



BOOKHAM BEES WI

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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

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

Gardening Bees

At the moment exchanging tips via WhatsApp Contact:
Diane Poole diane.poole25@googlemail.com

Pub Nights *

Contact: Jenny Bissell jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com

Theatre Group *

Contact: Carol Teunon 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

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

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR BOOKHAM BEES
2021 is going to be a great year
Full of sparkle and celebrations!



2021 Programme

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 3rd 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



I have been asked to share the information below with our Members. It so happens this is very close to my heart as I lost one of my closest friends this year from ovarian cancer and this awful 'silent' cancer is something of which we should be far more aware:

Ovarian Cancer Kathy Heathcote is a member of a WI and one of WI's dedicated supporters. This year she has gone above and beyond by securing a resolution at the WI in honour of her daughter-in-law, Vicky, who sadly died of ovarian cancer. Vicky is the incredible woman behind the "[I Will Survive Video](#)" and will forever be part of the mission to help more women survive ovarian cancer. When facing her own ovarian cancer diagnosis, she channelled all her energy into creating a better future for the next generation, and since her untimely death in 2019, Kathy is carrying on her legacy.

Where does the WI come in? The WI is a 200,000 women-strong collective that has been creating real and lasting social change through their campaigns for over 100 years. Every campaign stems directly from a resolution put forward by their members, which is then voted on. By securing a resolution with the WI, Kathy has given us the chance to turn learning the symptoms of ovarian cancer into a national campaign, potentially saving thousands of lives.

Why is this important? Ovarian cancer is one of the most common cancers in women, particularly post-menopause. In fact, [in the UK one woman every two hours dies of ovarian cancer](#), and yet many people haven't even heard of the disease. 90% of women don't know the four main symptoms of ovarian cancer. It's lack of recognition means that too often symptoms go unrecognised, and many women are diagnosed when it's too late. That's what drives the work carried out by Ovarian Cancer Action, whose mission is to raise awareness and through the scientific research it does create a future where no more women lose their lives unnecessarily from this disease. But they need your help.

Are you a WI member?

[Yes I am!](#)

Do you know a WI member?

[Yes I do!](#)

New Walking Groups There are plans afoot, subject to Covid-19 restrictions, 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.

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

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.

Next Zoom Meeting – Wednesday, 6th January at 7.30pm - start your year with some ZUMBA!

To help Gaye with the register please let me know if you intend to attend and don't forget to wear comfortable clothes, trainers and have some water close at hand.

HAPPY NEW YEAR – WELCOME 2021!

Diana and your Committee