



BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 56 – JANUARY 2023

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In The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham



EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Wednesday, 11th JANUARY -
(NOTE DATE)

MONTHLY MEETING - BELLY DANCING

Begin the year with a beautiful display, and chance to work off some Christmas calories, with **Sue Baker** and The Jewels Dance Troupe (don't forget to wear comfortable clothing if you are joining in).

Wednesday 4th January
Thursday 5th January
Wednesday 18th January
Thursday 19th January
Monday mornings
Wednesday mornings

Family History Group
First Thursday walk 10.00am
Third Wednesday Walk 10.00am
Coffee morning at the Vineries 10.30am
Walkie talkie 2 10.00am
Walkie talkie 1 8.00am
No pub night this month

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

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.

I am so sorry that I missed our Christmas meeting as I hear it was full of Christmas cheer and fun with a good attendance. With your inner crafter and your little grey cells engaged, and hopefully mulled wine not affecting the results too much, it sounds a wonderful evening. I am also sad to have missed out on all those popular knitted hats. My choc orange is bereft! However I could not have you miss out on a report though so –

We had a fun evening starting with mulled wine and mince pies to get us in the spirit of Christmas. Heather Phenix got us making crackers, which some managed to put together without any hesitation, whereas others did struggle a little! However, we were all delighted with the finished product. We then participated in 'Sprout Bingo' with prizes! Members also enjoyed choosing from the Bees Knit and Crochet group hats for chocolate oranges along with Christmas cards, raising money for our charity. After refreshments, Jenny Bissell stretched our brains with a fun Christmas Quiz – more prizes! Thank you to both Heather and Jenny for contributing towards a great Christmas meeting. We also raised £243 for Dyscover!
Diana Greenman



Bees Knit and Crochet

The Knit and Natter group met and celebrated our successful charity sale with delicious cakes and mince pies whilst continuing our next projects. We would like to thank all those WI members who so generously purchased the chocolate orange hats; we really didn't expect to do so well. Thank you all.

Karen Tranter

Bees Bridge Group

The Bridge Group held their December meeting at Diana's house where a very jolly afternoon of bridge and tea and homemade biscuits was enjoyed by all. We played a convivial 12 hands of bridge and learnt a lot from each other. Please let Jane know if you are interested in joining our bridge group.

Jane Carradine

Book Club 2

A Christmas meal this month to lubricate our thoughts. Unfortunately, several of us had not finished the book so we are giving ourselves until 16th January to complete 'The Other Side of The Bridge' by Mary Lawson.

Anne Tait

Book club 3

No book club this festive month, however we met to share a glass of mulled wine and some mince pies just before Christmas

🍷🍷 In January we'll be starting again with Mrs England by Stacey Halls, maybe take a look and join us in 2023?

Jan Holland

Coffee Morning We had a lovely friendly group of 16 who chattered away non-stop. You would think we hadn't met for ages. A credit to all who attended that we love to be together.

Sue Hope

Pub Group

"On a very chilly Wednesday evening it was a pleasure to see so many at our monthly Pub meet up at the Olde Windsor Castle. With Christmas Pudding hats and lots of sparkles on Christmas Jumpers, it certainly helped us all to get in the festive spirit. There will be no Pub meeting in January as I am sure we will all need a break after much indulgence over Christmas. We will confirm the next years dates in January with a look to February being our first Pub catch up for the new year. In the meantime have a very Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year, love *Debra and Vikki xxx*"

Theatre Group

The visit to see Abba at Dorking Halls was as much fun as promised. There was much singing and arm waving to the music and laughter at appreciation of the tribute band, who did not take themselves seriously. As for the Abba costumes/ outfits that some of the audience wore, they were only to be marvelled at, if not always admired. I can only commend the dedication of some fans! I can also confess that I had a hoarse voice the next day so my singing must be out of practice!



Walkers

We had some brave walkers before Christmas who enjoyed the crisp snow on Bookham Common, and even stayed upright all the way round with the thought of our coffee morning at the end of it. Congratulations!



The longer walkers had a cheery walk - in our festive gear - over to East Horsley enjoying a coffee stop there



For the long walk in January, we will be walking on the 18th from Epsom Downs to the Centenary Wood, followed by lunch in the Rubbing House.

June Barber



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Bees News and Community Information

Raffle

There is a raffle this month so as always if you would like to join in could you bring some change. If anyone has an unwanted Christmas presents they think might suit our raffle then as always, we would be grateful for them.

Web Site

I wonder how many of you have had time to look up our web site now we have highlighted it. Do have a look at it when you are bored on a winter evening 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://bookhambeswi.org>

All or any ideas are welcome, as with the newsletter. It is your website. Thank you

Date for your Diary

Now the excitement of Christmas is over, please do also give another thought to our fundraiser
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!
The more people we have join in, the more successful the evening.

New Groups

The supper club is progressing well, Diana will give more information in the new year.
The sewing group has hit an accommodation hitch but I am still working on it!

Fruit Punch

If you are celebrating New Year's Eve, then this recipe from WI may be very useful. I leave to you how much alcohol or otherwise you use!

This recipe can be adapted depending on what fruit and drinks you have to hand! It can be used for children if made from fruit juice.

Ingredients

1 Dessert Pear, Peach, Apple
2 small Oranges or 3 Tangerines
a few grapes
1 Lemon
1 small cucumber
Sugar
White Wine or Fruit Juice

Method

Prepare the fruit and cut into attractive small pieces or leave whole if small.

Slice the cucumber finely.

Put all into a bowl, add sugar to taste and sprinkle with lemon juice.

Cover with inexpensive white wine or fruit juice.

Leave for 6 hours in a cool place before serving. To serve ladle into wine glasses and top with soda if liked.

Tips

Keep the fruit submerged with a plate to prevent browning.
Alternative liquids that could be used are lemonade or cold, weak tea.

Food Safety

In busy times when we are trying to make the most of our money and not waste food, the WI have offered the following tips- Did you know all this?

When eggs float, are they bad?

Don't use the egg float test to determine safety. Eggs are safe to eat for a couple of days after the best before date if they are cooked thoroughly.



Is food safe if the can has a dent in it?

If the dent on the can is shallow and there are no other obvious signs that the can is damaged (such as the can expanding or leaking) your food should remain fit to eat.

How long can you safely eat rice for after cooking?

Keep rice in the fridge for no more than one day.
When you re heat rice always check the dish is steaming hot all the way through.



Can you eat potatoes when they start to sprout?

Remove any sprouts on potatoes before using them and remember to cut off any green or rotten bits.

Can you eat brown bananas?

Fruit or vegetables that are a bit overripe, such as wrinkly carrots, brown bananas, and slightly mushy strawberries, can be eaten normally (providing they are not mouldy). Alternatively, they can be used in cooking, baking or smoothies.



Denman at Home

Lastly, if you are looking for a way to fill your winter afternoons do have a look on line at Denman at Home. For £5 there are so many short courses covering a huge variety of subjects.

Access is either through the WI site

[National Federation of Women's Institutes | National Federation of Women's Institutes \(thewi.org.uk\)](https://www.nationalfederationofwomeninstitutes.org.uk)

Or directly through Denman
[Home - Denman College](https://www.denmancollege.co.uk)



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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 Pam Ingledew If you would like to go in January on pamandgeoff6@icloud.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. Visits and gatherings from Spring until the bad weather
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

Supper Group

If anyone is interested in joining this and to hear more details, please contact Diana on dianagreenman@gmail.com



If you think of a new group -let us know!



Theatre Group

Please 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



DON'T WORRY
BEE HAPPY