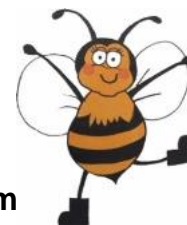




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EVENTS FOR JUNE

Wednesday	7th June	VILLAGE DAY PREPARATION - An evening of fun preparing for this community day. Bring out your inner craftswoman or support those more inclined to create. Something for all! - There will also be an introduction to the Community First Responders, our new charity for the year, from Jacqui Fish , the Community First Responder for Horsley Please could you bring a pair of scissors with you for cutting paper, wool etc (craft work)
Thursday	1 st June	First Thursday Walkers
Thursday	1 st June	Sewing Group 2pm -4pm (ask re venue for this month)
Tuesday	6 th June	Knitting Group
Thursday	8 th June	Gardening Visit 2pm
Tuesday	13 th June	Picnic Lunch Downside 1-2
Wednesday	14 th June	Pub night – The Old Windsor 8pm
Saturday	17th June	Bookham Village Day
Wednesday	21 st June	Third Wednesday Walk 10.00am
Wednesday	21 st June	Coffee Morning, The Vineries 10.30
Sunday	25th June	Bookham Open Gardens
Wednesday	28 th June	Supper Group – venue to be confirmed
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 5th July	ENJOY AN EVENING OF MUSIC , and a fascinating look at the work and music of harpist Margaret Watson.
Wednesday 2nd August	DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN - A social outing to catch up on summer fun.
Wednesday 6th September	A TOUR OF THE MONOPOLY BOARD - An illustrated talk with raconteur and photographer Roger Mendham . No get out of jail card needed!
Wednesday 4th 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 1ST November	NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME - a floral delight to cheer up the shortening days, with Annabel Alford Warren
Wednesday 6th December	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - fun and surprises for everyone





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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Monthly meeting.

A thought provoking and fascinating evening looking into the lives of those with visual problems, and the work of Sight for Surrey. Life has advanced so much since the only provision of braille and white sticks. The technology is far beyond my expertise but improves lives so much. On a more basic level it had not occurred to me, when helping someone going towards stairs, to remember to tell them if they were going up or down! That will be my learning experience for that day.



Bridge Group

In May four of the Bees Bridge Group met at Gill's house for a lovely afternoon of bridge, chat and tea and cake.

Our group is growing to eight members as two more bridge playing ladies have joined the Bees, so a warm welcome to Alice and Antitra. For our June meeting we are all hoping to play at Diana's in two tables of four-what fun this will be. July and August will be missed due to holidays so will plan to meet again in September.

Jane Carradine

Book Club 3

Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, now one of our most popular choices. Beautifully written, we appreciated the setting and the intriguing plot. The characters were all credible and we all had empathy with the main character, although at times had to suspend belief on her behaviour. It was worth it to move the plot along and stay immersed in the story. The mystery reveal at the end was conveyed gently and a pleasing end to a satisfying book; book high score an average of 8.7

Jan Holland

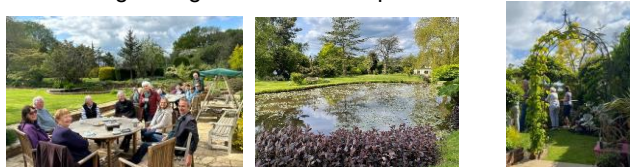
Coffee Morning

11 of us met at the Vineries for our monthly coffee gathering. The friendly staff served us our hot drinks and many varied topics were discussed. Our next coffee session will be on Wednesday, June 21. Please let me know if you would like to join us. If it's warm enough we could sit outside!

Pam Ingledew

Gardening Group

Several Gardening Bees enjoyed a couple of visits this month, one to Holmsdale Cottage, which is a privately owned beautiful nearly two acre garden, maintained in a rural setting south of Dorking. The large ponds are fed by a natural stream which runs through the garden from the open fields.



The second was to a garden in Chertsey (last picture) to Chertsey and more visits to follow -see the next page.

Pub Group

I am pleased to say that I finally attended a pub night, and it lived up to expectations, with a large turn out and a raised level of conversation -and they say it is the youngsters who are rowdy! No, I am sure it was all erudite, academic, intellectual conversation I heard. Hmmmmm.....



Sewing group

We were working too hard to remember to take a photo but are doing well preparing the tabards and bunting for village day and looking forward to our next project. All welcome if you want to join us, even if just for a cup of tea and to see what we do.



Supper Group

A very successful evening at The Hidden Kitchen. We filled the restaurant and the food and company excelled. I think that will not be the last visit for many! Next month the meal will be on 21st June but watch out for notification of where it will be.



Thursday Walkers

This month nine of us headed down to Shere for a gentle walk starting and ending at this pretty village. From behind the parish church, we headed up to higher ground and stopped at a lovely viewpoint looking back over the village, we then circled around the village and enjoyed the views in other directions along the way. The weather was glorious which always helps! Our walk ended with coffee & cake at The Dabbling Duck in Shere village which we would highly recommend :-)

Jan Holland





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Bees News and Community Information

This month there are several requests for assistance from all of you wonderful people so please could you read carefully and respond if you can help. Thank you.

Village Day -Bees Stall

As I said last month, a big thank you to those who offered to help beforehand and on the day. I would still be grateful for help setting up and dismantling the stall – especially tall strong people - and if we could have a few more helpers during the day then the volunteers only need to do an hour on the stall. I am not quite there yet. If helpers are able to wear black clothes then we have yellow tabards to go over to identify us as bees. If not, as near as possible.

Many hands make light work and I know that though we are all busy bees there may be a few more people who are happy to help but have not found me to let me know.

We still need prizes, so as last year, if you have anything you could donate, it would be wonderful. Please bring to the meeting or see a committee member. The more money we spend on prizes the less profit we will have.

We also still need yellow wool for making pom poms and the makers if you have any. All needed for our June meeting. With the wonderful team that is Bookham Bees our stall will be a brilliant success.

Fiona Goldsmith

Village Day -Other Stalls

There is still a plea for **any books in good condition for Julie Ryder to collect at our meeting or contact her to deliver them to her.**

Heidi George is collecting for the White Elephant Stall and anxious for your donations.

Her address is 2 Sole Farm Avenue KT23 3DE
email her at bookhamelephantstall@gmail.com or contact her directly through Facebook.

Cakes –Many more cakes are needed for the refreshment stall if you are able to provide them with a few (or many!) Thank you.

Julie Ryder

Gardening Visit

There is a visit to Joy Greasley's garden on Thursday 8th June, 2.00pm (Surrey NGS Yellow Book, page 28)
Oaklands, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath, Lingfield, RH7 6LG.
tel 01342 837369

It is a lovely colourful garden with a pond, a folly, plenty of seating areas, magnificent pergola with amazing hanging baskets and more.....and of course tea & cake. Please advise of any dietary requirement. You are welcome to bring a friend / partner.

The cost for the visit, including refreshments is £10

Jill Elliott

Bookham Community Association

The Bookham Community Association still needs volunteers to do the doorstep collection of subs.

Please contact Sarah Landers on 07941995573

Sam Spooner on 07970581327 or

email collections@bookhamcommunityassociation.org

for more information. There is an increasing shortage of road collectors and whilst online payment is encouraged, door to door collections are the most effective.

WI Bees Picnics

Don't forget the WI Bookham Bee picnics on Tuesday 13th June and Monday 11th September 12.30-2.30 on Downside Common opposite the Cricketers. There is easy access and plenty of parking.

Just turn up. It is cancelled if wet. They are a lovely and chilled way of connecting with other Bees. Contact Jenny Bissell on jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com or 07586 292480 if you have any questions. Bring your own chair, food, and drink.

Village Quiz Night

One more person is needed for the Bees team on Tuesday 20th June 7 for 7.30. If you think you can join in, please do let Diana know.

TMP VOLUNTEERING

I expect most of you Bees will have heard of The Meeting Place Community Fridge and the brilliant work that Edna Woodhouse and her team do there distributing the food from supermarkets that would normally go to waste but instead is available for ALL. Edna has a great team helping her.

Are you aware though that The Meeting Place run a Coffee Shop on Saturday mornings? This has been going for over 12 years now AND WE REALLY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!

The Coffee Shop is open 10-12 on Saturday mornings at Bookham Baptist Church and our customers are mostly elderly folk, who meet up and chat to both old and new friends! We also offer a warm welcome to the Bookham Ukrainian Support Group (for hosts and refugees) each Saturday.

The team set up at 9.00 getting tables, chairs, and the coffee machine ready before opening and we are usually away by 12.30. We would love to have new team members who would be happy to either help take orders of hot drinks (plus our delicious cakes from The Grange), be available to chat to customers, or help in the kitchen with the coffee machine/washing up!

We are a very friendly team, it's hugely satisfying, and very much appreciated- just ask Denise Bottomley or Ann Cook! If you are available once a month or so to help, we would love to hear from you.

Denise Bottomley Coffee Shop Team Leader 07866
936878 01372 453549

Bookham Open Gardens

A lovely way to finish the month - come along and visit local gardens, several owned by WI members, and see the variety of styles and the possibilities you could try in your garden.

Sunday 25th June 10am-5pm. Tickets £7, available from The Vineries, Brackenburg's, Quick Stop or the Barn Hall Office in advance, or £8 on the day at the gardens or The Old Barn Hall.

Events and activities

Don't forget to look at the many activities and days offered by [Surrey Federation of Women's Institutes](http://SurreyFederationofWomen'sInstitutes.org.uk) (surreyfedwi.org.uk)



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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

Book Club 2 –

Full at present. For waiting list contact
Anne Tait: annetai1@btinternet.com

Book Club 3

Full at present. For waiting list contact
Jan Holland: janiholland@gmail.com

Bridge

If you play bridge and are interested in joining, please contact:

Jane Carradine: 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

Family History Group

For further details contact Judith Witter:

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

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

Karen Tranter: Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com

Pub Nights

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

For more details, please email Debra:

dn1969@hotmail.co.uk or Vikki: the7thwife@gmail.com

Sewing Group

1st Thursday of the month at The Space Hall, Dorking Rd, 2-4 pm. If you would like to join in, please contact Fiona Goldsmith:

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:

dianagreenman@gmail.com

If anyone is interested in joining in this month and to hear more details of the venue and menu, please contact Ann Cook bookham56@outlook.com or Janice Barlow

jbarlow43@yahoo.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

Ukulele Please contact June Barber if you would like to join:

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

Walkie Talkie 2 – Every Monday at 10.00am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.

June Barber: Jbrb6@aol.com

Weekend Walking Group – Distance varies 5 – 8 miles
Suspended at present unless further interest.

Partners and friends welcome. Details contact June Barber:

jbrb6@aol.com

Walk Third Wednesday each month at 10.00am

approx. 6 miles Contact June Barber: jbrb6@aol.com

Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am

approx. 4 miles.

Ann Cook: 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



Web Site

<https://bookhambeeswi.org>