



BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 49 – June 2022

Bookham Bees meet the 1st Wednesday of the month
In The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham
Next Meeting Wednesday, 1st June 2022, 7.30 for 7.45pm



Dates for Your Diary – Further details in Newsletter

Pub Nights – Wednesdays : 8th June, 13th July, 10th August
Garden Visits – Tuesday 31st May
Coffee Mornings – Tuesday 7th June, Tuesday 12th July
Picnics – Wednesday 27th July, Monday 12th September

Bookham Bees' Groups

Do feel free to sign up to any that interest you

Bees Knit & Crochet – Full

Karen Tranter: Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com

Book Clubs 1 & 2 - Full

Book Club 3

If interested in joining contact Jan: janiholland@gmail.com

Coffee Mornings at The Vineries

Tuesday 7th June 10.30am Contact Jenny Bissell

Email: jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com

Tuesday 12th July, 10.30am Contact Pam Ingledew

Email: pamandgeoff6@icloud.com

PLEASE CONTACT THE HOST IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND

Family History Group

For further details contact Judith Witter:

judithwitter@hotmail.com

Gardening Bees

Contact Diane Poole to join the active WhatsApp group & pick

up lots of tips. diane.poole25@googlemail.com

Jigsaw Library

Heather is happy to deliver and collect when finished. They will also be at meetings to collect and exchange. Heather Phenix:

hphenix11@gmail.com

Pub Nights

Next pub night is on Wednesday 8th June at The Old Windsor Castle Pub, Little Bookham Street at 8pm.

For details please email Debra: dn1969@hotmail.co.uk or

Vikki: the7thwife@gmail.com

Theatre Group

Sue Bacon: suebacon06@gmail.com

Zoom Coffee Morning

Contact Janice Evans: jevanshome123@gmail.com

Walking Groups

Walkie Talkie One – Every Wednesday 8.00am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.

Janice Evans: jevanshome123@gmail.com

Walkie Talkie Two – Every Monday at 10.00am Tunnel Car

Park, Bookham Common. June Barber: Jbrb6@aol.com

Weekend Walking Group – Distance varies 5 – 8 miles

Next walk to be confirmed. Partners and friends welcome.

Details contact June Barber: jbrb6@aol.com

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 1 June - Celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the Throne whilst preparing crafts for Village Day

We will be making these tissue paper flowers in pairs under the instruction of Heather. They are simple to make and great fun to do. We also have cardboard crowns to make for your personal use for the Jubilee. Please bring scissors, glue and any decorations. We will also be holding a royal quiz.



2022 Programme

Wednesday, 6 July – Speaker: David Henderson

(ex-Flight Captain) "What Goes Up "

Air traffic Control Around the World

Wednesday, 3 August – Prosecco & Nibbles on the Green

Wednesday, 7 September – Speaker: from Surrey Fire

& Rescue Service "Home and Fire Safety"

Wednesday, 5 October – Speaker: Dr Mariette Jansen

"Mini Masterclass in Mindfulness" Interactive with

Chocolate!

Wednesday, 2 November – Speaker Sarah McAlister

"If You Want to Get Ahead Get a Hat" - Talk on hats and

hat making with lots of hats to see PLUS Annual Meeting

Wednesday, 7 December – Christmas Celebrations

with lots of goodies and surprises

Walk Third Wednesday each month at 10.00am

approx 6 miles **Next Walk Wednesday, 15th June**

Contact June Barber: jbrb6@aol.com

Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am

approx 4 miles.

Next Walk Thursday, 9th June (not 2nd June)

Ann Cook: bookham56@outlook.com

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News and Announcements

Theatre Trip – Report by Sue Bacon

A group of us saw the musical Chicago on 19th May. Absolutely fantastic performance, everyone really enjoyed it. Looking forward to the next show. Sue welcomes any suggestions for theatre visits

Monthly Thursday Walk – Report by Ann Cook

At the beginning of this month 7 Bees met at the top of Downsway. The weather was ideal for our walk over Norbury Downs, enjoying the varied scenery including the beautiful Blackberry Wood with bluebells and pink orchids in bloom. The view of Mickleham from the viewpoint was spectacular and we enjoyed a coffee stop at the sawmill. Due to the Jubilee Bank Holiday next months walk will be a week later on Thursday June 9th. and will be through Bookham Common towards Chasemoor Farm.

If you would like to join the group please contact Ann Cook, bookham56@outlook.com

Bees Knit and Crochet – Report by Karen Tranter

The knitting group continue to meet and chat but have to admit that those of us at the last meeting hadn't progressed with our handiworks very much. Let's blame holidays! We all enjoyed a natter regardless! We have space for a new member if anyone is interested. You do not need to be experienced; we are all happy to share what we know with a beginner. We meet monthly, on a Tuesday afternoon, in each other's houses.

Please contact Karen Tranter (karen.tranter1@btinternet.com) if you are interested in joining the group. If we are inundated with applicants I will pull a name from a hat!

Welfare Officer

Janice Evans is our welfare officer. Please contact Janice if you know of any member who is poorly or going through a difficult time. Janice's email is: Jevanshome123@gmail.com

The Committee would like to thank Janice for organising Zoom coffee mornings throughout the pandemic.

Books

Julie Ryder has asked if members can bring any books they no longer need to WI meetings. These will be sold on the book stall on Village Day.

Picnics

These will take place at Downside Common opposite The Cricketers pub from noon till 2pm on Wednesday 27th July and Monday 12th September. Please bring chairs, food and drink. This is a turn-up event – no need to book. Any queries contact Jenny Bissell email: jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com
Cancelled if wet.

Book Club 1

Report next month

Book Club 2 – Report by Anne Tait

“The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency” Alexander McCall Smith

A beautifully written book that transports you to Botswana, with very believable characters and descriptions of the scenes. It is light and charming, but with some gritty scenes, and a joy to read. The author is very skilled at portraying the cultural aspect of women in Botswana through the eyes of a strong female lead character, to such an extent that you would believe the author to be female. Good holiday read. Scored 7.5/10.

Book Club 3 – Report by Jan Holland

This month we met to discuss Postcards From A Stranger by Imogen Clark, we found we had rather mixed opinions about this book; some found the writing style a bit formulaic and the character portrayal rather weak, while others really enjoyed the dark topics explored in the book.

We felt the book was a bit slow to start, but picked up as the plot started to develop & the storyline took an unexpected route. As almost all of the male characters were nasty & controlling, we wondered if the author had some sort of issue with men in real life! Quite a range of opinions on this book, the scored averaged out to 6.5 / 10

If you are interested in trying a book club, we do have room. Please get in touch for details: janiholland@gmail.com

Quiz Night – Friday, 20 May 2022 – Report

On Friday 20th May, the Bees held a very successful Quiz night at The Barn Hall. The hall was full with fifteen tables and over 110 people. The quizmaster set the questions at just the right pitch and every table scored high points. The fish and chips were very good (not easy to cater for a large number and deliver them from a distance). A contribution from the raffle will be given to our charity Dyscover.



Congratulations to our winners.

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May Meeting

At the May meeting we had a very interesting and entertaining talk from Joanna Foat who told us about the Lumberjills, Britain's forgotten army. It was an interactive presentation and Joanna wore the uniform of the day.

Worthy Recognition

We would like to congratulate two of our members, Jan Heasman and Jill Elliot who received an award from Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, in recognition of their contribution to the community in forming WIs in three Surrey prisons. Well done Jan and Jill.!

Village Day – Saturday 18th June

Your committee led by Gaye and Heather are very excited to be organising our Bookham Bees WI stall at Village Day on Saturday 18th June. Details to follow but we will be making craft items, red, white and blue flowers at the June meeting on Wednesday 1st June. In the meantime, please save any gift bags/bottle bags and small gifts to put in them for our stall.

PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFT BAGS AND GIFTS TO THE JUNE MEETING.

We need bottles of any description – ie water, wine etc

Thank you to all the members who have offered to help on the day.

Coffee Morning

On Friday 13th May 16 members met at The Vineries hosted by Pam Ingledew. There was plenty of chatter and laughter. The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 7th June at The Vineries

Please let Jenny Bissell know if you would like to attend : jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com

Longer Walking Group – Report by June Barber

Longer walking group had a lovely day walking via the lakes to East Horsley where a coffee stop was definitely appreciated.



Next long walk Wednesday 15th June



Quiz night at the Barn Hall

Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 1st June. If you would prefer to wear a mask at future meetings, then please do so. We want everyone to feel happy and safe.

Best wishes,

Jenny and Your Committee