



BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 55 – DECEMBER 2022

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In The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham



EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Wednesday, 7th DECEMBER- MONTHLY MEETING - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



with lots of goodies and surprises, don't miss out on our Christmas cheer

A pen is needed for activities and some cash -see group news.

Wednesday 7th December

Family History Group

Thursday 1st December

First Thursday walk 10.00am

Monday 12th December

Coffee morning at the Vineries 10.30am

Wednesday 14th December

Pub Night Windsor Castle 8pm (Christmas tops encouraged)

Monday mornings

Walkie talkie 2 10.00am

Wednesday mornings

Walkie talkie 1 8.00am

Wednesday 21st December

Third Wednesday walk 10.00am (with Christmas hats for a festive feel)

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Welcome to 2023

Wednesday 11th January
(Note Date!)

BELLY DANCING! Begin the year with a beautiful display and chance to try if you are game for it, with **Sue Baker** and The Jewels Dance Troupe (don't forget to wear comfortable clothing if you are joining in).

Wednesday 1st February

WOMEN WRITERS AND THEIR GARDENS **Cherrill Sands** will enthral us with a talk on famous authors and their horticultural delights, to name Agatha Christie amongst many others.

Wednesday 1st March

DOWN MEMORY LANE AND BACK - an entertaining wander with Paul **Weakly** through the ages with songs, tales, and fun.

Wednesday 5th April

CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY with Raw Honey Gin Distillery as **Sam Robinson** tells us about the distillery and provides samples to add to the cheer. There will be discounts if you are tempted to buy! Toast our birthday and enjoy the celebrations.

Wednesday 3rd May

SIGHT FOR SURREY - an insight into the work of this amazing local organisation with A member who has benefited from their support.

Wednesday 7th June

VILLAGE DAY PREPARATION An evening of fun preparing for this community day. Bring out your inner craftswoman or support those more inclined to create. Something for all!

Wednesday 5th July

ENJOY AN EVENING OF MUSIC, and a fascinating look at the work and music of harpist **Margaret Watson**.

Wednesday 2nd August

DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN A social outing to catch up on summer fun.

Wednesday 6th September

A TOUR OF THE MONOPOLY BOARD – An illustrated talk with raconteur and photographer **Roger Mendham**. No get out of jail card needed!

Wednesday 4th October

BEETLE DRIVE -come and test your skills and luck with fellow Bees. No Live beetles involved!

Wednesday 1st November

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME -a floral delight to cheer up the shortening days, with **Annabel Alford Warren**

Wednesday 6th December

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS -fun and surprises for everyone





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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Monthly meeting.

We had a fascinating evening learning about hat making and decorating. I would still love to find which hat suits me. Even the beautiful creations Sarah brought along sadly did not resolve this. Jan however looked wonderful! It was especially interesting finding out about the feathers in the Queens Guard headdresses and the many film creations Sarah had been involved with.



Bees Knit and Crochet



The knitting group have been busy working on a Christmas fundraiser for our current charity, Dyscover. We have knitted and crocheted chocolate orange/ fresh orange/ bath bomb covers, and we have a sample here to show you in the photo. We will be selling these at our December WI meeting (£3 each or £10 for 4) and all proceeds will go to the charity. They make a fun table decoration, Secret Santa, hostess gift, stocking filler etc.

We will only be able to take cash so **please remember to bring your purse if you wish to purchase and thank you in advance for your generosity.** *Karen Tranter*

Bees Bridge Group are pleased to report that in November three of us attended an Andrew Robson Masterclass and enjoyed an interesting afternoon in the Old Barn Hall- in aid of the charity Dyscover.

We had a wonderful session with expert tuition and good supervised games of bridge.

There was a delicious afternoon tea served by the ladies from Dyscover plus a great raffle and a stall selling cards and Christmas things.

We all felt that we had learned a lot and some went home for a stiff gin and tonic! *Jane Carradine*

Book Club 2 The Clockmaker's Daughter by Kate Morton. A story of murder, mystery and love, told by multiple characters over a period of 150 years. The story begins when a group of young artists spend an idyllic summer in a house by the Thames. By the end of the month, one woman has been shot dead, another disappeared and a priceless heirloom missing. 150 years later a young archivist unravels the mystery.

Kate Morton is a good writer and storyteller, but if you don't have time to sit on a sunbed and read for hours, the story can be a tad long and complicated to remember. We voted it 7 out of 10.

Anne Tait

Book club 3 This month we chose something different to read - East of Croydon by Sue Perkins - in which she shares her thoughts and experiences of travelling along the Mekong River filming a TV documentary. This book provoked rather mixed reviews! Some really didn't appreciate her gritty style and graphic portrayal of situations she found herself in, others really enjoyed her humorous and frank style of delivery and being able to read about people and places we'd never otherwise encounter.

Everyone agreed the book would have been better without details of her return home which I brought the scores down a little.

Average score: 5/10 (min 3, max 8.5) *Jan Holland*

Coffee Morning Well ladies you excelled yourself this month at the Vineries. We had a bumper turnout of you lovely WI members, 16 of us. It was great to see everyone on a very wet day in November. We enjoyed lovely refreshments, great company and as always lots of chat. It's a great way to get to know other Bees in a smaller group. If you would like to come next month Sue Hope is organising the session at the Vineries. Please let Sue know if you are planning to attend so she books enough tables. Apologies to the Monday walking group but the Vineries will be serving Christmas lunches through December but not on Mondays - *Pam Ingledeu*



Pub Group

No secrets released this month as 'What goes on during Pub Night stays there. What did go on? However, one attendee commented that 'I like the varied conversations and laughs we have. I always meet someone new and get to know them'. We must get to the December meeting to find out their secrets!

Theatre Group



We enjoyed an amazing night at Bat out of Hell this month -even though they would not let us sing! I think we were all singing along inside though. Do contact Sue if you want to join us in the future. Abba is booked for December but more exciting outings to come next year!



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Bees News and Community Information

Walkers



We had a wonderful longer walk today around Polesden Lacey in autumn sunshine last week, but Monday walkers were not so lucky and needed their waterproof ponchos!

Raffle

No raffle this month but please bring some cash if you would like to buy some of the fantastic crafts made by the Knitting and crochet group and donate towards refreshments

Web Site

Diana mentioned our web site at the last meeting. Do have a look at it if you have not found it yet -a good place too to catch up on newsletters if you have lost them! Find it at <https://bookhambeeswi.org>

If you have any ideas for contents, or requests for additions then please do ask any committee member. It is your website. Thank you

Coffee Mornings

I am delighted that the coffee mornings continue to be so popular. It is such a relaxed, friendly opportunity to get to know each other better. Currently someone different organises each monthly meeting. It would be wonderful though, if one person would be willing to book the tables each month with The Vineries and put a reminder on the Bees WhatsApp group the day before. If you attend regularly, it can be booked while you are there, so it is not a time-consuming job. Please could you contact one of the Committee if you would be willing to undertake this. Thank you.

Date for your Diary

We are having an exciting fund-raising evening next year!

On Friday 17th March we will be holding a Murder Mystery Evening at the Barn Hall. The cost will be £25 for a meal and a chance for your table of guests to pit your wits against the rest of the attendees and find the murderer from the scenario presented by actors.

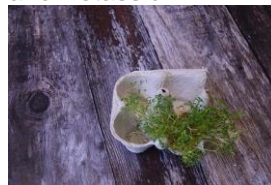
It is a fun evening with little pressure on you if you are more of an observer than a participant but if you work as a team you could be the winners!

Please do make this the most important date in your diary so far and invite all your friends. The more people we have join in, the more successful the evening.

The weather may put you off gardening, but anyone can grow these inside on their windowsill and have fresh greens all year round. I found it fantastic last winter.

Grow your own Microgreens

Microgreens are tiny seedlings of plants, usually harvested when fully grown, between 7 and 14 days after germination. They provide a concentrated flavour of the fully grown plants and are quick and easy to grow. Microgreens contain vitamins, antioxidants, and minerals. They are also a source of Iron, Folic acid, and Potassium.



You can use dried seeds and pulses that are sold for cooking such as fava beans, dill, and fennel. Mustard seeds, Greek cress, rocket, spinach, and cabbage also make good microgreens. Why not try pea shoots, sunflower shoots, and coriander, which can be used on a salad?

You will need-

Seeds
Egg box
Compost

To Make

Grow microgreens from seed in an egg box, yoghurt pots, an old piece of guttering, an old vegetable box or how about a seed tray?

Fill your container of choice with compost. With your finger, the handle of a wooden spoon or trowel, create a trough and sprinkle the seeds in.

Ensure the seeds are evenly spread. Cover with the compost and lightly water. Place on a windowsill and allow to grow.

Harvest when ready and enjoy!

On a more festive note-

CHRISTMAS JELLY

A light and sparkling dessert. Best served in tall, individual glasses. It's lovely rich colour and warm taste need no further adornment.

Ingredients

275ml water
2 Cinnamon Sticks, each about 10cm long
4 Cloves
4 Blades Mace
1 pkt Blackcurrant Jelly
150ml Port

Method

Simmer the spices in the water for 10 mins. Stand for 1 hour. Strain and warm again.

Melt the jelly in the spicy water.

Add the port and make up to 575ml with cold water.

Transfer to a jelly mould or individual glasses and leave until cold

Chill, then serve





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Bookham Bees' Groups

Do feel free to sign up to any that interest you – just contact the group organiser

Bees Knit & Crochet – Full

Karen Tranter: Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com

Book Clubs 1 & 2 - Full

Book Club 3

If interested in joining contact Jan Holland:
janiholland@gmail.com

Bridge

If you play bridge and are interested in joining, please contact Jane Carradine: jschome03@gmail.com

Coffee Mornings at The Vineries

Please contact Sue Hope If you would like to go in December on Susanhope2000@hotmail.com

Family History Group

For further details contact Judith Witter:
judithwitter@hotmail.com

Gardening Bees

Contact Diane Poole to join the active group & pick up lots of tips via WhatsApp.
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. Heather Phenix: hphenix11@gmail.com

Pub Nights

2nd Wednesday of the month at The Old Windsor Castle Pub 8pm
For more details please email Debra: dn1969@hotmail.co.uk or Vikki: the7thwife@gmail.com



Theatre Group

Sue Bacon: suebacon06@gmail.com

Walking Groups

Walkie Talkie 1 – Every Wednesday 8.00am prompt
Meet at Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.
Janice Evans: jevanshome123@gmail.com

Walkie Talkie 2 – Every Monday at 10.00am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.
June Barber: Jbrb6@aol.com

Weekend Walking Group – Distance varies 5 – 8 miles
Next walk to be confirmed. Partners and friends welcome.
Details contact June Barber: jbrb6@aol.com

Walk Third Wednesday each month at 10.00am

approx 6 miles **Next Walk Wednesday, 21st September**
Contact June Barber: jbrb6@aol.com

Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am

approx 4 miles.
Ann Cook: bookham56@outlook.com

Zoom Coffee Morning

Suspended at present but to start again if there is a need.
Contact Janice Evans: jevanshome123@gmail.com

Welfare Officer

Janice Evans is our welfare officer. Please contact Janice if you know of any member who is poorly or going through a difficult time. Janice's email is: Jevanshome123@gmail.com

