



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

## NEWSLETTER NO.24 - May 2020

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

**All Bookham Bees WI Meetings Cancelled  
Until Further Notice**



### Congratulations

*to Anne Grabaskey on becoming  
a Grandmother to Evelyn Joy on 26<sup>th</sup> March*

### Have you made your Kusadama Flower Yet?

Look at this superb example made by our Treasurer,  
Anne Tait. The colours are stunning and you can find  
Heather's easy the instructions on our website:  
[www.bookhambeeswi.org/copy-of-bee-creative](http://www.bookhambeeswi.org/copy-of-bee-creative)



**Outings** We will be looking at organizing some outings  
once life gets back to normal. Please let Julie Ryder  
know if you have any suggestions of interesting places  
to visit: [julie\\_ryder@outlook.com](mailto:julie_ryder@outlook.com)

### 2020 Programme

#### A taster of what was planned

**6 May Cancelled**

Resolutions followed by a fun Beetle Drive!

**3 June probably cancelled**

Speaker: Leoni Wright – 'EatWright'  
'Stay Young, healthy, fit & slim forever'

**1 July** Bubbly on the Green **We shall see!**

**August – No Meeting**

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

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

**4 November** Annual Meeting + a surprise

**2 December** Christmas Festive Evening

More info on: [www.bookhambeeswi.org](http://www.bookhambeeswi.org)

### 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/>

### Community Coronavirus Care

If you need help with shopping, a  
prescription picked up or would just like  
to help do ring freephone  
Tel: 0800 3077111

### Jigsaw Library

To help pass the time why not join the  
Bees' Jigsaw Swap  
Heather is happy to collect and deliver  
Text: 07972 866670

### Virtual Coffee Mornings via Zoom

If you wish to be added to the list  
please email Janice Evans:  
[jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)



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## News & Announcements



### You will never walk alone!

Two years ago I was invited along to the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Bookham Bees WI, established to fulfil the demand for a new WI within the vicinity of Great Bookham. I liked it so much I joined! My Mum still can't believe I did! I'm not her idea of a typical WI member! Not a jam and Jerusalem sort of person, more a Gin and Tonic to be fair!

Well, here I am 2 years later. Still a member and loving it. Why? Well, I have made some new friends; real friends, not just friendly acquaintances. People, who I know, in time of need, wouldn't hesitate to help. And have! But that's not the only reason. It has opened up the opportunity to learn about or be involved in things I wouldn't normally try.

This group, like all WI's have a regular monthly meeting. We have regular speakers, who are always interesting, plus a whole array of sub groups and activities outside of the main meeting that anyone can be involved in.

There is a gardening group that visit interesting gardens, hold plant swap days at members' homes and so forth. The Theatre Group arranges theatre and film trips, with some amazing "behind the scene" outings that you wouldn't normally be able to access, such as the Globe Theatre. We have pub nights, craft evenings and morning coffee meet ups to name a few. We also have a Walkie Talkie group. What started as one morning a week, is now three. A brisk, 40 minute walk and talk, rain or shine, on Bookham Common. We start at 8am, so people like me can do the walk and still get to work by 9. Sometimes there are 10 or 11 of us, sometimes 4 or 5, and sometimes 2, but there is always someone and I never walk alone.

That's probably the greatest underlying principle of our WI (we should adopt the song). Whoever you are, whatever your age, whatever your interests, whatever time you have, be it a lot, or very little, there is always someone or something for everyone, and rest assured you will NEVER walk alone. **Michelle Smith**

### Keep in Touch

Please don't forget to keep in touch with friends and neighbours, especially those living on their own. Emails are all very well but there is nothing like a good old 'chinwag' over the 'phone, it is far more personal.

Never hesitate to ring me or another committee member if you are having to isolate yourself and unable to pick up prescriptions, food or anything else that you require.

None of us know when we will be permitted to meet again but let us hope the Bees will be buzzing again soon and catching up with each other.

**Once again, A BIG THANK YOU from all the Bees to Bookham shop keepers and everyone who is endeavouring to keep things ticking over. What stars!**

### Zoom

Some WIs have met via Zoom but as one is limited to seeing just nine people (depending on the size of your screen) it is not the easiest way of meeting up and for it to be successful. However, if you are connected to Zoom and you would like to 'meet up' virtually, please can you email me and I will see what I can organise! [dianagreenman@gmail.com](mailto:dianagreenman@gmail.com)

**OBITUARY Simon Cousins** I know you will be very sad to learn that Debbie Cousin's husband, Simon, died on the 6<sup>th</sup> April. Simon came to speak to the Bookham Bees WI in March 2019 when he entertained us brilliantly with his stories of being PPO to Princess Margaret and other members of the Royal Family. Our love and thoughts are with Debbie and her family.