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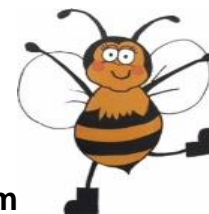
EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st November	NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME - a floral delight to cheer up the shortening days, with Annabel Alford Warren
Thursday 2 nd November	First Thursday Walkers
Tuesday 7 th November	Coffee Morning, The Vineries 10.30
Wednesday 8 th November	Pub Night 8pm Wednesday
Thursday 9 th November	Sewing Group 1.30-4.30
Monday 13 th November	Lunch Club The Plough Effingham 12.30
Wednesday 15 th November	Wednesday Walk 10.00am
Monday mornings	Walkie talkie 2 10.00am - Bookham Common
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

December 6th	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - fun and surprises for everyone
January 10th	ENJOYING BIRDWATCHING AND THE BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH Glenn Carmichael , Group Leader RSPB, Dorking and District, demonstrates the delights of the birds around us, and how to join in The Big Garden Bird Watch
February 7th	FLEECE TO PLEATS Paul Henry Takes us through the fascinating history and process of kilt making.
March 6th	AGNES, BEA, CANCER, AND ME Helen Bullen tells an inspirational and engrossing story of strength and resilience
April 3rd	BOOKHAM BEES WI BIRTHDAY PARTY Join us for cake, fizz, and fun!
May 1st	BURLESQUE! Lindsay Barrell and The Cherry Bombs show you how it is done! Come and see these amazing ladies perform and have an evening full of joy.
June 5th	VILLAGE DAY PREPARATIONS Join our Bee community in preparing for this event. Discover your hidden skills.....
July 3rd	RIVER KWAI RAILWAY - THE TRUE STORY Major Paul Whittle shows us how and if the true facts resemble the famous film of 1957, starring Sir Alec Guinness. <i>Paul suggests we see the film over Christmas time (it's always on!)</i>
August 7th	DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN A wonderful social event to relax and recoup with friends.
September 4th	MY LIFE AS A BODYGUARD TO QUEEN ELIZABETH II Richard Griffin recounts fascinating tales about his life accompanying our late Queen
October 2nd	SMITHFIELD MARKET - MURDER, MYSTERY, AND MAYHEM Christine Jarvis tells us about the history of the oldest meat market in the EU and reveals many fascinating stories from over the years.
November 6th	CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND FUN CHRISTMAS QUIZ Start your Christmas preparations early with this creative evening and the possibility of a surprise!
December 4th	A CHRISTMAS CONCERT TO END THE YEAR PERFECTLY Margaret Watson , with her golden harp, is back by popular demand! Listen to some beautiful Christmas music with some mulled wine and mince pies.



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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?



Monthly meeting.

At the meeting on Wednesday 4th October we held a talk and demonstration by The First Responders Team, led by Liz Absolom and her five colleagues.

It was a brilliant evening as we were told about the work the team do as well as how we could deal with emergencies ourselves.

We were all very interested in the defibrillator packs as we had all seen them (one at The Barn Hall) dotted around but had no idea what was in the pack or how to use it.

We split into three groups with two team members to each group and had the opportunity to do chest compressions and attach the defibrillator pads to the dummies.

We all agreed it was a very informative evening. It was a pity there was a very low turnout, but it was due mainly to illness. However, we raised lots of money with the raffle as well as giving the charity a donation of £150.



Jenny Bissell

West Horsley Place Visit

A group of 20 Bees enjoyed a fascinating tour of West Horsley Place at the beginning of October. The house was left to Bamber Gascoigne in 2014 when his great aunt, the Duchess of Roxborough, died. He in turn passed it into the care of West Horsley Place Trust, who have done the most incredible job on restoring a 500-year-old property. We were treated to a 'Nooks and Crannies' tour of areas which have been restored and met up with various volunteers helping with book restoration and the archiving. So much work has already been completed to make the building safe and useable, but there is still so much to be done.

We were also treated to a short tour of the gardens before we left, having had a fascinating and informative morning!



Book Club 3

This month we had a cosy evening in the pub, talking about anything and everything.... Holidays, weddings, yummy honey, a cat doused in Swarfega (!)... we even managed to mention a few books 😊

As usual, a pleasant evening with a nice group of ladies.

Jan Holland

Bridge Club

The bridge 8 had an enjoyable afternoon at Diana's on Friday, when we played some interesting hands along with a delicious cream tea. It goes to show there is more to bridge than just playing cards!

Diana Greenman

Coffee Morning

There were 10 of us met at the Vineries for our monthly coffee. Good chat, some laughs, and lots of chat about the Covid that has hit several of us lately. Francis, one of our new members, was at the Vineries with friends and came over to say hello to us Bees as did Ann Cook who was having her lunch there with a friend. We Bees get everywhere!! The next gathering is on November 7 at 10.30am. Look forward to seeing you there.



Pam Ingledew

Lunch Group

The inaugural lunch club met at The Plough Effingham on Friday, October 13. From the notes I have received it was a great success and enjoyed by all. We were looked after so well, great service, lovely staff, and of course excellent food and plenty of parking.

As both Diana and Jenny mentioned to us in our September and October meetings it would probably be a good idea to visit the same place each month. We will be supporting another local business; the staff will get to know us and they have a very good lunch menu with small plates too which is very popular. They have a designated member of staff who deals with larger groups who I found very helpful. Julie Alderman is organising the November lunch club.

Apologies to Cathy Newman as she was not included in the photo. She left before a photo was taken. Thank you, Jenny, for remembering.



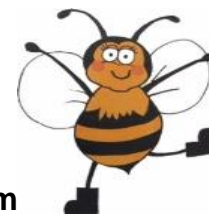
Pam Ingledew

Sewing group

A small group of ladies met this month, all busy working on individual projects large and small & enjoying seeing what others are doing.... detailed work on a beautiful patchwork quilt in the making, covering wash baskets for the home, clothing repairs and alterations... all in a friendly and supportive setting. Please do consider joining us if you enjoy creating things, your 'sewing' can literally be anything involving a needle of any sort.



Jan Holland



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GROUPS CONTINUED

Supper Group

A lively group of 15 of us enjoyed a delicious mediterranean meal at Roosters in Dorking. With delicious food, amusing attentive staff, and another group in the restaurant guessing we were from the WI (a worry why lol), I think we can count it as another successful supper.



Fiona Goldsmith

Theatre Group

On Monday evening 10 of us went to Woking theatre to see The Bodyguard on opening night...What a show absolutely fantastic we all thoroughly enjoyed it.
Our next trip is to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang on November 21st followed by a December trip to Brighton to see Six...
Please contact me if you would like to be added to the group.
Sue Bacon

Walkers We had another lovely walk across Reigate Heath on a warm sunny morning at the beginning of October. It is a fairly short walk - 3 miles -and relatively flat. Unfortunately, this time we were not able to gain access to the windmill at the Golf Club - a highlight of our previous walk. A good excuse to return again in the spring!

Our next walk is on Nov 2nd to the Millenium Woods at Langley Vale.



Julie Ryder

BEES NEWS

Monthly Meeting

Please don't forget that in addition to our talk, this month is our Annual Meeting and election of a new President. Please could you make an extra effort to attend as it is very important.

We are also announcing a possible new group so come and hear about our latest addition and see if you may be interested.
Lastly, a note to us all to bring some change every month from now on if you would like to buy a ticket and have a chance of winning a lovely prize. Change is also needed for refreshments.

Presents for December Meeting

A reminder that this year we are asking every member to buy a gift from a charity shop to the value of £5.00. If this could then be gift wrapped and brought to the meeting, members will be given a ticket on arrival and when your number is called out you go and select a gift.

This can be opened on the night or saved for Christmas.
We hope you agree that this is a good way of helping a charity and the environment as well as receiving a lovely gift.

Jenny Bissell

Recipe

Not everyone may celebrate, join in, or agree with Halloween or firework night, but as the days become shorter and cooler an autumn recipe like this cake sounds perfect for everyone at this time of year. Ginger is so warming. I hope you enjoy it.

Gingerbread Swiss roll with Vanilla Frosting



Ingredients

3 medium eggs
100g dark muscovado sugar
100g self-raising flour
2 tbsp ground ginger

Filling

150g butter
300g icing sugar
30ml milk
1 tbsp vanilla extract
100g icing sugar for dusting

Method

Preheat your oven to gas mark 4. Line a Swiss roll tin with greaseproof paper. Place the eggs and sugar in a bowl and whisk until thick, pale, and increased in volume. Sift the flour and ginger together into the egg mix and fold through gently with a large metal spoon. Tip the mixture into the lined tin and gently level off. Bake for 8 minutes until just firm. Turn the swiss roll out onto greaseproof paper and carefully peel off the greaseproof paper. Lay a clean tea towel on top of the Swiss roll and carefully roll the sponge up. Leave rolled up to cool completely. Now make the frosting. Place the butter into a bowl and whisk with the milk and vanilla. Gently whisk in the icing sugar until creamy and smooth. Carefully unroll the cooled sponge and spoon over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the frosting, spreading it to the edges. Roll the sponge back up but this time without the greaseproof paper in it. Transfer to a serving plate and dust lightly with icing sugar, then pipe swirls of icing along the top and sprinkle with Halloween sprinkles. Serve with a cup of tea for a truly delicious autumnal/Halloween treat.

Events and activities

I have not looked at the WI web site for a while and having now checked it out have seen that there are many courses, ideas, activities, and items to read. Do have a look if you are indoors on a rainy day.

www.thewi.org.uk

Don't forget too, to look at the many activities and days also offered by

[Surrey Federation of Women's Institutes \(surreyfedwi.org.uk\)](http://Surrey Federation of Women's Institutes (surreyfedwi.org.uk))

Be aware though that they often need to be booked up well in advance.

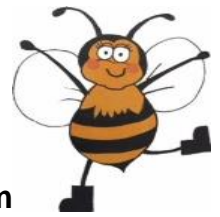




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BOOKHAM BEES' GROUPS

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

Lunch Group

Please contact Pam Ingledew to express interest in
joining this group to go out to lunch monthly, with friendly
Bees.
pamandgeoff6@icloud.com

Pub Nights

2nd Wednesday of the month at The Olde Windsor
Castle Pub 8pm
For more details, please email Debra:
dn1969@hotmail.co.uk or Vikki: the7thwife@gmail.com

Sewing Group

2nd Thursday of the month at The Community Room,
King George V Hall, Effingham 1.30-4.30. If you would
like to join us, to sew, knit or just watch and learn, 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 Sandra
Dawson:
myrtle.dawson@btinternet.com

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

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. Group full but accepting a waiting list.
Ann Cook: bookham56@outlook.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>