



BOOKHAM BEES WI

NEWSLETTER NO.27 - August 2020

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!**



Diane's beautiful garden

Gardening Bees by Diane Poole

Back in mid May I responded to a request from the Editor of Wi Life on the SFWI Facebook page for gardening stories and pictures.

I said 'I am a Bookham Bee (Surrey Federation). We have turned our garden from a 'blank palette' 13 years ago to one which is very wildlife friendly yet, we think, looks pretty too. We open for our local village Open Gardens (and I help organise the event) and I run the gardening group at WI. Just starting a project with our local residents' association and council to move to more wildlife friendly verge maintenance locally and allow beautiful wildflowers to attract the pollinators. Our garden has been such a valuable resource in these strange times.'

I didn't hear back for a while but in the last week they sent a photographer and got a writer to call me for an interview. Apparently the article is due to appear in the winter or spring issue – keep an eye open for it!

Plant Sale – Saturday, 15th August 10.00am to 1.00pm

Large variety of quality home-propagated plants; shrubs, grasses, perennials, ferns, succulents, etc. All plants will be priced in multiples of £1 (no change given) raising funds to support The Old Barn Hall. Social distancing to be recognized at all times.

Where: Anthea Sokell's, Rickleden, Maddox Lane, Little Bookham KT23 3BS

No parking at Rickleden or in Maddox Lane. Park in Little Bookham Street or Bookham Station.

2020 Programme

A taster of what is/was planned

NEXT MEETING

5 August – Zoom Quiz

By popular demand!

Don't forget to let Diana know if you Wish to 'join' the Zoom 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

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 1st April

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

We've had several Zoom coffee mornings. If you wish to be added to the list please email Janice Evans:
jevanshome123@gmail.com



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News & Announcements



New Committee Member

We are delighted to welcome Carol Teunon to the Bookham Bees WI Committee. Carol is taking over as Secretary from Tina Cox, who is standing down. Tina has been a power of strength on the Committee since the formation of Bookham Bees WI and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all her hard work. Tina will continue to collect and register the MCSs. Thank you so much Tina.

Bookham Bees WI Meetings

We all got very excited at the prospect of being able to meet in the main hall of The Old Barn Hall until we came back to earth and realized that gatherings of more than 30 people are not allowed. So, we are afraid we are not going to be able to meet in person until the Government releases new guidelines. I just feel so bad that many Bookham Bees Members do not have access to Zoom.

Everyone is welcome to join the Zoom meetings, including the lovely virtual Coffee Mornings Janice Evans has been organising during lockdown. Thank you Janice for helping to bring some of us together.

I am certainly not an expert on Zoom but I am more than happy to attempt to help anyone who would like some assistance in using Zoom. Just let me know (dianagreenman@gmail.com).

Save Leatherhead Theatre

We have been asked to publicise 'Save Leatherhead Theatre' Crowdfunding Appeal to raise £30,000 to keep the Theatre doors open. The appeal has raised just over £11,000 to date. The Theatre has involved so many people from the Community over the years and hopefully will get a chance to continue. If you would like to contribute the website for the crowdfunding appeal is:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/save-leatherhead-theatre>

The Theatre has its doors open again and do look at the full listing of what's on over the coming weeks:

https://www.leatherhead-tickets.co.uk/event_listing.aspx

The Community Fridge has moved

As we were taking up rather a lot of space at Bookham Baptist Church and they were exploring how they could start opening up again we realised we needed to look for alternative premises. We heard that Surrey County Council planned to use the former Bookham Youth Centre as the distribution hub for the Emergency Government food boxes. After enquiring if there was room there for us to join them and receiving a positive response we moved in. The space works well for us and we are beginning to feel at home there.

If you want to come along and see our new set up you are very welcome to drop in, we are there Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12.30 until 3.30 and Saturdays from 10am until 11.30am.

If you would like to donate food to the fridge please come along at the above times, use the rear door accessed via the car park area, if you have store cupboard goods intended for the Food Bank these can continue to be left in the bins at the rear of Bookham Baptist Church. **Edna Woodhouse**

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, 5th August.

Finally, keep safe and well and make the most of this glorious weather.

Diana and your Committee