



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

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We normally meet the first Wednesday of every month 7.30 for 7.45pm

All Bookham Bees WI Meetings in The Harrison Room cancelled until further notice BUT you can join us via ZOOM at 7.30pm the first Wednesday of every month



## Rowhurst, Leatherhead 'A House Built of Stories' The subject of our talk on Wednesday, 2 September

Do join our Zoom meeting to hear all about the history of this fascinating building, which is on our doorstep.

The local history accounts and Listed Building description suggest that Rowhurst dates back to c1550 AD and was later used as a hunting lodge for Hampton Court Palace, BUT, Is it hiding a much older story? Join us via Zoom and hear it all.

## WALKIE TALKIE TWO Anyone for Walkies?

Since the formation of Bookham Bees WI some of the members joined the Walkie Talkie Group which meets at 8.00am on a Wednesday morning, rain or shine, at the Tunnel Car Park on Bookham Common. The timing of this group does not suit everyone, so if you are interested in joining a new group who will meet at 10.00am on a day to be decided, please contact:

**June Barber: jbrb6@aol.com**

## 2020 Programme

### NEXT MEETING via ZOOM

**2 September** Speaker: Lucy Quinell  
From Fire & Iron Gallery  
'Rowhurst – A house built of stories'

**7 October** Speaker: Mary Braddock  
'Rambling in Surrey'

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

&  
Annual Meeting?  
(NFWI will be advising all WIs in due course regarding the holding of Annual Meetings)

**2 December** Christmas Festivities

## Date for your Diary!

Bookham Bees Quiz Night 2021  
Saturday, 20 March 2021

## Useful Information

Keep in touch with **MY WI**  
<https://mywi.thewi.org.uk>

## WI Subs

NFWI have advised all WIs that membership subs will be extended to April 2021 and all future years' subs will be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> April

## 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

## Virtual Coffee Mornings via Zoom

We've had several Zoom coffee mornings. If you wish to be added to the list please email Janice Evans:  
[jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)  
Thank you, Janice, for so generously giving of your time and great organizing ability in keeping the Bees together of that essential cup of coffee!



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## News & Announcements



### Facebook

At present the Bookham Bees WI Facebook is not functioning. Please can you let us know if you are interested in Facebook and whether it is considered worth while getting it up and running. If so, is there a Member of Bookham Bees willing to take on the project?

### Bookham High Street Action Plan

Bookham Bees WI was invited to comment upon a survey which is being carried out by the Mole Valley District Council regarding the Bookham High Street Plan and after consulting members of the Bees, Carol Teunon has responded along the lines below:

*"Bookham Bees WI members are extremely grateful to the High Street shops selling essential goods that remained open during the lockdown. Some of these offered a delivery service to shielding customers, which was an essential support and makes it clear how vital it is that Bookham retains these smaller stores. Bookham has a unique atmosphere because it retains many types of store that have been lost in other locations in Surrey.*

*There have been a number of closures of long standing shops on Bookham High Street recently, many due to retirement, and there are now a number of empty units. The Bookham High Street Plan needs to look at how some of these units could be repurposed as there are already some that have been empty for a number of years. The Bookham High Street Plan also needs to look at how current retailers can be supported during the difficult times ahead and how new retailers can be encouraged to choose Bookham for their base. There are other retailers who may be close to retirement and other units may be lost unless new owners can be encouraged to base themselves in Bookham.*

*The Bookham Bees WI Committee asked members for their comments. Several of our members raised the issue of the need for Bookham High Street to be one-way. Another mentioned the need for wildlife friendly planting on the High Street."*

### Leatherhead & District Local History Society (L&DLHS)– Covid-19

The L&DLHS are wishing to record people's feelings, thoughts and experiences, together with how they have managed to cope and pass the time during the present pandemic. This will enable future generations to look back, as we do about the World Wars I and II, Spanish flu and other historical facts.

Our modern digital age makes gathering this information much easier but it can also be lost, fragmented and buried on hard drives. Suitable items the L&DLHS are interested in logging are:

1. Public notices, letters
2. Photos of empty shelves in supermarkets, overloaded trolleys, queues, empty streets, clapping the NHS
3. Offers of help by community volunteers and churches
4. Diaries from the lockdown period
5. Business reactions. Furloughing and hardship stories
6. Examples of kindness and generosity among neighbours as well as social distancing. The list goes on.

Please don't discard such items. Photos and diaries may be either hardcopy or digital.

We appreciate that this might not be an easy exercise for some of our Bookham Bees Members but if you feel able to submit your thoughts and recollections I am happy to collate everything and save it for Bookham Bees' records as well as passing the information on to the L&DLHS. We may well repeat the process from now until a specific time next year. Please forward your information to: Diana Greenman at [bookhambees@outlook.com](mailto:bookhambees@outlook.com)



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**Check the Bees' Website for directions on making:**

**Japanese Hand Fan** Heather has given step by step directions on how to make a Japanese hand fan to help with the hot weather. If needed she can supply the paper and lolly sticks for anyone who wants to have a go.

**Kusadama Flower** Again, Heather has prepared directions on making these beautiful flowers.

**Newsletter Items** Please let me know if you have any interesting items to include in next month's Newsletter.

**Please don't forget to let Diana know if you wish to join the Bees' Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30 p.m.**

Wishing you all good health and keep safe,

*Diana and your Committee*