



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

## NEWSLETTER NO.31 - December 2020

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



### 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

### Christmas is just around the corner

Join your Bee Friends via Zoom on  
Wednesday, 2 December at 7.30pm  
Speaker: Siobhan Clarke  
'Royal Christmas Celebrations  
through the Ages'  
Wear something sparkly and festive



Perhaps bring a glass of something  
sparkly along with you too!

### 2021 Programme

Our meetings will continue via Zoom until further notice

#### 6 January

By popular request  
Zumba with Tessa Rolfe via Zoom!  
Wear comfortable clothes & shoes plus have some water to hand

**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

There are plans afoot for two new walking groups to commence in the early spring. Ann Cook will be organizing a walk once a month on a Thursday and June Barber on another day in the week, the distance being 5 miles plus. Ann and June will be liaising to ensure the walks are well spaced out. Naturally, these plans are all dependent upon where we are with COVID.

### Welfare Officer

Please can you make a note 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)

### Gardening Group

The Gardening Group are not standing still! On Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November they had a Zoom talk from a volunteer at Painshill Park, Cobham, which they all found most enlightening. Like so many organisations, charities and businesses, Painshill is struggling in trying to make ends meet.

### Membership Fee

A reminder that the renewal of your membership, which is normally paid in January, is not due until 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.

### Bookham Community Fridge

The Bookham Community Fridge is still as busy as ever, with a number of Bees now helping on a regular basis. There are plans afoot to make up Christmas boxes and if you are able to pop an extra item in your shopping basket this would be really appreciated by Edna, Julie and the team. Christmas chocolate, biscuits or 'biscuits for cheese' would be especially welcome. Donations can be left at Wishing Well, the card shop in the High Street, after 2<sup>nd</sup> December, or can be taken to the Youth Centre on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon (between 12.30 and 4.00). Thanking you all in advance for your kindness. Edna & Julie

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**CHRISTMAS ZOOM MEETING – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30 pm**  
**Don't forget to let Diana know if you wish to receive joining instructions.**

Bookham Bees Committee send you their very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We all look forward to 2021 with positive thoughts for a life 'sort of' returning to some kind of 'normality'. Well done to everyone for ploughing on through the strangest year hopefully we will ever know and here is looking towards us all being together again, buzzing away in the Harrison Room.

Wishing you all good health and keep safe,

*Diana and your Committee*

**P.S. On the next page is a recipe for Val's Fruit & Rum Cake which I strongly recommend!**





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Why not try this absolutely yummy recipe for your Christmas Cake this year, shared with you with the kind permission of Bookham Bee, Val Bolton. I can guarantee the whole family will love it!

### **Val's Fruit and Rum Cake**

225 g Raisins  
225 g Sultanas  
225.g. Currants

**Leave all the above to soak in 150 - 200 ml Dark Rum for a few days.**

#### **Cream together the following:**

225 g soft dark brown sugar  
225 g soft Stork margarine or butter if you prefer

#### **Add**

2 tablespoons black treacle  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
100 ml dark rum

#### **Mix all the following dry ingredients together**

275 g Self Raising flour  
50 g ground almonds  
1 tsp ground nutmeg  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/2. Tsp mixed spice

**Lightly beat** 4 large eggs

**Beat in eggs alternately with flour mix (dry ingredients)**

**Add the soaked fruit to the cake mixture and fold in**

Spoon mixture into a greased and lined 20 cm round tin and bake in heated oven 130C for 1 hour then turn down oven to 120C for 1/2 hour then 90C for a further 1 hour.

Check with a pointed knife if it comes out clean then the cake is done.

While the cake is hot still in the tin pour over 100 ml of Dark rum. Leave for about 45 minutes in the tin. Turn out onto a wire rack.

When completely cool wrap in greaseproof paper.

This cake can be kept for quite a long time. If you are keeping it for a few weeks then feed once a week with a little rum to keep it moist. Ice as you wish.

You may also add to the cake mix, personal preference, chopped nuts, mixed peel, chopped glacé cherries.

