



BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 51 – August 2022

Bookham Bees meet the 1st Wednesday of the month
In The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham

Wednesday, 3 August 2022 at 7.30 pm

**Informal gathering on the Green behind the Old Barn Hall
Weather Permitting**



LOTS OF DATES BELOW FOR THE INDIVIDUAL GROUPS' GATHERINGS!



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 Holland:
janiholland@gmail.com

Bridge

To commence in the Autumn. If you are a bridge player and interested in joining a Bees Bridge Group please contact Jane Carradine: jschome03@gmail.com

Coffee Mornings at The Vineries

Next gathering on **Wednesday 17th August at 10.30am**
Please contact Anne Zuurbier if you plan to attend.
zuurb@btinternet.com

Family History Group

For further details contact Judith Witter:
judithwitter@hotmail.com

Gardening Bees

Contact Diane Poole to join the active group & pick up lots of tips via WhatsApp. 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 10th August at 8.00pm
The Old Windsor Castle Pub, Little Bookham Street
For details please email Debra: dn1969@hotmail.co.uk or
Vikki: the7thwife@gmail.com

Theatre Group

Sue Bacon: suebacon06@gmail.com

2022 Programme

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 3 August

'Prosecco & Nibbles on the Green'

This will be an informal gathering on the Green behind the The Old Barn Hall with plenty of chatter and catching up with each other.

Remember to bring something to sit on and whatever your tipples and nibbles happen to be

Diana Greenman will advise by email if cancelled due to bad weather.

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

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 **Next Walk Wednesday, 17th August**
Contact June Barber: jbrb6@aol.com

Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am

approx 4 miles. **Next Walk Thursday, 4th August**
Ann Cook: bookham56@outlook.com

Zoom Coffee Morning

Contact Janice Evans: jevanshome123@gmail.com

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News and Announcements

Bees Knit and Crochet – Report by Karen Tranter

The Knitting Bees have all continued to work on various projects with varying degrees of industry through the last month - knitting isn't quite so inviting during the hot weather. We all enjoyed our July meeting for the chat and Jan's lovely cake. I suspect there will be even less progress by our August meeting due to holidays and heatwaves but we'll still exchange ideas and general chitchat- and oh, yes, there'll still be cake (I know this as I'm hosting)! Please contact karen.tranter1@btinternet.com if you are interested in joining the group.

Book Club 1 – Gaye Burt

We read 'Reputation', which received mixed reviews. The courtroom part could have been shortened as interest began to wane. The outcome was fairly predictable. However, it made one appreciate our female MP's. It would definitely be a good book for discussion. Social media has a lot to answer for and the description of what the main character was put through was terrible.

Book Club 2 – Report by Anne Tait

No report from this Book Club as they are not meeting in July and August but they have a 'Summer Reading List', so certainly not slacking. Their choice of books is The Good Doctor of Warsaw and The Promise.

Book Club 3 – Report by Jan Holland

This month we met to discuss 'Lessons In Chemistry' by Bonnie Garmus, a popular book which everyone present enjoyed. Set in the 1950s, it told the story of a feisty character from an unconventional background trailblazing her way through life & encountering shockingly overt prejudice of the time. It sparked a lot of discussion about some of our own experiences and how a lot of the same attitudes may be hidden from view now but are still present. The book was easy to read and covered a lot of ground, we're all hoping for a sequel to see how the character storylines develop and also how the times and attitudes change in general. We're also looking forward to this book being made into a film, although we did wonder how the dog would be portrayed.... Overall score average: 9/10 - a book to recommend! If you are interested in trying a book club, we do have room. Please get in touch for details: janiholland@gmail.com

Bridge – To commence in the Autumn. If you are a bridge player and interested in joining a Bees Bridge Group please contact Jane Carradine: jschome03@gmail.com

Coffee Morning – Report from Pam Inglelew

11 of us met at the Vineries on Tuesday, 12th July. It was an excellent session with lots of chat and laughter. It's a good opportunity to get to know your fellow Bees in a smaller group AND support a local business who serve good coffee. Next Coffee Morning at the Vineries is on Wednesday, 17th August. Please advise Anne Zuurbier if you plan to attend. zuurb@btinternet.com

Family History Group – Report by Judith Witter

The Group did not meet in July but the next meeting is on the morning of **Monday, 1st August**. We normally meet monthly and are looking at members research using Internet search sites. We have looked at one member's grandfather to find out where he died; Workhouse records held in the London Metropolitan Archives; and exploring whether there is truth to a family connection to a brewing family. Contact Judith Witter judithwitter@hotmail.com

Gardening Bees – Report by Diane Poole

We have enjoyed a series of private group visits to NGS 'yellow book' gardens between February and July. They have been incredibly varied and I'm sure everyone has their own favourites. Three of our Bees opened their own gardens for Bookham Open Gardens and were able to share their gardens with the whole village! For the rest of the year we'll be visiting each other's gardens for a look round, a chat and the all important refreshments. If any 'new' Bee wants to join us, please email Diane on diane.poole25@googlemail.com

Pub Night – A most glorious evening was spent sitting in the garden of The Old Windsor Castle watching a stunning sun set and identifying the airplanes flying overhead and guessing their destinations, along with other intelligent conversation! Contact: Debra: dn1969@hotmail.co.uk or Vikki: the7thwife@gmail.com



Longer Walking Group - Report by June Barber



We walked up to Ranmore Common - challenges included a tree which blocked our way and had to find an alternative route - ending with well-deserved refreshments at Polesden Lacey.

Next Walk planned to be **Wednesday 17th August**

Monthly Thursday Walk – Report by Ann Cook

We walked over Norbury Downs. The weather was dry and thankfully a layer of high clouds kept the temperature at a comfortable level. Sue Parrott took us past Roaring House Farm and then up towards a viewpoint overlooking Bocketts Farm. The grass was very long in places but we were able to spot some orchids. After refreshments at 'Wild about Coffee' near the old sawmill, we enjoyed the view across the River Mole before heading back via the meadows where skylarks nest. As always, we had enjoyed plenty of fresh air, exercise and chatter. Our next walk will be on **Thursday, 4th August**. If interested in joining the group, please contact Ann Cook: bookham56@outlook.com

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Walkie Talkie 1 Continues to gallop around Bookham Common early every Wednesday morning. Meet at Bookham Common's Tunnel Car Park, 8.00am prompt for a breath of fresh air and enjoy listening to the bird song as well as lots of 'talkie'!



Walkie Talkies 2 Takes things a little more gently on Monday mornings meeting at 10.00am at the Tunnel Car Park. Just look at the pond on the Common this week, ugh!

Theatre Trip – Report by Sue Bacon

Suggested visits to 'Hamilton', 'Six' and/or 'Sister Act' Please contact Sue Bacon if you are interested:

suebacon06@gmail.com

Picnic Monday, 12th September at 12 noon

Downside Common opposite The Cricketers pub. 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.

Bees Picnic on Wednesday, 27th July



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 Country Market is run by volunteers and meets in The Old Barn Hall on Friday mornings. The organisers are seeking a "pool" of "reserve" volunteers who would be willing to occasionally help – maybe just a few times a year - when the regular team is depleted. Could you be one of these?

At present there is an enthusiastic and dedicated team of helpers who each week give their time to make the market work. However, they cannot always all be there because of holidays, illness, family calls or other demands.

It would be a pity if the market was unable to continue because there were not enough people to run it. If you can offer a little help please contact Trevor Sokell by email – trevorsokell@btinternet.com OR by telephone – 07836 646456

St Nicolas Church is very soon commencing renovation work. The pews are to be replaced with comfortable, stackable chairs. Two of the pews and a pew front that are of historic interest will remain and homes are sought for the remainder. The shorter pews have now been sold. There are, however, plenty of the longer ones left which could be shortened to more manageable lengths. Donations of £50 are requested for these. If you are interested in having a pew, please email bfff@stnicolasbookham.org.uk.

Please note that from Monday, 1 August, St Nicolas Church will be closed until the end of November, except for Sunday Services, which will be held in Church.



Your Committee and I look forward to getting together on Wednesday, 3rd August 'ON THE GREEN'. Until then, enjoy this wonderful summer weather.

Warmest wishes,

Diana and Your Committee