



BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 53– October 2022

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We are truly saddened by the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen and offer our deepest condolences to the Royal Family. She was a loyal and dedicated member of the WI for 80 years, its longest standing member, and never failed to show her support for the WI throughout her time as Queen.

We thank her for her dedication, service, and fellowship.

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Wednesday, 5 October MONTHLY MEETING

Speaker: Diane Poole – (Bookham Bees WI) Plastic Free Bookham and Bookham Hearts
Wildflower Verges

Wednesday 5th October
Thursday 6th October
Wednesday 12th October
Tuesday 18th October
Wednesday 19th October
Monday mornings
Wednesday mornings

Family History Group
First Thursday walk at 10.00
Pub night at the Old Windsor Castle
Coffee morning at the Vineries at 10.30 am
Third Wednesday walk 10.00
Walkie talkie 2 at 10.00 am
Walkie talkie 1 at 8.am

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, 2 November **Speaker Sarah McAlister**
'If You Want to Get Ahead Get a Hat' - Talk on hats and hat making with lots of hats to see
PLUS Annual Meeting
Wednesday, 7 December Christmas Celebrations with lots of goodies and surprises!

Bookham Bees' Groups

Do feel free to sign up to any that interest you

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 Group

If you are a bridge player and interested in joining a Bees Bridge Group please contact Jane Carradine:

jschome03@gmail.com

Coffee Mornings at The Vineries

Please contact Karen Tranter If you would like to go

Karen.tranter1@btinternet.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@googlegmail.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

If you would like to go out together with theatre lovers contact 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 -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



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Group News

Bees Knit and Crochet – Report by Julie Alderman

We met again this month to knit, natter, crochet and eat cake. Christmas ideas are progressing nicely. If you are interested in joining the group please contact karen.tranter1@btinternet.com

Book Club 2 – Report by Fiona Goldsmith

Our 2 books brought intense discussion. The Promise, was not popular and was given 3/10 for the way it was written and tackled the issues in it. The Good Doctor of Warsaw was given 8/10 for content and interest and the style was enjoyed by most.

Bridge – Report by Jane Carradine

The inaugural meeting of the group was this month. A very jolly evening of cards and chat was enjoyed by the bridge players and some of us searched in the recesses of our bridge brains for bidding, playing, and scoring memories! Our October meeting will be the Rotary Bridge Competition then in November a masterclass for tuition and a game in someone's house. If interested in joining, please contact Jane Carradine: jschome03@gmail.com

Coffee Morning – A good turnout this month with the conversations wide ranging and interesting. New members, don't forget this is a good opportunity to meet people. We will find someone to go with you your first time so you can get a word in! Do ask any of the committee.



Family History Group – Report by Judith Witter

There are currently six members in the group We do live research together so everyone gets ideas about how these websites can be used.

Contact Judith Witter judithwitter@hotmail.com

Gardening Bees – Report by Fiona Goldsmith

The last garden afternoon tea of the year was a soggy walk around Moira's beautiful garden, but the welcome was very warm, the conversation lively and the cakes delicious. We even had a selection of husbands to oversee what we get up to!

if you would like to join, please contact diane.poole25@googlemail.com

Picnic – Report by Jenny Bissell

On Monday 12th September several Bees gathered at Downside. The weather was wonderful and so warm we had to sit under the shade of the magnificent willow tree. Last WI picnic of the year !



Pub Night –No pub night this month due to circumstances. More to talk about next month!

Contact: Debra: dn1969@hotmail.co.uk or
Vikki: the7thwife@gmail.com

Theatre Group– Report by Sue Bacon

The theatre group will be going to Bat Out of Hell on 3rd November and to an Abba tribute band at Dorking Halls on 3rd December.

Please contact Sue Bacon if you are interested: in joining in any future events: suebacon06@gmail.com

Longer Walking Group - Report by June Barber

We had a beautiful day for our September walk with a touch of autumn in the air. Norbury Park was our destination, but we managed to totally ignore our route and find some new paths to all of us. Luckily, we found our way to Bocketts for a coffee and cake and stay more or less within the planned mileage!



Monthly Thursday Walk – Report by Ann Cook

A small group of Walking Bees enjoyed this month's walk, led by Julie Ryder & Jan Gapper. We set off from Ripley Green and walked towards Ockham Mill and then along the Wey Navigation to The Anchor at Pyrford for Coffee. Our return took us back via a different route along more of the canal. It was a 'gentle' walk, which we plan to repeat at the beginning of November. Our next walk will be on Thursday October 6th.

For information on the group please contact Ann Cook – bookham56@outlook.com

Walkie Talkie 1 Continues to gallop around Bookham Common early every Wednesday morning. Meet at Bookham Common's Tunnel Car Park, 8.00am prompt for a breath of fresh air and enjoy listening to the bird song as well as lots of 'talkie'! Janice Evans: jevanshome123@gmail.com

Walkie Talkies 2 Takes things a little more gently on Monday mornings meeting at 10.00am at the Tunnel Car Park. June Barber: Jbrb6@aol.com



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Bees News and Community Information

September talk

A message from Ellie (Surrey Fire and Rescue Service) states that she had as enjoyable evening as we did during our evening on Fire Safety at home. A reminder of the important points and the link to the site she promised

- A. Have a smoke detector on every floor of the house
- B. Have a carbon monoxide detector installed at least a metre away from gas appliances.
- C. Install a heat alarm in the kitchen.
- D. SF&RS will help people with mobility problems, hoarders, smokers, people with cognitive issues.
- E. Try not to charge phones etc overnight and never leave devices charging on the bed.
- F. Close doors at night especially the kitchen door.
- G. Don't fight fires at home. Get out, stay out, ring the Fire Service (ideally using a mobile phone)
- H. Do not leave appliances running at night or if out
- I. Obtain a 'Message in a Bottle' and store in the fridge. Useful for the emergency services

[Book your Safe and Well visit - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

Bees WhatsApp Group

In case there is anyone who is not aware of the Bees WhatsApp group and would like to join for general information and communication, please could you give your name to Diane Poole who organises it. diane.poole25@googlemail.com

WhatsApp Groups

If you are setting up a group for easier communication, or if you already run one, would everyone please make sure that first and surnames are shown. It can get very confusing to identify who is who, especially for new members, when we have several names either the same or in different format, eg Deb Debbie Deborah. Thank you very much

Raffle and Refreshments

Just a gentle reminder that we still use cash for the purchase of refreshments and raffle tickets, so if you would like to enjoy these you need to make sure you have some change with you. Thank you very much

Bridge Masterclass

in aid of our charity Dyscover – Tuesday
November 15th 1.30 pm – 6pm

Join us for a Bridge Masterclass with Andrew Robson, The Times Bridge Correspondent

£120 per table includes afternoon tea

To book a table: Andrew Robson Bridge Masterclass (jumblebee.co.uk)

For more information please contact:

Liz Grace lgrace@dyscover.org.uk 01737 819 419

Rotary Club Brunch

Support local charities at The Old Barn Hall, Bookham KT23 3PQ Saturday 5th November 2022 from 10.30am to 12.30pm (please arrive by 11.30am)

Come along and enjoy a relaxing morning of good company, great food, and the music of France! The Brunch is just £12 per person and includes orange juice, croissants, French bread, cold meats, and cheeses plus an endless supply of tea and coffee For more information contact Wishing Well High Street Bookham or Barry Davieson 01372 459667 barry.davies50@outlook.com

Community Caring for Planters and Planting around Bookham

Bookham Residents' Association, through Diane Poole, is asking Bookham Bees, along with other local WIs already involved, to help look after planted areas around Bookham to keep our village looking attractive and cheering us up. Can anyone spare a short time regularly to join a team of gardeners to maintain these.

It would be a great group activity for us to undertake, with many hands making light work!

For further information ask Diane Poole diane.poole25@googlemail.com

To end this month

I hope this newsletter highlights the many and varied activities we engage in. We will try not to slide into cosy nights in and carpet slippers now the evenings are drawing in. Bookham bees are active and enjoying life! Sign up for anything that attracts you. There is always someone to pair up with. Ask any of the committee and we will help.

