



BOOKHAM BEES WI

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EVENTS FOR APRIL

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.

Thursday 6th April

First Thursday Walkers – around Reigate Heath

Thursday 6th April

Sewing group -The Space Hall 2pm

Tuesday 18th April

Supper Club - Piazza Firenze, Leatherhead

Wednesday 19th April

Third Wednesday Walk 10.00am

Friday 21st April

Coffee morning The Vineries 10.30

Monday mornings

Walkie talkie 2 10.00am

Wednesday mornings

Walkie talkie 1 8.00am

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS



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.

Paul Weakly took us back through time with his amazing voice, evoking memories in many of us and telling the tales of his life. An evening of surprises enjoyed by many. A packed evening with the most Bees we have had in attendance! Please all come back next month for our amazing birthday celebrations.



Murder Mystery Evening



A fantastically successful evening was enjoyed by 125 people, all trying to decipher the clues and decide 'who dun it' and was the dastardly murderer. MoneyPenny Productions gave us an excellent show which was thought provoking and hilarious in equal parts. It was poetic justice when the team from Dyscover, our charity, won. We made over £500 on the raffle to give them and the evening could be considered a fitting end to our year of supporting them. Let us hope we do as well for our First Responder charity through the coming year.

Bees Knit and Crochet

A full turn out for our March meeting where chat and tea flowed along with some delicious cakes. One member has completed the most gorgeous jumper- unfortunately not taking orders! Other items were particularly seasonal... moving from chocolate orange covers to creme egg covers!



Karen Tranter

Book club 3

The Hand That First Held Mine by Maggie O'Farrell. The book was very slow to get started, at times confusing, and included many details that didn't seem relevant to the storyline. It picked up about halfway through when different strands of the plot came together, sometimes in rather unexpected ways. We all then seemed to enjoy the second half of the book. Everyone gave the book a mediocre average score of 6.5/10.

Jan Holland

Coffee Morning



We had a bumper turn out of Bees at the Vineries this month, we took up several tables! 22 of us enjoyed excellent refreshments, good company, and efficient and friendly service.

A couple of customers kept glancing over, so Diana went over. One lady was from Dyscover and had given our talk last year. They commented on what a happy, friendly jolly crowd we were and one of them said she would like to join our WI. Great endorsement of the Bookham Bees!!!

Pam Ingledew

Pub Group

Don't forget Pub nights, Next dates are 12th April and 10th May,

Sewing group

Our inaugural meeting was very successful. We came with a selection of hand sewing and knitting and had a convivial time. All welcome with any creative craft. Judith was inspired by our conversation and has made a material head sculpture – brilliant and very creative! All welcome next month.



Fiona Goldsmith

Supper Group

A very successful evening was enjoyed by 19 Bees and the conversation was buzzing throughout the delicious meal. We went to The Queen's Head in Clandon. Do join for another enjoyable evening in April at an Italian restaurant in Leatherhead.

Theatre Group

There is a group going to see Lost in Music at the end of the month so wait for the pictures from this!

There are still some spaces for the Christmas theatre trip to see SIX by coach to Brighton on Wednesday 20th December. Are there any suggestions for May's theatre trip? Please contact Sue for any queries or ideas

Sue Bacon

Thursday Walkers



We met in Ripley for a walk along the canal. We had planned to walk this route at the end of last year, but it just became too muddy. This time round we had the most glorious Spring Day for our walk. We set off through the woods and along the canal to the Anchor at Pyrford Lock for coffee, then headed back following the canal past Newark Priory, onto Newark Lane and back to Ripley village. Our next walk on Thursday 6th April we will walk from The Pheasant at Buckland around Reigate Heath.

Julie Ryder



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Bees News and Community Information

Community Space, St Nicholas Church

A reminder that –

On Wednesday, 26th April at 2.30pm WI groups within Bookham, Fetcham and Ashted will gather in the new space provided in St Nicholas Church now that the pews have been removed and replaced with stackable chairs.

We have a brilliant speaker booked, Jo Sherring from Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network, and I really hope the Bees will be well represented. Please pop the date in your diary. All support is appreciated, and it will be a lovely afternoon.

Diana Greenman

Village Day -Bees Stall

We are having a stall again at Village Day. We are looking for a committee of about 6 to help organise it. I have the main idea sorted, just need more input and practical ideas. Thank you to Debra Nunan, Diana Greenman and Karen Tranter who have already volunteered so just a couple more please. We also need help on the day, hopefully in 1hour sessions if enough people can join up. Please contact me if you can and are willing to help. No special skills required apart from teamwork!

The theme is 'Going on Safari', but no worry, there will be no tigers or other danger involved, unless possibly if we take a supply of Raw Honey gin! 😊

Fiona Goldsmith

Village Day -Book Stall

There will be a book stall at Village Day again this year, so please could you save any books in good condition and bring them along to the next Bees Meetings where Julie Ryder will collect them.

There will also be a White Elephant stall again. Watch this space for further details!

Julie Ryder

Bookham Community Association

A plea to you all if you have any spare time!

Can you spare a couple of hours per year, at a time of your choice, to support your local community?

The Bookham Community Association desperately needs new volunteers to do the doorstep collection for some houses in your road or a road nearby.

Please contact Sarah Landers on 07941995573 ,
Sam Spooner on 07970581327 or

email collections@bookhamcommunityassociation.org for more information.

There's an increasing shortage of road collectors sadly and whilst some people pay online (and we try to encourage this!), door to door collections are the most effective.

Bookham Help Your Neighbour

Following the appeal there were several kind volunteers but if anyone else could offer to take an elderly or less mobile Bookham resident to a medical appointment or help by manning the dedicated mobile phone their help would be very welcome.

If anyone else is interested in this community- based scheme please contact me.

Ann Cook

bookham56@outlook.com

Something Different for Easter to Try



These Greek Easter breads are made from a plaited brioche-like dough. Serves: 8

Preparation: 35 minutes + 20 minutes baking time

Ingredients

450g Strong White Bread Flour	2 tbsp Caster Sugar
1tsp Salt	1½ tsp Fast Action Dried Yeast
Grated Zest of 1 Orange	Grated Zest of 1 Lemon
50g Unsalted Butter, softened	2 Medium Eggs, beaten
150ml Warm Semi-skimmed Milk	8 medium Eggs

For the topping:

1 Egg Yolk	1 tbsp Water
Slivered Almonds or Sesame Seeds, for sprinkling	

Method

- Combine the flour, sugar, salt, yeast and orange and lemon zests in a large mixing bowl.
- Make a well in the centre and add the butter, beaten eggs and milk.
- Mix to a soft dough, gradually incorporating the dry ingredients.
- Turn out on to an un-floured surface and knead for 8–10 minutes until smooth.
- Place in an oiled polythene bag and leave to prove in a warm place until doubled in size.
- Grease two baking sheets.
- Divide the dough into eight pieces. Take one piece, keeping the rest in the oiled bag to prevent it drying out.
- Cut this piece into three and, using your fingertips, roll out each third to 25cm.
- Plait these pieces together, joining the ends to form a ring.
- Transfer to a baking sheet and place an egg in the centre.
- Repeat with the remaining pieces of dough.
- Cover both trays and prove until doubled in size.
- Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 6/200°C.
- Beat the egg yolk with the water and brush the breads with the egg glaze, avoiding touching the eggs themselves.
- Sprinkle with slivered almonds or sesame seeds.
- Bake for 15–20 minutes until golden.
- Transfer to a cooling rack and serve warm or cold.

Tips

- To avoid the eggs cracking, make sure that they are cushioned on the dough rather than being in direct contact with the baking sheet.
- You can decorate the eggs using non-toxic felt pens. Or food colouring

This recipe is from Bread by Liz Herbert and published by Simon & Schuster 2009. (From www.thewi.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

Knit & Crochet – Full at present. For waiting list or to set up another group contact
Karen Tranter: Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com

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: annetait1@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

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

Held 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 Julie: Aldermanj0@gmail.com

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

Weekend Walking Group – Distance varies 5 – 8 miles
Suspended at present unless further interest.
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 unwell, been in hospital or going through a difficult time.
Janice's email is: Jevanshome123@gmail.com



Web Site

<https://bookhambeeswi.org>