



BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 50 – July 2022

Bookham Bees meet the 1st Wednesday of the month
In The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham
Next Meeting Wednesday, 6th July 2022, 7.30 for 7.45pm



Dates for Your Diary – Further details in Newsletter

Pub Nights – Wednesdays: 13th July, 10th August
Garden Visits –
Coffee Mornings – Tuesday 12th July, Wednesday 17th August
Picnics – Wednesday: 27th July, Monday 12th September

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: janiholland@gmail.com

Coffee Mornings at The Vineries

Tuesday 12th July, 10.30am Contact Pam Ingledew

Email: pamandgeoff6@icloud.com

Wednesday 17th August, 10.30am contact Anne Zuurbier

Email: zuurb@btinternet.com

PLEASE CONTACT THE HOST IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND

Family History Group

For further details contact Judith Witter:

judithwitter@hotmail.com

Gardening Bees

Contact Diane Poole to join the active WhatsApp group & pick up lots of tips. 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

Next pub night is on Wednesday 13th July at The Old Windsor Castle Pub, Little Bookham Street at 8pm.

For details please email Debra: dn1969@hotmail.co.uk or

Vikki: the7thwife@gmail.com

Theatre Group

Sue Bacon: suebacon06@gmail.com

Zoom Coffee Morning

Contact Janice Evans: jevanshome123@gmail.com

Walking Groups

Walkie Talkie One – Every Wednesday 8.00am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.

Janice Evans: jevanshome123@gmail.com

Walkie Talkie Two – 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

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 6 July – Speaker: David Henderson
(ex-Flight Captain) "What Goes Up "
Air traffic Control Around the World

Come and listen to an ex-flight captain about his adventures around the world !!

Please bring loose change for raffle.

2022 Programme

Wednesday, 3 August – Prosecco & Nibbles on the Green

Wednesday, 7 September – Speaker: from Surrey Fire & Rescue Service "Home and Fire Safety"

Wednesday, 5 October – Speaker: Dr Mariette Jansen

"Mini Masterclass in Mindfulness" Interactive with Chocolate!

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

Walk Third Wednesday each month at 10.00am

approx 6 miles **Next Walk Wednesday, 21st July**

Contact June Barber: jbrb6@aol.com

Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am

approx 4 miles.

Next Walk Thursday, 7th July

Ann Cook: bookham56@outlook.com

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News and Announcements

Theatre Trip – Report by Sue Bacon

Evita is on at Epsom playhouse, WI members involved in the production. Supposed to be a great show. Any suggestions for the next theatre trip most welcome. Please contact Sue at suebacon06@gmail.com

Monthly Thursday Walk – Report by Ann Cook

A week later than usual due to the Jubilee celebrations, on a beautiful day 6 walking Bees met at the bottom of The Glade and walked through Fetcham Common towards Chasemoor Stud Farm returning past the ponds. We were struck by vast areas of trees that had been cleared, making the area almost unrecognisable. Our next walk will be over Norbury Downs on Thursday July 7th.

For more information please contact Ann Cook - bookham56@outlook.com

Bees Knit and Crochet – Report by Karen Tranter

The knitting group decided not to meet in June as we all had too many other commitments and couldn't find a mutually convenient date- but that won't have stalled works in progress and there will be plenty to matter about next time!

Please contact Karen Tranter (karen.tranter1@btinternet.com) if you are interested in joining the group. If we are inundated with applicants I will pull a name from a hat!

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

The Committee would like to thank Janice for organising Zoom coffee mornings throughout the pandemic.

Picnics

These will take place at Downside Common opposite The Cricketers pub from noon till 2pm on Wednesday 27th July and Monday 12th September. Please bring chairs, food and drink. This is a turn-up event – no need to book. Any queries contact Jenny Bissell email: jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com
Cancelled if wet.

Family History Group

The Family History Group meets monthly and is looking at members research using Internet search sites. We have looked at one member's grandfather to find out where he died; Workhouse records held in the London Metropolitan Archives; and exploring whether there is truth to a family connection to a brewing family.

Contact Judith Witter
judithwitter@hotmail.com

Book Club 1 – Report by Gaye Goddard

“Reputation by Sarah Vaughan.”

As a politician, Emma has sacrificed a great deal for her career—including

her marriage and her relationship with her daughter. 'But when a man's body is found in her home, a man she had every reason to be afraid of and to want gone. Fighting to protect her reputation, and determined to protect her family at all costs, Emma is pushed to the limits as the worst happens and her life is torn apart. I found this quite a difficult book to get into. 7/10

Book Club 2 – Report by Anne Tait

“Small Pleasure by Clare Chambers”

This thought provoking, beautifully written novel, which was longlisted for the 2021 Women's Prize for Fiction, was thoroughly enjoyed by all of our group, with all members scoring it a strong 9 out of 10. Set in 1957 London, a female journalist working for her local paper, is contacted by a young woman claiming that her daughter is the result of a virgin birth. It is up to her to prove whether this is a miracle or a fraud.

The seed for this story was sewn following an interview on Womens Hours about the discovery that a species of fish (*Lebistes reticulatus*) was capable of spontaneously producing female progeny. This led to speculation about whether or not this was possible in the human female, and a competition was launched inviting women to present themselves for research. The book opens with an account of The Lewisham Train Disaster of December 1957.

The book prompted lively discussion within the group of the expectations of women in society through our lifetime and in different cultures

Book Club 3 – Report by Jan Holland

This month we had one of our general book chat evenings where we shared our thoughts on some of the books we'd read individually. We picked up some good recommendations for future reads, as well as some books we found disappointing (we didn't talk much about these, just noted the author to avoid!)

With the arrival of the lovely weather we enjoyed sitting outside for the evening, to be honest the book chat was really only a small part of the conversation! Hopefully there's more to come so next month we can meet outside again and crack open another bottle :-)

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June Meeting

At the June meeting our members made beautiful tissue paper flowers for the village day stall and decorated crowns, under the excellent direction of our brilliant creative Director Heather. There was plenty of chat and laughter and the finished articles were magnificent.

After refreshments we held a royal quiz which was won by Ann Cook .
Well done Ann !!!!



June Meeting

Longer Walking Group - Report by June Barber

Longer walks went on a lovely walk in the sunshine. Starting at Headley common the walk included Tyrell's Wood golf club and Staines Street finishing in Headley village shop for a well deserved cuppa.

The Monday Walkie Talkies are now able to meander around the common on a Monday morning now that the mud has gone. Varied routes – this week we went looking (and found) orchids.

Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 7th June 14 members met at The Vineries hosted by Jenny Bissell. There was plenty of chatter and laughter. The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 12th July at The Vineries

Evening Bridge

If anyone is interested in starting an evening bridge group (in the winter) please contact Diana Greenman

Email: dianagreenman@gmail.com



Village Day – Saturday 18th June Report

On Saturday 18th June, with near perfect weather, the Bookham Bees WI held a very successful stall with a regal theme.

The gift bags flew off the stand and the feedback was that everyone thought how lovely and generous it was to receive a gift every time .We also ran the game "Guess the name of the Corgi ". The winning name was Susan, which was the name of the Queens first ever dog, which was a present for her 18th birthday. Pleased to report that she went to a very loving home !!!

The total raised on the day was over £365.00

Thank you to all the volunteers led by Gaye and Heather, who all worked very hard to make the stall a success, and also to Anne whose house was taken over storing all the bags.

We also won the cup as runner up for the best stall.

Well done to all the Bees for their generous donations. We certainly have such a lovely team of members.

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Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 6th July. If you would prefer to wear a mask at future meetings, then please do so. We want everyone to feel happy and safe.

Best wishes,

Jenny and Your Committee