



BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 45 – February 2022

Bookham Bees meet the 1st 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

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

Monthly Zoom Coffee Morning

Contact Janice Evans for an invitation :

jevanshome123@gmail.com

Coffee Morning – Friday, 4th February at 10.30am

At Denbies. If you wish to attend please contact Janice

Janice Barlow: jbarlow43@yahoo.com

Family History Group – NEW

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

Debra Nunan and Vikki Oliver. For details please email Debra and Vikki at pubnightout@outlook.com

They are hoping to resume these in March.

Theatre Group

Sue Bacon: suebacon06@gmail.com

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

Walk Third Wednesday each month at 10.00am

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

Contact June Barber: jbrb6@aol.com

Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am

approx 4 miles.

Next Walk Thursday, 3rd February

Ann Cook: 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

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 2nd 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 – 4th Birthday Party and

Speaker: Rosemarie Swinfield,

"The Fashionable Face of the 20th 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 3rd 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

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

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 17th January.

Email: dj.butcher@icloud.com

NFWI Annual Meeting

This is taking place in Liverpool on Saturday 11th 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 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

Best wishes,

Your Committee