



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 3rd 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

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

Gardening Bees

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



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 15th and 16th. 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, 20th 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

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

