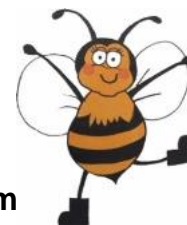




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EVENTS FOR MAY



Wednesday 3rd May

SIGHT FOR SURREY – a fascinating insight into the work of this amazing local organisation with a member who has benefited from their support. There will be a **RAFFLE**, bring some change with you!

Tuesday 2nd May

Sewing Group The Space hall 2pm (different day this month due to elections)

Tuesday 2nd May

Knitting Group

Thursday 4th May

First Thursday Walkers - to Shere 10am

Saturday 6th May

Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla

Wednesday 10th May

Pub night – The Old Windsor 8pm

Tuesday 16th May

Coffee Morning - The Vineries 10.30am

Wednesday 17th May

Third Wednesday Walk 10.00am

Thursday 18th May

Supper Group – The Hidden Kitchen, Bookham 7.00pm

Monday mornings

Walkie talkie 2 10.00am

Wednesday mornings

Walkie talkie 1 8.00am

[ALL DETAILS OF GROUPS AND CONTACTS, FOR QUERIES AND TO JOIN, ARE ON THE LAST PAGE](#)

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS



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!
- There will also be an introduction to the Community First Responders, our new charity for the year, from **Jacqui Fish**, the Community First Responder for Horsley.

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

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT- An opportunity to renew, update or develop your basic life-support knowledge and skills with our Charity of the Year, Community First Responders

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.

What a way to celebrate our birthday! A brilliant talk by Sam on his Honey Gin business that is small but growing, delicious samples of the honey they use as the main ingredient as well as gin tasting and a chance to buy. Along with prosecco and cake, what could go wrong? I promise everyone arrived home in one piece afterwards! I hope all enjoyed the wonderful evening.



Book Club 2

Sail Away, by Celia Imrie
A story following two women whose paths cross on a cruise that neither of them had expected to be on. One an out of work aging actress, the other has sold her family home, but the flat she is buying falls through. With both of her adult children unable to help and nowhere to go she finds it cheaper to board a cruise for the weeks she needs rather than to stay at a hotel. There is a murder mystery running throughout. This is definitely a holiday read, a little bit light and fluffy, with nothing to challenge the reader. A little bit predictable. We scored it 6.5/10.

Anne Tait

Book Club 3

This month we had one of our general meet ups with no specific book – what a fun evening :-) We did talk about books though and shared individual recommendations, we also talked a lot about anything other than books!

Jan Holland

Coffee Morning

Thirteen of us enjoyed a lively session at the Vineries, lots of chat and laughter with delicious drinks served by friendly staff. We had a new member to the group this month who thoroughly enjoyed our gathering. If you haven't been able to join us for coffee/tea/hot chocolate/hot water with lemon (sorry Jenny had to mention that), why not give it a try.

Pam Ingledew

Gardening Group

Our busy Gardening group have already started to visit members' gardens. Thank you to hosts. Members have also visited public gardens and reported back, and we have been digging up splitting and sharing plants to stock each other's gardens after the disastrous winter. A very generous and active group!



For gardening visits throughout the summer to gardens open to the public and to each other's gardens, please contact Julie Ryder for information. There will also be individual details sent out. As always, please contact Diane Poole if you would like to join the gardening group.

Pub Group

All I am saying about this is that I have the photo evidence, but no one will say a thing about what went on. What goes on during pub nights stays at pub nights! I think it was fun though...



Sewing group

Another successful meeting. We were all working on different projects and thinking about the upcoming Village Day stall. Ideas were discussed and volunteers found for sewing bunting and other items. All welcome, hand or machine sewers, knitters who cannot make the knitting group, or any other variation!

Fiona Goldsmith

Supper Group

A brilliant and very well organised evening in Leatherhead this month. Many thanks to Julie Alderman. A delicious meal and of course the company was excellent, with many erudite and intellectual conversations to be heard - oh all right, just a small amount of gossip and opinion sharing. Next month we are closer to home at The Hidden Kitchen in Bookham High Street



Theatre Group

'Lost in Music' at Dorking Halls. Are words needed? I think the photos say it all!

The Christmas theatre trip to see SIX by coach to Brighton on Wednesday 20th December is now full. I hope Brighton is prepared for us!



Walkers



Our walkers are a hardy bunch. Snow and ice conquered earlier in the year and this month rain did not stop them at all. Well done!

Thursday Walkers

For April, we headed to Reigate. We were blessed with a dry and bright day, although part of the route was rather muddy. We started at the Pheasant in Buckland, walked across part of Reigate Heath to the Golf Club, and were lucky enough to get access to the Windmill on the top of the Heath - a hidden gem! Our walk back took in part of the golf course, then through woodland and fields. We finished with a coffee at the pub!



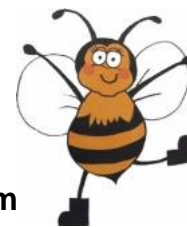
Julie Ryder



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Bees News and Community Information

This month there are several requests for assistance from all you wonderful people so please could you read carefully and respond if you can help. Thank you.

Village Day -Bees Stall

Thank you to those who volunteered for the committee to help organise the stall and for all those who offered to help beforehand and on the day. Many hands make light work so due to not all of us being as mobile as we would like, *if anyone has energetic family or friends who would not mind helping for an hour to put the stall together and to put everything away, I would be more than grateful.* Please see me at our monthly meeting or send me a message. I am working on making everything as light and user friendly as possible but there are still things to be carried and the gazebo to be erected and taken down. No special skills required apart from teamwork! Thank you.

We also need prizes, so as last year, if you have anything you could donate, it would be wonderful. Please bring to the meeting or see a committee member. The more money we spend on prizes the less profit we will have.

To help us make pom poms for a game, *if anyone has a pom-pom maker about 3-4 inches diameter, please could they contact me or Karen Tranter.*

With the wonderful team that is Bookham Bees our stall will be a brilliant success. I feel in my nectar 😊

Fiona Goldsmith

Village Day -Book Stall and White Elephant Stall

Please could you save *any books in good condition and bring them along for Julie Ryder to collect or contact her to deliver them.*

Heidi George is collecting for the White Elephant Stall and anxious for your donations.

Her address is 2 Sole Farm Avenue KT23 3DE
email her at bookhamelephantstall@gmail.com or contact her directly through Facebook.

Cakes –If you for any reason are unable to help on the Bees stall but would like to contribute something, there is *always the refreshment stall who do need help and especially cakes, if you are able to provide them with a few (or many!)* Thank you.

Julie Ryder

Bookham Community Association

The Bookham Community Association still needs volunteers to do the doorstep collection of subs.

Please contact Sarah Landers on 07941995573

Sam Spooner on 07970581327 or

email collections@bookhamcommunityassociation.org

for more information. There is an increasing shortage of road collectors and whilst online payment is encouraged, door to door collections is the most effective.

Bookham Help Your Neighbour

Following the successful appeal, a full annual meeting was held in April which highlighted the need in the area. If anyone else could offer, their help would be very welcome. Any interest in this community- based scheme please contact Anne.

Ann Cook bookham56@outlook.com

St Nicholas Church Community Space WI Meeting

A wonderful afternoon was organised by Diana on behalf of the Bees to celebrate the changes in the church to make it more community used and to gather WI members together from around the area. Barbara Macdonald described the work that had been carried out in the church and upcoming social events, which she encouraged us to attend. They sounded worth looking up. There was an excellent talk by Jo Sherring and Olha who described the amazing work they do for refugees who come to this country in dire need of everything. It was inspiring.

Meeting other WI members from nearby was lovely and the many conversations almost raised the rafters!

Refreshments were enjoyed as were the many cakes baked by WI members. The Bees really demonstrated their hospitality. An amazing £409 was raised through the generosity of attendees of which £309 will be donated to Epsom and Ewell Refugee Network and £100 St Nicholas Church for kindly providing the venue. A very successful event!



WI Bees Picnics

Summer is on its way so dates for your diaries are two WI Bookham Bee picnics.

These will be on

Tuesday 13th June and Monday 11th September

12.30-2.30 on Downside Common opposite the Cricketers.

There is easy access and plenty of parking.

There is no need to book, just turn up. It is cancelled if wet.

Do join in, they are a lovely, chilled way of connecting with Bees, and hiding from the world for a couple of hours.

Contact Jenny Bissell on

jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com or 07586 292480

if you have any questions.

You need to bring your own chair, food and drink.

An indirect Bees Activity.

Many of you sponsored Jan Gapper's daughter in her London Marathon run to raise money to support the Brain Tumour Charity. She was amazingly successful! From Jan -

A huge thank you to you wonderful Bees who sponsored my daughter Claire in the London Marathon. She raised an amazing £10,253 and completed it in 4 hours 50 mins. Every bit of the money raised helps towards research to prevent this cruel disease, which is the biggest killer of adults and children under the age of 40. Thank you so much.



Events and activities

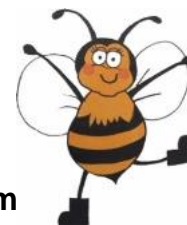
Don't forget to look at the many activities and days offered by [Surrey Federation of Women's Institutes \(surreyfedwi.org.uk\)](http://surreyfedwi.org.uk)



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Bookham Bees' Groups

Do feel free to sign up to any that interest you – just contact the group organiser

Book Club 1

Full at present. For waiting list contact
Gaye Burt: gayegoddard@hotmail.co.uk

Book Club 2 –

Full at present. For waiting list contact
Anne Tait: annetai1@btinternet.com

Book Club 3

Full at present. For waiting list 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

Usually 10.30 on different days of the week. Please contact Pam Ingledew If you would like to attend.
pamandgeoff6@icloud.com

Family History Group

For further details contact Judith Witter:
judithwitter@hotmail.com

Gardening

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

Knit & Crochet – Full at present. For waiting list or to set up another group contact

Karen Tranter: Karen.tranter1@btinternet.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

Sewing Group

1st Thursday of the month at The Space Hall, Dorking Rd, 2-4 pm. If you would like to join in please contact Fiona Goldsmith:
Fiona_goldsmith@hotmail.com

Supper Group

Meets monthly on varying days of the week at different venues, organised by a different member each month. To join and for further details please contact:

dianagreenman@gmail.com

If anyone is interested in joining in this month and to hear more details of the venue and menu, please contact Gaye on gayegoddard@hotmail.co.uk

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



Theatre Group

If you would like to join or have ideas of productions you would like to see please contact Sue Bacon:

suebacon06@gmail.com

Ukulele Please contact June Barber if you would like to join:

jbrb6@aol.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

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 unwell, been in hospital or going through a difficult time.

Janice's email is: Jevanshome123@gmail.com

Suggested New Groups

Strollers Group

Why not volunteer to start a slower Walking Group. To discuss Contact June Barber: Jbrb6@aol.com

Lunch Group

Some ladies would prefer to meet up at lunchtime, not the evenings. Why not volunteer to start a Lunch Group? To discuss Contact dianagreenman@gmail.com



Web Site

<https://bookhambeeswi.org>