



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

## Newsletter 41 – October 2021

Bookham Bees meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
in The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham

Next Meeting Wednesday, 6 October 2021, 7.30 for 7.45 pm



**Harlow Carr Gardens, Nr Harrogate**

Photo courtesy of Barbara McDonald

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party – What a fun photo!

### 2021 Programme

**Wednesday, 6 October - Speaker: Judith Witter**

'Mary Chrystie and her Family'

There will be a raffle so please bring some change with you. Refreshments will also be served.

**Wednesday, 3 November - Speaker: Peter Allen**

'Oh no it isn't' - A History of Pantomime

Followed by the Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, 1 December - Christmas Celebration**

You will be making a beautiful Christmas Star which will bring a sparkle into your home, plus a Christmas surprise. More information to follow!

### New Committee Member

At our meeting in September we appealed for new committee members and I am delighted to welcome Debbie Butcher on board. Debbie will be taking over as Secretary of Bookham Bees WI after the Annual Meeting in November. Many, many thanks to Carol Teunon for her sterling work as Secretary. Carol is stepping down as Secretary due to other commitments.

### Bookham Bees' Groups

Do feel free to sign up to any that interest you

\* not taking place during the pandemic

**Bee Creative\*** Contact: Heather Phenix [hphenix11@gmail.com](mailto:hphenix11@gmail.com)

**Book Clubs 1 & 2 full** Feel free to start another Book Club

**Monthly Zoom Coffee Morning** Contact Janice Evans

for an invitation [jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

### Coffee Morning

**The Vineries - Thursday, 14 October at 10.30am**

Pam Ingledew: [pamandgeoff6@icloud.com](mailto:pamandgeoff6@icloud.com)

**Gardening Bees** contact Diane Poole to join the active

WhatsApp group & pick up lots of tips.

[diane.poole25@googlemail.com](mailto:diane.poole25@googlemail.com)

**Jigsaw Library** Heather is happy to deliver and collect when finished. They will also be at meetings to collect and exchange

[hphenix11@gmail.com](mailto:hphenix11@gmail.com)

**Pub Nights\*** Jenny Bissell and Anne Tait

[jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com](mailto:jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com)

### Theatre Group\*

We are looking for a volunteer to run this group

**Bees Knit & Crochet** If you are interested, please email Karen:

[Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com](mailto:Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com)

**Walkie Talkie One** – Every Wednesday 8.00 am Tunnel Car

Park, Bookham Common. Janice Evans

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

**Walkie Talkie Two** – Every Monday at 10.00 am Tunnel Car

Park, Bookham Common. June Barber: [jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

### Longer Distanced Walking Groups

**Third Wednesday each month at 10.00 am.** approx 6 miles

**Next Walk 21 October.** June Barber: [jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

**First Thursday each month at 10.00am** approx 4 miles.

**Next Walk 7 October.** Ann Cook: [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:bookham56@outlook.com)

**Weekend Walking Group** – Distance varies 5 – 8 miles

**Next Walk Saturday, 2 October.** Further details on next page.

Partners/friends and well-behaved dogs welcome.

June Barber: [jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

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## News and Announcements

### Breaking News!

On Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September Bookham Bees met for the first time in the Old Barn Hall instead of the Harrison Room. Everyone felt far more comfortable as we had plenty of space and air around us. Members present were asked if they would prefer to meet in the main hall for the foreseeable future. The overwhelming support was to do so. The Old Barn Hall is now booked for the remainder of this year and throughout 2022.

Understandably, the cost is far greater and for this reason it has been decided we will hold raffles at some of our meetings to help towards the additional expense. We also hope to share some of the money raised through the raffles with the charity the Bees support, which, at present is Leatherhead Youth Project.

### Bookham Bees' Charity

In January 2020 the Bees voted to support The Leatherhead Youth Project and, unless members have any objections, your Committee propose that we continue to support LYP during the year 2021/22 as and when possible.

### Book Clubs Reports on Recently Read Books

**Book Club 1** 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig. We found it an easy read but a bit like marmite, we either enjoyed it or didn't, so it scored an average of 6/10.

### Book club 2 'Mudlarking' – by Sara Maiklem

A history of the Thames by Mudlarker Lara Maiklem, as she imagines the history of her finds along the tidal Thames out to the Estuary. Full of fascinating facts and detailed descriptions, which can be a bit tedious at times. Very well written, but possibly not a poolside read. I will definitely pick it up again as a reference book when I next visit those parts of London. The group scored it 7/10.

### Coffee Mornings

Pam Ingledew has kindly offered to organise a gathering over coffee at The Vineries on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Please let Pam know if you intend to come along: [pamandgeoff6@icloud.com](mailto:pamandgeoff6@icloud.com)

Please can we have a volunteer to organise a coffee morning, at a venue of your choice, for November.

### Coffee at Leatherhead Youth Project

With a view to supporting the Leatherhead Youth Project, which has a lovely café, June Barber, has arranged for a maximum of 20 of us to meet for coffee there on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.30am.

All Saints Church, Kingston Rd, Leatherhead KT22 7BT  
Please contact June if you would like to join us.  
[jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

### Hurry! Trip to Winchester Christmas Market

Anne Cook has very kindly offered to organise a trip to Winchester Christmas Market on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, departing Bookham at 9.30am and leaving Winchester at 4.15pm. This will allow plenty of time to browse around the market, shop and have lunch. The cost for the coach will be between £15-£23 depending on how many participate. To book your place please contact Ann [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:bookham56@outlook.com)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month Walking Group

Our September walk took a route around Norbury Downs from the top of Downs Way towards Crabtree Cottages and back via Wild about Coffee near the old sawmill. Our next walk is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October starting at 9:45** from the Junction of Little Bookham Street and Sole Farm Road and heading towards Effingham Junction. If you would like to join us please contact Ann Cook [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:bookham56@outlook.com)

### Weekend Walking Group

#### Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 9.45am

Not long, only a few days, until this group meets again. Meet at 9.45am at Polesden Lacey for a friendly and welcoming walk of about 5 miles. Feel free to bring a friend along with you and well-behaved dogs are more than welcome. For further information please contact June Barber [jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

### NEXT WI MEETING

#### Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 for 7.45pm

Judith Witter will be telling us all about 'Mary Chrystie and her Family', which I am sure will also cover quite a lot of Bookham history, which many of us are not aware of. Do come along and support your fellow Bee (our speaker) and enjoy an enlightening evening.

Remember to bring a little cash with you for the raffle (£1 a ticket) and refreshments will be available.

Tables will be set out with plenty of space around them and windows and doors will be open to allow air to circulate (wrap up if chilly!). Please bring your own sanitiser with you and face mask if you wish to wear one. Please do not attend if you feel unwell.

Also, if you would rather sit separately at the back of the hall, please feel free to do so, rather than missing an inspiring lecture.

Page three of this Newsletter updates you on things happening within the village. Read on .....

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### Village News

#### **Bookham Country Market**

The following message has been received from Lita Rayner enquiring if anyone would be interested in baking cakes for the Bookham Country Market:

*My name is Melita (Lita) Rayner and I am involved with the Bookham Country Market which is a non profit making organisation for the benefit of the community. Because of covid the Market closed down in March 2020, but then I had a call from Anthea Sokell (chairman) earlier this year to ask if I would like to help get the market up and running again as the previous committee had all stood down. So, a small team of us have been working hard to make a success of it.*

*I am writing to you to inquire if anybody is interested in baking on a weekly or part time basis for the market? At the moment I am making cakes every week and there is one other lady who also bakes but not every week. As I'm sure you will know the cake stall is always popular! It would be lovely if we could provide more variety each week.*

*The Country Market is held every Friday morning at the Barn Hall Bookham and opens to the public from 10am-11.30am.*

*There is a really good selection of produce to buy, all local: meat, cheese, eggs, bread, plants, vegetables, cakes, and beautiful hand made crafts, so if you haven't visited please come along. We also have started doing teas and coffees.*

*To belong to the Market costs 1p! A bargain. To make cooked goods it is a requirement of Country Markets that you have a Basic Hygiene Certificate which can be done on line and the cost can be reimbursed. The Market also retains 10% of your sales towards its operating costs.*

*So, I really hope that lots of you will be interested in baking or just come along to see what we are doing, I look forward to meeting you soon.*

Lita Rayner [rayner42@talktalk.net](mailto:rayner42@talktalk.net)

#### **'Our Not so Little Village Organ'**

On Thursday, 30th September at 3.00pm, Peter Lutton, ARCO, the organist and choirmaster of St Nicolas Church will be celebrating the refurbishment of the organ. Peter is an amazingly talented musician. Do take this opportunity to hear and learn more about this fascinating instrument, an opportunity not to be missed. There will be a retiring collection.

#### **Back to Bookham Bees .....**

Looking forward to seeing lots of you in the Old Barn Hall on Wednesday evening, 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Before closing the Newsletter, Anne Grabaskey has very kindly agreed to act as 'Official Photographer' at our meetings as I always forget to take photos! Please let me know if you do not wish to be photographed. Thank you so much Anne for 'volunteering'.

With warmest wishes to all the Bees,

*Diana and your Committee*