



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

## Newsletter 45 – February 2022

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

Next Meeting Wednesday, 2nd February 2022, 7.30 for 7.45pm



### Bookham Bees' Groups

Do feel free to sign up to any that interest you

\* not taking place at present due to the pandemic

#### Bee Creative\*

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

#### Bees Knit & Crochet – Full

Karen Tranter: [Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com](mailto:Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com)

#### Book Clubs 1 & 2 - Full

#### Book Club 3

If interested in joining contact Jan: [janiholland@gmail.com](mailto:janiholland@gmail.com)

#### Monthly Zoom Coffee Morning

Contact Janice Evans for an invitation :

[jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

#### Coffee Morning – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am

At Denbies. If you wish to attend please contact Janice

Janice Barlow: [jbarlow43@yahoo.com](mailto:jbarlow43@yahoo.com)

#### Family History Group – NEW

For further details contact Judith Witter:

[judithwitter@hotmail.com](mailto:judithwitter@hotmail.com)

#### Gardening Bees

Contact Diane Poole to join the active WhatsApp group & pick up lots of tips. [diane.poole25@googlemail.com](mailto: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](mailto:hphenix11@gmail.com)

#### Pub Nights

Debra Nunan and Vikki Oliver. For details please email Debra and Vikki at [pubnightout@outlook.com](mailto:pubnightout@outlook.com)

They are hoping to resume these in March.

#### Theatre Group

Sue Bacon: [suebacon06@gmail.com](mailto:suebacon06@gmail.com)

#### Walkie Talkie One – Every Wednesday 8.00am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.

Janice Evans: [jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

#### Walkie Talkie Two – Every Monday at 10.00am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common. June Barber: [Jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:Jbrb6@aol.com)

#### Walk Third Wednesday each month at 10.00am

approx 6 miles **Next Walk Wednesday, 16 February**

Contact June Barber: [jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

#### Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am

approx 4 miles.

#### Next Walk Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Ann Cook: [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:bookham56@outlook.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](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

### Next Meeting

#### Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 - Speaker: Caroline McDonald

Aphasia Ambassador from the charity **Dyscover**

Please bring some loose change as we will be holding a raffle.

### 2022 Programme

#### Wednesday, 2 March – Speaker: Jo Mabbutt

"The Thames - Theatre of Pageantry & Pleasure"

#### Wednesday, 6 April – 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and

Speaker: Rosemarie Swinfield,

"The Fashionable Face of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"

#### Wednesday, 4 May - Speaker: Joanna Foat

"The Lummerjills" Britain's Forgotten Army in WW2

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

#### 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: Sarah McAlister

"If You Want to Get Ahead Get a Hat" - Talk on hats and hat making with lots of hats to see

#### Wednesday, 5 October – Speaker: Dr Mariette Jansen

"Mini Masterclass in Mindfulness" Interactive with Chocolate!

#### Wednesday, 2 November – Speaker from Surrey Fire &

Rescue Service "Home and Fire Safety" PLUS Annual Meeting

#### Wednesday, 7 December – Christmas Celebrations with lots of goodies and surprises



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## News and Announcements

### **Theatre Trip – Report by Sue Bacon**

No theatre trips planned for February but lots of exciting productions coming up. Sue welcomes any suggestions.

### **Monthly Thursday Walk – Report by Ann Cook**

This month our walk took us from Lower Road Recreation Ground along the footpath past Little Bookham Church, behind The Howard of Effingham School and into St Lawrence Churchyard where we saw the grave of Sir Barnes Wallis. Our destination was The Plough in Orestan Lane where 6 of us enjoyed an excellent lunch. Our next walk will be on Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> when we plan to visit RHS Wisley and walk around part of the 240 acres finishing with coffee at The Food Hall Café.

If you would like to join the group please contact Ann Cook, [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:bookham56@outlook.com)

### **Wednesday Long Walk – Report by June Barber**

On the longer walks we walked to East Horsley with a coffee stop at the Duke of Wellington.

Next month's walk will be on the Wednesday, 16th February.

### **Bees Knit and Crochet – Report by Karen Tranter**

A welcome to our new member, Anne Tait, which means we are now **FULL**. Members are working on various crochet and knitting projects at various levels of complexity and it's always interesting to see how these are developing or what new projects have been started.

### **Gardening Group – Report by Diane Poole**

We have arranged a number of private group visits to NGS gardens between end February and end July and all Gardening Bees should have received an email. If anyone else is interested please contact me on

[diane.poole25@gmail.com](mailto:diane.poole25@gmail.com)

### **WI Resolutions**

Please send your WI Resolution choice as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Please refer to email sent by Debbie on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Email: [dj.butcher@icloud.com](mailto:dj.butcher@icloud.com)

### **NFWI Annual Meeting**

This is taking place in Liverpool on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022. It is possible to attend this meeting virtually. The cost is £5 per person. Please contact Debbie Butcher on [dj.butcher@icloud.com](mailto:dj.butcher@icloud.com) if you wish to attend.

### **Book Club 1 – Report by Gaye Burt**

*Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan

This is a very short story set in 1950's Ireland leading up to Christmas about a man, himself illegitimate, who although now a successful coal merchant, husband and father finds himself in a position to both confront his past and the complicit silences of a town controlled by the church. We would of wanted it to be more in depth and continued, but well written, so mixed views. 7/10

### **Book Club 2 – Report by Ann Tait**

*The Strawberry Thief* by Joanne Harris

A beautifully written and poetic book by the author of *Chocolat*. Although it's a sequel, it can be enjoyed standalone, but some of us would have preferred to have read the previous 3 books to understand the characters and events more fully. Each chapter is written from the view of the different characters, but you don't know which character initially, which some of us found disjointed. Loved the insight of the relationship between the mother and her daughters, and felt you would know the village if you happened upon it. We scored it 7 out of 10, but it would probably have scored more if we'd read *Chocolat* more recently.

### **Book Club 3 – Report by Jan Holland**

We started the New Year with our first ever book club where we discussed Richard Osman's 'Thursday Murder Club' - a gentle comedy crime that was easy to read but with a surprisingly complicated plot and very endearing characters – our overall score was 8/10 so a popular read and a great choice for our new group.

We plan to run it a bit differently next month, spending the evening sharing some of our favourite past reads and what we particularly enjoyed about them. We do have room for more if anyone thinks they'd like to join us. We're very friendly !

### **Quiz Night – Friday, 20 May 2022 – Diary Note!**

The Committee is not letting the grass grow under its feet. We are thrilled to announce that we have managed to book our brilliant Quiz Master, Paul Wilde again and we promise you an evening of great fun, brilliance and yummy food!

### **Data Protection – a REMINDER**

At the December meeting, members were asked if they agreed or did not agree to their contact details being shared with other WI members. Those who have not yet indicated their preference, please advise June Barber at [JBrb6@aol.com](mailto:JBrb6@aol.com)

Best wishes,

*Your Committee*