricketers Downside on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact her if you would like to be added to the list.

To join the supper club please contact Sandra Dawson

[Myrtle.dawson@btinternet.com](mailto:Myrtle.dawson@btinternet.com)

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Three Bees headed off to Dorking Halls for an evening of Cheesy Bingo, what a fun night it was! Lots of singing along and dancing to all the best tracks...all the twos, Lulu 🐝  
Unfortunately, none of us won the giant inflatable unicorn, hopefully better luck next time as we would all definitely go again!



### Walkers

Walking Bees enjoyed a repeat of our walk in Ripley, starting at the Cricket Club, heading via the woods and the canal to a coffee stop at The Anchor at Pyrford Lock, then back along the towpath to the Green. A lovely level walk with no stiles or gates, and with the added bonus that the sun shone!!  
Our next walk is on Reigate Heath on September 7th.



Julie Ryder

## BEES NEWS

### Bees Visit - Mark your diaries now!

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10.00 is a date for your diaries!  
Bookham Bees are having an exclusive "Nooks and Crannies" behind the scenes tour of West Horsley Place.  
West Horsley Place is of exceptional architectural and historic significance. There has been a manor house on the Estate since soon after the Norman Conquest, but the core of the present house is a 15th-century oak-beamed residence which had originally a central double-height hall. The house has an incredible history with tales to match so not to be missed.  
This extensive tour provides an unrivalled opportunity to learn more about the history of West Horsley Place. During the tour, visitors will explore the nooks and crannies of the house and delve into the fascinating lives of the many illustrious owners and visitors, as well as finding out more about the architectural history of the house.  
We have 20 places booked at £20 each (this is less than were you to do the normal tour)  
There is free parking on site, and we can share cars. There is a coffee van outside which has excellent cakes too!  
To reserve your place – as soon as possible - or for any queries please email Sue on [sueparrottmayfield@hotmail.com](mailto:sueparrottmayfield@hotmail.com)  
Payment is through the usual channel of our treasurer June Barber and the WI account -  
'Bookham Bees WI' - branch 30-84-46 account 36443768  
Please add your name and 'WHP tour' to identify your payment.  
Thank you.  
Sue Parrott

### Gardening Visits

Moira Dyson has kindly invited members of the gardening group to her house on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September so please contact her if you would like to join her.

### Treasure Hunt

On September 29<sup>th</sup> we are planning a treasure Hunt around Bookham Village.  
It will be in the afternoon 2pm, starting and finishing at the Barn Hall. There will be two routes, to cater for both energetic souls and those who don't want to walk as far. Tea and scones at the Barn Hall for those who find their way back.  
There will be an email being sent to confirm all the details, but Karen Tranter needs to know if you are interested. Please contact her by September 14<sup>th</sup> on [Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com](mailto:Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com)

### Raffle

From now on we will be having a raffle at every monthly meeting so please don't forget to bring some change if you would like to buy a ticket and have a chance of winning a lovely prize. (Change is also needed for refreshments.)

### WI Bees Picnics

Don't forget to save the date of the second WI Bookham Bees picnic on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September on Downside Common, opposite the Cricketers. There is easy access and plenty of parking.  
Just turn up. It is cancelled if wet. It is a lovely and chilled way of connecting with other Bees. Contact Jenny Bissell on [jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com](mailto:jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com) or 07586 292480 if you have any questions. Bring your own chair, food, and drink.

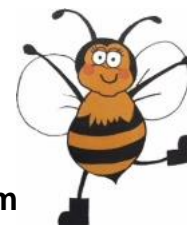
### Events and activities

Don't forget to look at the many activities and days offered by [Surrey Federation of Women's Institutes \(surreyfedwi.org.uk\)](http://surreyfedwi.org.uk)  
Be aware though that they need to be booked up well in advance. I have missed some recently through running out of time.

Lastly, for the book clubs and those enjoying summer holiday reading....



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### BOOKHAM BEES' GROUPS

Do feel free to sign up to any that interest you – just contact the group organiser.

#### Book Club 1

Full at present. For waiting list contact  
Gaye Burt: [gayegoddard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gayegoddard@hotmail.co.uk)

#### Book Club 2 –

Full at present. For waiting list contact  
Anne Tait: [annetai1@btinternet.com](mailto:annetai1@btinternet.com)

#### Book Club 3

Full at present. For waiting list contact  
Jan Holland: [janiholland@gmail.com](mailto:janiholland@gmail.com)

#### Bridge

If you play bridge and are interested in joining, please contact:  
Jane Carradine: [jschome03@gmail.com](mailto:jschome03@gmail.com)

#### Coffee Mornings at The Vineries

Usually 10.30 on different days of the week. Please contact Pam Ingledew If you would like to attend.  
[pamandgeoff6@icloud.com](mailto:pamandgeoff6@icloud.com)

#### Family History Group

For further details contact Judith Witter:  
[judithwitter@hotmail.com](mailto:judithwitter@hotmail.com)

#### Gardening

Contact Diane Poole to join the active group & pick up lots of tips via WhatsApp. Visits and gatherings from Spring until the bad weather.  
[diane.poole25@googlemail.com](mailto:diane.poole25@googlemail.com)

**Knit & Crochet** – Full at present. For waiting list or to set up another group contact

Karen Tranter: [Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com](mailto:Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com)

#### Pub Nights

2nd Wednesday of the month at The Olde Windsor Castle Pub 8pm

For more details, please email Debra:  
[dn1969@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dn1969@hotmail.co.uk) or Vikki: [the7thwife@gmail.com](mailto:the7thwife@gmail.com)

#### Sewing Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at The Community Room, King George V Hall, Effingham 1.30-4.30. If you would like to join us, to sew, knit or just watch and learn, please contact Fiona Goldsmith:  
[Fiona\\_goldsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:Fiona_goldsmith@hotmail.com)

#### Supper Group

Meets monthly on varying days of the week at different venues, organised by a different member each month. To join and for further details please contact Sandra Dawson:  
[myrtle.dawson@btinternet.com](mailto:myrtle.dawson@btinternet.com)

If you think of a new group -let us know!



#### Theatre Group

If you would like to join or have ideas of productions you would like to see please, contact Sue Bacon:  
[suebacon06@gmail.com](mailto:suebacon06@gmail.com)

**Ukulele** Please contact June Barber if you would like to join:  
[jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

#### Walking Groups

**Walkie Talkie 1 – Every Wednesday 8.00am** prompt  
Meet at Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.  
Janice Evans: [jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

#### Walkie Talkie 2 – Every Monday at 10.00am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.  
June Barber: [Jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:Jbrb6@aol.com)

#### Walk Third Wednesday each month at 10.00am

approx. 6 miles Contact June Barber: [jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

#### Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am

approx. 4 miles.  
Ann Cook: [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:bookham56@outlook.com)

#### Welfare Officer

Janice Evans is our welfare officer. Please contact Janice if you know of any member who is unwell, been in hospital or going through a difficult time.  
Janice's email is: [Jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:Jevanshome123@gmail.com)



#### Web Site

<https://bookhambeeswi.org>