



BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 54 – NOVEMBER 2022

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In The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham



EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 2ND November **MONTHLY MEETING - 'IF YOU WANT TO GET AHEAD GET A HAT'**
Speaker: Sarah McAlister Talk on hats and hat making with many hats to admire
PLUS Annual Meeting (Raffle this month)

Wednesday 2 nd November	Family History Group
Thursday 3 rd November	First Thursday walk 10.00
Wednesday 9 th November	Pub Night Windsor Castle 8pm
Tuesday 15 th November	Coffee morning at the Vineries 10.30 am
Monday mornings	Walkie talkie 2 10.00 am
Wednesday mornings	Walkie talkie 1 8.00 am
Wednesday 16 th November	Third Wednesday walk 10.00

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 December
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS with lots of goodies and surprises, don't miss out on our Christmas cheer

Welcome to 2023

Wednesday 11th January (note date!) **BELLY DANCING!** Begin the year with a beautiful display and chance to try if you are game for it, with Sue Baker and The Jewels Dance Troupe

Wednesday 1st February **WOMEN WRITERS AND THEIR GARDENS** Cherrill Sands will delight us with a talk on famous authors, 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 want to buy!

Wednesday 3rd May **SIGHT FOR SURREY** - an insight into the work of this amazing local organisation with someone who has benefited from their support.

Wednesday 7th June **VILLAGE DAY PREPARATION** An evening of fun preparing for this community day.

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

Wednesday 4th October **BEETLE DRIVE** -come and test your skills and luck with fellow Bees

Wednesday 1ST November **NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME** -a floral delight to cheer up the winter with Annabel Alford Warren

Wednesday 6th December **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS** -fun and surprises for everyone





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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 November 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. 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



Theatre Group

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 **Next Walk Wednesday, 21st September**
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:
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GROUPS NEWS

Bees Knit and Crochet – Report by Karen Tranter

The Knitting group did not meet in October as too busy clicking away but will be doing so the first week of November to share our Christmas handiwork preparations. More exciting details in the next newsletter!

Book Club 1 – Report by Gaye Burt

Our latest read was The Castaways by Lucy Clarke which centres on two sisters deciding to go on a holiday of a lifetime, but after an argument only one travels. There follows a wrecked plane, a handful of survivors on a faraway deserted island and closely guarded secrets about to be brought to the surface; also, a sister determined to find the truth. We gave it 8/10. I would however not suggest reading it sitting in departure's waiting for your flight!

Book Club 2

No book club this month due to illness and travels. We are still on track with reading our long book 'The Clockmakers Daughter' though, so see what we all think next month

Book Club 3 – Report by Jan Holland

It was good to meet and share our thoughts on books we'd read over the summer and discuss 'The Hotel Nantucket' by Elin Hilderbrand - This received mixed reviews, from disappointment from the lack of depth in the characters, pleasure at the description of the lovely settings, and enjoyment from reading an untaxing story in the glorious summer sunshine. We thought of it as a typical holiday read. Individual scores ranged from 4 – 9, with an average of 7/10.

Bridge –Report by Jane Carradine

The Bookham Bees Bridge Club met on Friday 14 October by taking part in the annual Rotary Bridge evening. We had a delicious meal from Connisbees, with wine from Diana, and then played bridge far into the night. Once again some good bidding and masterful play occurred despite the wine and we all agreed to try and attend again next year. November's meeting will be a bridge masterclass.

Coffee Morning – Report from Karen Tranter

A lovely time was had at the Vineries lingering and chatting over coffee. There were the about 12 Bees there although the people change. If you have not been to one of these then do join in. If you would like to come next month then do contact Pam Ingledew, even if it is last minute. It just ensures they put enough tables together for us.

Family History Group – Report by Judith Witter

The group meets on the first Wednesday morning of the month at Judith Witter's house. The group did not meet in October as the Witter household had a case of Covid. We are looking forward to the November meeting to catch up on research done between our meetings and continue with live online help with research during our meeting together.

Gardening Bees – Report by June Barber

A group of 6 (3 husbands not in photo) Visited Winkworth Arboretum the other side of Godalming - kindly organised by Julie Ryder who couldn't join us. It was a lovely trip to see the autumn colours



Pub Night – report by Debra Nunan

This was well attended as usual and very enjoyable. We chatted and caught up on the world. It was a relaxed and supportive evening allowing members to get to know each other better.

Longer Walking Group - Report by June Barber

The group had a walk in beautiful sunshine meeting at Lower Road Recreation Field and walking up to Effingham Golf course, through the woods and back to Polesden where we had a well-deserved coffee after climbing quite a few stiles!

Monthly Thursday Walk – Report by Ann Cook

On a beautiful sunny morning, six members of the group met at The Vineries. We enjoyed a walk across the fields past the lakes towards Lower Farm Road and Effingham Junction. We returned via Banks Farm where we were pleased to see llamas grazing in the fields and then past the allotments and Little Bookham Street back to The Vineries and well-deserved refreshments. Our next walk will be on Thursday November 3rd when Julie Ryder will lead a walk from Ripley to Pyrford Lock with refreshments at The Anchor.



Theatre Group

We have booked outings so -watch out for songs still being sung by the next Bees meeting!

Nov 3rd Meatloaf at New Victoria Theatre Woking

December 3rd Abba at Dorking Halls

Six sadly had to be cancelled in January due to the seats being sold out too quickly. If anyone has another suggestion, please let Sue know.

February 24th Sister Act at New Victoria Theatre Woking- **places still available**



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Bees News and Community Information

New Groups

If anyone has any group, they would like to start then do contact one of the committee members to discuss. All ideas are welcome. Apologies from myself that the sewing group is not going yet. Watch this space after Christmas!

Raffle

We do have a raffle this month, so don't forget your change if you would like to join in or donate towards refreshments. Apologies for the confusion of some last month. We will be having a raffle every other month unless there is a groundswell demanding otherwise!

Waste

Following on from Diane's brilliant talk last month I think many of us have been looking again at what we do. This may be especially relevant at the moment when we are trying to make as many savings as we can. The WI are involved in current issues and here are some examples of what you can find online and participate in if you like.

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

I was especially impressed with **Top 10 Tips to Reduce Your Household Food Waste** and have downloaded it for myself! [WI-Top-10-Tips-to-Reduce-Household-Food-Waste.pdf \(thewi.org.uk\)](https://www.thewi.org.uk)

Lumberjills

I do hope you remember the fascinating talk given by Joanna Foat in May. Listening to Woman's Hour the other day I was delighted to hear them talking about her, and to hear Joanna talking about her new book, 'The Lumberjills Stronger Together' which is out on 28th October on Amazon, Waterstones and other online bookstores. It has excellent reviews if you would like to buy a copy.

If you are interested and want to know more, please do contact Fiona Goldsmith or Jenny Bissell who will pass on more contact information for Joanna's newsletter.

Bridge Masterclass

The bridge group are attending this which is in support of this year's Charity, Dyscover. We wish them luck and do let Jane know if you want to book a table. She can signpost you to the organiser.

Rotary Brunch

A reminder of this tasty community event on Saturday 5th of November in the Old Barn Hall from 10.30-12.30. It is £12 per person and includes a comprehensive continental breakfast and endless supply of tea or coffee. All profits go to community projects. More information and tickets from The Wishing Well in the High Street.

Autumn recipe Spiced Marrow

this recipe uses marrow but a mixture of other vegetables can be used.

Serves: 3-4

Ingredients

1 Marrow, about 900g	15ml Vegetable Oil
25g Butter	1 Onion, large, chopped
1 Garlic Clove, crushed	15ml Paprika
15ml Flour	150ml Vegetable Stock
10ml Thyme, fresh	15ml Tomato Puree
Seasoning	4 large Tomatoes

Method

Peel the marrow thinly (not necessary for courgette). Cut into 7.5cm pieces, scoop out the seeds then cube the flesh. Heat the oil in a large saucepan, add the onion, stirring on and gently cook. Then add the garlic and cook for 5 mins to soften. Stir in the paprika and flour and cook for 3 mins, stirring all the time. Remove the pan from the heat and gradually stir in the stock and thyme. Bring to the boil and cook until thickened. Stir in the tomato puree and tomatoes and season to taste. Simmer uncovered for 15 mins. Stir in the marrow and cook for 10 mins more, then serve over pasta, rice or baked potato for a simple rustic meal.

Autumn Recipe Chicken Merengo



Ingredients

4 Chicken Joints (or Whole Chicken)
1 Onion finely chopped
200g Tomatoes chopped
35g Cornflour
1 litre boiling Water
100g Mushrooms sliced
2 tbsp Corn Oil
2 Carrots chopped
1 x 125g can Tomato Puree
2 Chicken Stock Cubes
Glass of Sherry

Method

Skin and joint the chicken. Heat corn oil and fry onions. Add the carrots and tomatoes. Continue cooking for about 5 minutes. Stir in tomato puree and cornflour. Mix well. Add stock cubes and water, stir till boiling. Simmer gently for 10 minutes. Rub sauce through sieve, return to pan, add sherry and chicken joints. Cover and simmer gently for about 45 minutes or until chicken is tender. About 15 minutes before end of cooking add mushrooms. Serve with boiled rice.