



BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 57 – FEBRUARY 2023

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In The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham



EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 1st FEBRUARY

MONTHLY MEETING - WOMEN WRITERS AND THEIR GARDENS

Cherrill Sands will enthral us with a talk on famous authors and their horticultural delights, to name Agatha Christie amongst many others.

[Please can you think about a charity suggestion for the coming year? There will be an opportunity for you to submit your suggestion at the meeting, with a brief description of what the charity is for. We will vote in March.](#)

Wednesday 1st February
Thursday 2nd February
Wednesday 15th February
Wednesday 15th February
Wednesday 22nd February
Monday mornings
Wednesday mornings

Family History Group
First Thursday walk 10.00am
Third Wednesday Walk 10.00am
Coffee morning at the Vineries 10.30am
Book club 3 (ask Jan Holland for time)
Walkie talkie 2 10.00am
Walkie talkie 1 8.00am

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday 1st March

DOWN MEMORY LANE AND BACK - an entertaining wander with **Paul Weakly** through the ages with songs, tales, and fun.

Wednesday 5th April

CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY with Raw Honey Gin Distillery as **Sam Robinson** tells us about the distillery and provides samples to add to the cheer. There will be discounts if you are tempted to buy! Toast our birthday and enjoy the celebrations.

Wednesday 3rd May

SIGHT FOR SURREY - an insight into the work of this amazing local organisation with a member who has benefited from their support.

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!

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

BEETLE DRIVE -come and test your skills and luck with fellow Bees. No Live beetles involved!

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.

Well, what a fun evening was had by all! We had a fantastic number of Bees attend to see the amazing display of belly dancing and then join in the opportunity to try some of the moves. The hall rang with laughter and music. I have several photos that there are no room for here so do contact me if you want to see if I have one of you. (I will also delete on request!)



Bees Knit and Crochet

Another afternoon of needles and tongue's clacking as the knitting group got together to discuss new projects and various other subjects ranging from clocks to elephants! There's a definite tendency towards making warm garments in this cold weather with scarves and socks (or my attempt at!) and adult size sweaters under way. Our next meeting will be the third week in February
Karen Tranter

Bees Bridge Group

We had a lovely afternoon of bridge in January at Gillian's house plus some of us also attended a bridge masterclass by Andrew Robson - a top British bridge player. We continue to have a jolly time and are learning a lot from each other. Bridge is a game it is fair to say that you feel you have never mastered! Please let Jane know if you play bridge and are interested in joining our group.
Jane Carradine

Book Club 2

The Other Side of the Bridge, by Mary Lawson - A beautifully written book which was longlisted for the 2006 Man Booker prize. Themes include growing up, sibling rivalry, WW1, love, friendship, and guilt. I loved the book, although some of the group found it a bit "house of the prairie". We voted it 8/10
Anne Tait

Book club 3

Mrs England by Stacey Halls - a tense gothic tale with burning menace. Despite good reviews some members found the plot drawn out, didn't warm to the main character, were not fans of this genre or found the whole thing miserable! One enjoyed the story of the children's nurse trained by the then ground-breaking Norland Nannies which touched on issues of class and women's precarious position in society. An overall 6/10.
Jan Holland

Coffee Morning

We had an excellent gathering of 13 of us at the Vineries but sadly there was so much chat that I forgot to take a photo! The next morning will be on Wednesday Feb 15. I appreciate this is half term and possibly only a handful of ladies may be able to make it on that day but not a problem, small or large groups welcome
Pam Ingledew



Pub Group

We decided to skip January and February as the weather is so uncertain. The next dates to put in your diary for a night out are March 8th, 12th April and 10th May, all Wednesdays.
Vikki Oliver

Theatre Group

There were no outings in January due to the weather and everyone getting their breath back after Christmas. We are all very excited about the Motown, Steel Magnolia and Sister Act shows booked for February though. A busy month! Any suggestions are welcome for March and April, please email Sue if you would like to be added to the theatre group
Sue Bacon

Wednesday Walkers

The walk this month was to the Centenary Wood, Epsom Downs. It was icy cold, but we had brilliant sunshine all the way. We followed it by a delicious lunch in the Rubbing House. The distance covered was just under 6 miles.



Diana Greenman

Thursday Walkers



The wet weather between Christmas and the New Year meant that the planned walk along the Wey Navigation had to be postponed. Thankfully it was a dry morning as seven of us set off from the top of Crabtree Lane, from where Julie Ryder led us over Norbury Downs in the direction of Crabtree Cottages and then onto the viewpoint overlooking the River Mole towards Mickleham. Next stop was the coffee van near the Sawmill - the hot chocolate comes highly recommended - and then back via the top of Bocketts Farm to Downs Way. We had walked about 4.5 miles - how many slices of Christmas Cake is that? Our next walk will be on Thursday February 2nd when Denise Bottomley will take us on a tour around Leatherhead investigating the history of the town with a stop for coffee. It is something different but has been arranged to lessen the impact of the wet weather of the past few weeks.
Anne Cook



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Bees News and Community Information

Date for your Diary

Now the excitement of Christmas is over, please do give another thought to our fundraiser which will support the work of Dyscover, our current charity.

On Friday 17th March we will be holding a Murder Mystery Evening at the Barn Hall. The cost will be £25 for a meal and a chance for you and your table of guests to pit your wits against the rest of the attendees and find the murderer from the scenario presented by the actors.

It is a fun evening with little pressure on you if you are more of an observer than a participant, but if you work as a team you could be the winners and claim your prize!

The more people we have join in, the more enjoyable and successful the evening will be.

Bring your friends, neighbours, family. Everyone welcome.

New Groups

Supper – Diana has organised our first outing for 15th February to The Duke of Wellington in East Horsley. Please do contact her if you would like to join in.

dianagreenman@gmail.com

Sewing -Finally, I think, a room has been found for us to meet, once a month on Thursday afternoons, possibly 2-4pm, in The Space, Dorking Road. Please could you contact me if you can attend and would like to join. There will be a cost of about £6 each for the hire of the hall depending on how many join. It is a very light airy hall with good lighting and plug points if you are bringing a machine. All are welcome, beginners to experts, embroidery to patchwork or those who are learning to thread their machines to machine maestros. We learn from each and support each other.

fiona_goldsmith@hotmail.com

Ukulele – June Barber is starting this up and would appreciate if you could let her know the level of interest to help her organise. Please could you contact her if you would like to be a part of this.

jbrb6@aol.com

Charity

It is time to choose our next charity to support. Please could you come to Wednesday's meeting with suggestions and a few words about the charity of your choice. There will be paper for you to note your suggestions or bring them already written out. We will then collate them so we can all vote in March.

Under the rules of the WI animal charities are not allowed.

Recipe of the month - French Fish Casserole

A simple and excellent recipe for white fish providing lots of flavour and colour. White fish is an excellent source of protein and little fat and is easy to digest.

450g Leeks, sliced into 2.5cm chunks	50g Butter
225g Tomatoes, quartered	Seasoning
675g White Fish Fillets	1 tbsp Lemon Juice
1 tbsp Parsley, chopped	



Method

Heat the oven to 180C Gas 4

Melt 40g Butter in a frying pan and cook the leeks with a grinding of pepper until soft and golden, about 5 mins

Stir in the tomatoes and season

Spoon into a greased oven proof dish

Cut the fish into 4 equal sized portions and place on top

Sprinkle with lemon juice, parsley and dot with the remaining butter

Cover and bake for 25 mins

Remove the cover and bake for a further 20 mins

Serve at once (this dish can be spiced up to taste)

A few facts about the WI -

for those like me who know less than I thought!

The WI has been inspiring women for over 100 years.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II said: -

'Women have been granted the vote, British women have climbed Everest for the first time and the country has elected its first female prime minister. The Women's Institute has been a constant throughout, gathering women together, encouraging them to acquire new skills and nurturing unique talents'.

Formed in 1915, the Women's Institute was originally to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become involved in producing food during the First World War. Since then, the organisation's aims have broadened, and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK.

Notable recent events were breaking the world record for the most people knitting simultaneously at the AGM in 2012 and celebrating in 2015 as the Women's Institute marked its centenary. A year of festivities included the WI Centennial Fair and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II addressing members at the Annual General Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall.

In 2012, the first WI inside a women's prison was also formed, with other UK prisons then becoming involved, hoping to improve their inmates' mental health.

Key campaigns from this time focused on environmental and social issues such as domestic violence against women, mental health, climate change and microplastic pollution. Amid the Coronavirus pandemic, the NFWI offices temporarily closed, and WI members once again showed their resilience and collective strength by keeping their communities connected and supporting those in need. From sewing for the NHS, supporting food banks, and delivering prescriptions, WI Community Champions went above and beyond to help others. To celebrate LGBTQ and Pride, the WI logo temporarily shines in the colours of the Pride flag.

To find out more of the intervening years do look at the WI website or watch this space next month to find out more about the decades and ground-breaking campaigns.

Denman at Home

Who had time to look at Denman? Courses that caught my eye out of the huge variety were: -

[Online : Photography Editing with Janine – 4 Part Course](#)

Sign Up Now: £40.00

Starts: Wednesday, 01 March 2023 at 6:00PM

Ends: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 at 6:00PM

Available spaces: 29 Tutor: Janine Kilroe –

Using the 30-day Free Trial of Adobe Photoshop Elements

Or setting off to some sunshine with

[Online : Tilo's Talk on Polynesian Seafarers](#)

Sign Up Now: £5.00

Starts: Monday, 06 February 2023 at 7:30PM – 8.30PM

Available spaces: 98 Tutor: Tilo Flache

The Pacific Ocean is filled with islands, but it seems miraculous how the Polynesians seafarers, who were a hardy bunch, set off across the horizons to build new settlements

Book through -

[National Federation of Women's Institutes | National Federation of Women's Institutes \(thewi.org.uk\)](#)

Or directly through Denman

[Home - Denman College](#)



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Bookham Bees' Groups

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

Knit & Crochet – Full at present. For waiting list or to set up another group contact
Karen Tranter: Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com

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: annetait1@btinternet.com

Book Club 3
If interested in joining 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 go, on
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

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
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
Please contact Fiona Goldsmith if you would like to join her once a month on a Thursday afternoon 2-4, to be confirmed.
Fiona_goldsmith@hotmail.com

Supper Group
If anyone is interested in joining this and to hear more details, please contact Diana on
dianagreenman@gmail.com

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



Theatre Group
Please contact Sue Bacon: suebacon06@gmail.com

Ukulele Please could you contact June Barber if you would like to join her. 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
Next walk to be confirmed. 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

Zoom Coffee Morning
Suspended at present but to start again if there is a need.
Contact Janice Evans: jevanshome123@gmail.com

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



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