



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

## NEWSLETTER NO.30 - November 2020



We normally meet the first 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 at 7.30pm the first Wednesday of every month

### 2020 Programme - Via ZOOM



Picture of fungus on Bookham Common  
Courtesy of Anna Valentine!

**Wednesday, 4 November Speaker: Gill Harris**  
A fascinating talk on  
'World War II Rationing'

Following immediately after the  
Annual Meeting via Zoom

**Wednesday, 2 December Its nearly Christmas!**  
**Speaker: Sioban Clark - 'Royal Christmas  
Celebrations through the Ages'**

Wear something festive

### 2021 Programme

We assume our meetings will continue  
via Zoom for the next few months

**Wednesday, 6 January**

By popular request  
Zumba with Tessa Rolfe via Zoom!

**Wednesday, 3 February**

Speaker: Monica Weller, 'Injured Parties  
Solving the murder of Dr Helen Davidson'

**Wednesday, 3 March**

Speaker: Bronwen Mills who is a Bookham Bee  
'The Origins of Pub Names'

**Wednesday, 7 April**

Bookham Bees 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday  
Party time!

### Bees' Groups



Groups below marked \* are not taking  
place during the Covid-19 pandemic but  
are a reminder of what will be on offer  
again once life returns to normal!

#### Bee Creative\*

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

#### Book Club

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

#### Coffee Morning via Zoom

Do contact Janice Evans if you would like  
to receive invitations

Contact: Janice Evans

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

#### Gardening Bees

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 every Wednesday at the Tunnel  
Car Park, Bookham Common 8.00am  
prompt. 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



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

## News & Announcements



**Bookham Bees WI's Zoom Meeting** October's meeting displayed the most stunning photographs of wildlife, plants and woodland across Surrey, including Bookham Common, about which we all learnt new facts. The title of the talk was somewhat misleading, 'Rambling in Surrey' (we all thought we would be pulling on our walking boots). However, we were treated to a display of beautiful slides and I can assure you, when I am walking on Bookham Common in future I will be far more observant than ever before. Did you know that Dragon Fly lava can survive up to 5 years? We all learnt so much and we are most grateful to Mary Braddock for her enlightening talk.

**Annual Meeting – Wednesday, 4 November at 7.30pm** Correspondence relating to the Annual Meeting has been forwarded via email. The formalities will be short as all points have been covered through the wonders of technology. We have followed the guidelines of NFWI, which cover these unusual times in which we find ourselves. Immediately after the Annual Meeting, we are very excited to listen to a talk from Gill Harris, a local lady, who is a whizz on World War II rationing. I understand she makes a rather serious subject absolutely fascinating.

### **Farm to Fork talk**

SFWI organised a very interesting event over Zoom on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Ian Jones from Hill House Farm near Dorking used a PowerPoint presentation to explain the history of the farm and the problems the business experienced when restaurants were forced to close in March. Ian had a successful career in the hotel trade before starting to farm the land with his family in 2014 and was able to put his business skills to good use. The farm had to find alternative markets for its meat quickly and teamed up with a local dairy farm and bakery to create a website and organise home deliveries. Later in the event Ian used his mobile phone to take us on a live virtual tour of the farm including seeing new litters of Gloucester Old Spot piglets. The event concluded with a Q and A session. **Carol Teunon**

### **Nature's Paradise**

I hope everyone read the brilliant article in WI Life entitled, 'Nature's Paradise', which featured Diane and Steve Poole's beautiful garden. The photos are stunning and the feature demonstrates the amount of hard work Diane and Steve have put into their garden to make it a haven for all wildlife and humans to enjoy. Thank you Diane for allowing the WI to visit your garden enabling the article to be written, along with bringing Bookham Bees WI into the limelight! Several of my friends across the country who are members of WI have rung me and asked about Diane's garden – how about that?

Five members of Gardening Bees were given a guided tour of Diane's garden earlier this month.

### **Bookham Bees' Quiz Night**

Sadly it has been decided to postpone the Quiz Night, which was due to take place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, due to the present Covid-19 restrictions. However, we hope to re-schedule a date later in 2021.

### **MY WI**

Do log into My WI as there are loads of suggestions on various talks you can Zoom into, along with suggested activities, recipes, gardening tips, etc.

**Newsletter Items** Please let Diana know if you have any interesting items to include in next month's Newsletter: [dianagreenman@gmail.com](mailto:dianagreenman@gmail.com)

**Please don't forget to let Diana know if you wish to join the Bees' Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, 4 November at 7.30 p.m.**

Wishing you all good health and keep safe,

*Diana and your Committee*

