



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

## Newsletter 48 – May 2022

Bookham Bees meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
In The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham  
Next Meeting Wednesday, 4th May 2022, 7.30 for 7.45pm



### Dates for Your Diary – Further details in Newsletter

**Pub Nights –** Wednesdays : 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> August  
**Garden Visits –** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
**Coffee Mornings –** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
**Picnics –** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com)

#### Book Clubs 1 & 2 - Full

#### Book Club 3

If interested in joining contact Jan: [janiholland@gmail.com](mailto:janiholland@gmail.com)

#### Coffee Mornings at The Vineries

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am Contact Pam Ingledew

Email: [pamandgeoff6@icloud.com](mailto:pamandgeoff6@icloud.com)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Contact Jenny Bissell

Email: [jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com](mailto:jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com)

#### Family History Group

For further details contact Judith Witter:

[judithwitter@hotmail.com](mailto:judithwitter@hotmail.com)

#### Gardening Bees

Contact Diane Poole to join the active WhatsApp group & pick up lots of tips. [diane.poole25@googlemail.com](mailto: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](mailto:hphenix11@gmail.com)

#### Pub Nights

**Next pub night is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at The Old Windsor Castle Pub, Little Bookham Street at 8pm.

For details please email Debra: [dn1969@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dn1969@hotmail.co.uk) or

Vikki: [the7thwife@gmail.com](mailto:the7thwife@gmail.com)

#### Theatre Group

Sue Bacon: [suebacon06@gmail.com](mailto:suebacon06@gmail.com)

#### Zoom Coffee Morning

Contact Janice Evans: [jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

### Walking Groups

#### Walkie Talkie One – Every Wednesday 8.00am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.

Janice Evans: [jevanshome123@gmail.com](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

#### Walkie Talkie Two – Every Monday at 10.00am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common. June Barber: [Jbrb6@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

### Next Meeting

#### Wednesday, 4 May

**Speaker: Joanna Foat**

"The Lumberjills" Britain's Forgotten Army in WW2

### 2022 Programme

**Wednesday, 1 June - Celebrate The Queen's 70 years on the Throne whilst preparing crafts for Village Day**

#### Wednesday, 6 July – Speaker: David Henderson

(ex-Flight Captain) "What Goes Up "

Air traffic Control Around the World

#### 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, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Contact June Barber: [jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

#### Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am

approx 4 miles.

**Next Walk Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Ann Cook: [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:bookham56@outlook.com)

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## News and Announcements

### Theatre Trip – Report by Sue Bacon

A group of us are looking forward to seeing Chicago on 19<sup>th</sup> May at Wimbledon Theatre.  
Sue welcomes any suggestions for theatre visits

### Monthly Thursday Walk – Report by Diana Greenman

Three of us met at Wisley on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April for a beautiful walk around Wisley. Upon arriving the queue was the longest we had ever seen so, being good Bees, we made the decision a cup of coffee was the best idea. Excellent decision! Once through the ‘gates’ the blossom was stunning and everywhere was really beginning to bloom into Spring. There was a very chilly wind but it was dry and you would never have guessed so many people had been waiting to enter these beautiful gardens. Gosh, how lucky we are to have Wisley Gardens on our doorstep. The next walk takes place on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.

If you would like to join the group please contact Ann Cook, [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:bookham56@outlook.com)

### Wednesday Long Walk – Report by June Barber

We had a lovely walk starting from west Horsley church. Weather was wonderful and there were lots of spring flowers. We ended with a well-deserved cup of coffee at the courtyard in West Horsley place. Next month’s walk will be on the Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May.



### Bees Knit and Crochet – Report by Karen Tranter

Productivity continues amongst the knitting Bees; everything from baby clothes for beautiful new grandchildren to toys. Two of us are even tackling grown up jumpers now!



### Book Club 1 – Report by Gaye Burt

“I Have Something to Tell You” by Susan Lewis  
A good thriller which we all enjoyed. Overall score 8 out of 10.

### Book Club 2 – Report by Anne Tait

“The Familiars” by Stacey Halls  
We totally recommend this debut novel, which is based in the early 1600’s at the time of the Pendle witch trials. The main characters were real people, but this is a work of fiction. The book becomes more compelling the more you read. The author helpfully offers some questions for book clubs to discuss, and our group did touch on them, but were mainly unnecessary as the book prompted such interesting and lively conversation. We scored it 9 out of 10.

### Book Club 3 – Report by Jan Holland

We had another alternative book club session this month where there was no specific book for discussion (we have this every other month). Unfortunately, due to illness/other commitments it was just two of us, but fortunately we both had a lot to say! We shared our thoughts about books we’d recently read individually and whether we’d recommend them, as well as others we’ve got lined up to read. Together with a fair amount of general chatting, we had a very enjoyable evening. If you are interested in trying a book club, we do have room. Please get in touch for details: [janiholland@gmail.com](mailto:janiholland@gmail.com)

### Quiz Night – Friday, 20 May 2022 – Diary Note!

TICKETS NOW ON SALE - £15 PER PERSON  
Last chance to buy tickets at meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> !!  
Looking forward to a great night. **Please remember to bring your own drinks and nibbles.**

### 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](mailto:Jevanshome123@gmail.com)

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

### Books

Julie Ryder has asked if members can bring any books they no longer need to WI meetings. These will be sold on the book stall on Village Day.

### The Grange

The Grange is now open for their delicious tea and scones on Tuesdays. See details on The Grange website.

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### Gardening Group – Report by Diane Poole

The Gardening Bees are making a couple of visits to NGS gardens in May. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> we are visiting Bridge End Cottage in Ockham and then on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> we are visiting Chinthurst Lodge in Wonersh. If you are not on my mailing list and are interested, please mail me on [diane.poole25@googlemail.com](mailto:diane.poole25@googlemail.com)

### April Meeting

At the April meeting we held our 4<sup>th</sup> birthday party. We celebrated with a glass of fizz and beautiful Bee cakes. (Special thanks to Helen Russell-Brain for making the cakes – they were yummy!) We also enjoyed a lively and interesting talk by Rosemary Swinfield entitled “The Fashionable Face of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”



Speaker Rosemary Swinfield with WI members



Cakes made by Helen Russel-Brain

### Plea from Clare Cody

If any members would like to make cakes for the Butterflies cake stall on Village Day please contact Clare Cody email: [clare.cody11@gmail.com](mailto:clare.cody11@gmail.com)

### Picnics

These will take place at Downside Common opposite The Cricketers pub from noon till 2pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com)  
Cancelled if wet.

### Village Day – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Your committee led by Gaye and Heather are very excited to be organising our Bookham Bees WI stall at Village Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Details to follow but we will be making craft items, red, white and blue flowers at the June meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. In the meantime, please save any gift bags/bottle bags and small gifts to put in them for our stall.  
**PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFT BAGS AND GIFTS TO THE MAY MEETING.**  
Volunteers needed for 18<sup>th</sup> June – please see Gaye or Heather.

### Tea and Scones at The Grange – Report by Janice Barlow

Eleven Bees met in the conservatory at the Grange on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of fruit, plain or the flavour of the month hot-x buns/ scones, all served with jam cream and copious amounts of either tea or coffee. A real bargain at £5 and also enjoyable. We spent a very pleasant afternoon enjoying each others company and the lovely surrounds of the Victorian conservatory.



Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. 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*