



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

## NEWSLETTER NO.33 - February 2021

We normally meet the 1st Wednesday of every month 7.30 for 7.45pm  
Bookham Bees' WI Meetings in The Harrison Room are cancelled until further notice BUT members can join us via ZOOM the first Wednesday of every month



Picture courtesy of Sue Parrott

### Bees' Groups

Groups marked with \* are not taking place during the pandemic but are a reminder of what will be on offer!

#### Bee Creative\*

Contact: Heather Phenix [hphenix11@gmail.com](mailto:hphenix11@gmail.com)

#### Book Club

The present Book Club is full but feel free to start another Book Club

#### Coffee Morning via Zoom

Contact Janice Evans if you would like a Zoom invitation  
Contact: Janice Evans [jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

#### Gardening Bees

At the moment exchanging tips via WhatsApp Contact:  
Diane Poole [diane.poole25@googlemail.com](mailto:diane.poole25@googlemail.com)

#### Pub Nights \*

Contact: Jenny Bissell [jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com](mailto:jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com)

#### Theatre Group \*

Contact: Carol Teunon [carol.teunon@googlemail.com](mailto:carol.teunon@googlemail.com)

#### Walkie Talkie One

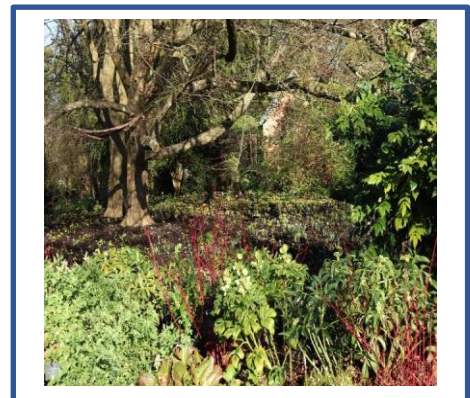
Meets on Wednesdays at 8.00am at the Tunnel Car Park,  
Bookham Common - Social distancing observed.  
Contact: Janice Evans [jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

#### Walkie Talkie Two

Meets on Mondays at 10.00am at the Tunnel Car Park,  
Bookham Common - Social distancing observed.  
Contact: June Barber [Jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:Jbrb6@aol.com)

#### Jigsaw Library

To help pass the time why not borrow a Jigsaw from the Bees Jigsaw Library. Heather is happy to deliver and then collect when finished. Text: 07972 866670



Picture courtesy of Anne Grabaskey

### 2021 Programme

**3 February** Speaker: Monica Weller  
'Injured Parties' - Solving the murder of Dr Helen Davidson

**3 March** Speaker: Bronwen Mills  
'The Origins of Pub Names'

**7 April** Bookham Bees 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday  
Speaker: Rosemary Swinfield  
'Where's the Make-up Lady'

**5 May** Speaker: Joanna Bogle  
'Courage and Conviction' – English Women who helped to save Jews in World War II

**2 June** Speaker: David Allen  
'London to Cairo on Two Wheels'

**7 July** Speaker: Cherrill Sands  
'Arts & Crafts Gardens in the South East'

**4 August** Drinks & Nibbles on the Green

**1 September** Speaker: Jenny Nockolds  
'Volunteering with Elephants in Thailand'

**6 October** Speaker: Judith Witter  
'Mary Chrystie and her Family'

**3 November** Speaker: Peter Allen  
'Oh no it isn't!' - A History of Pantomime

**1 December** Christmas Celebration





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## News & Announcements



**New Walking Groups** Anne Cook and June Barber are still working on the two new walking groups, which will commence once Government restrictions are lifted. Anne and June will set up the walks initially and then it would be good for members to take turns planning the walks.

Anne plans that the group she is setting up will meet on the first Thursday of each month and the walk will be of a moderate pace, some 4-5 miles, with the aim of being home by late morning. It is planned that a Zoom meeting will be set up for **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am** and if you are interested in participating in this group please email Anne and an invitation to the Zoom meeting will be sent to you. Anne's email address is: [Bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:Bookham56@outlook.com). Please also email Anne if you have any suggestions or questions to pass by her prior to the meeting, which will help when discussing plans at the Zoom meeting.

The walking group June is organizing will take place on either the third Tuesday or Wednesday of the month. This walk will be 5 plus miles. Please contact June with your thoughts and questions and also mention whether a Tuesday or Wednesday would be most convenient for you.

In addition to the above walks, we are very aware several Members of the Bookham Bees are working during the week so we wondered whether ladies would be interested in a bi-monthly weekend walk. Please let June know if you are interested. June's email address: [Jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:Jbrb6@aol.com)

**Congratulations to Edna Woodhouse** who has been awarded the Lavender 'You're Amazing' Award. Edna was nominated many times by people for her contribution to the local community. She works tirelessly through her work with 'The Meeting Place', [@themeetingplace.org.uk](http://themeetingplace.org.uk), as well as coordinating the Bookham Branch of Surrey Community Fridges, [@midsurreycommunityfridges.co.uk](http://midsurreycommunityfridges.co.uk). Through her commitment Edna makes a huge difference to the lives of many, many people, along with the help of her amazing team of volunteers.

**Emlyn Downs Co-ordinator** The position of Emlyn Downs Group Coordinator has become available and applications are warmly invited for this interesting position. There are seven WIs within the Emlyn Downs Group who jointly organise two events a year - a lunchtime meeting in March and an evening meeting in October. These are regular events designed to promote friendship amongst the WI membership which vary from year to year with each WI taking it in turn to 'host' a meeting. The Coordinator's job is to bring together the Presidents of each WI twice a year to discuss and plan the next event. Everyone is very able and willing to help with arrangements and the Coordinator ensures that everything runs smoothly. Any member of the WI can apply. For further details contact our WI Advisor Ann Lillywhite: [ann@seary.org](mailto:ann@seary.org)

**Photos** If you have an image which depicts Bookham in the four seasons or just one, which you would be happy to share, Martin Phenix, Heather's husband who looks after the website for us, could then discreetly overlay the animated Bee and display it on the Bees' Website. He can also credit the photographer.

**My WI** Do log into My WI as there are lots of activities and courses you can either watch via YouTube or join a course. A few members of Bookham Bees have participated in courses, including photography and calligraphy. Why not give it a try?

**Surrey Federation of Women's Institute** Please click on this link [www.surreyfedwi.org.uk](http://www.surreyfedwi.org.uk) which will take you to the leaflet setting out some exciting on-line events being organized for you.

**Welfare Officer** Please remember that Janice Evans is the Bookham Bees WI Welfare Officer and if you know of any Bee that is unwell or requires some support, please let Janice know. [jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

**Membership Fee** A reminder that the renewal of your membership, which is normally paid in January, is now due in April 2021. The NFWI have extended all memberships by three months due to the pandemic. You are encouraged to pay your subscription by BACS which makes life so much easier for the Treasurer. Nearer the time we will let you have the bank details and the reference required to enable the Treasurer to identify each payment easily.



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**Next Zoom Meeting – Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm - Speaker: Monica Weller**

'Injured Parties' – Solving the Murder of Dr Helen Davidson. Zoom really is very easy, you just click on the invitation. If you need any help in understanding how Zoom works, please contact Diana.

Do try and join us on Wednesday, it is great to see so you. January's meeting was fantastic fun as we all followed Tessa Rolfe's Zumber Class. I think most of us quite surprised ourselves how we managed to survive the full 40 minutes!

Take care and keep safe.

*Diana and your Committee*