



BOOKHAM BEES WI

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EVENTS FOR JULY

Wednesday 2nd August

DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN - A social outing to catch up on summer fun with chatter and games.
As usual, bring your own chair, drinks, and nibbles please.
(You will be notified by email if cancelled due to poor weather)

Thursday	3 rd August	First Thursday Walkers
Thursday	3 rd August	Sewing Group 2pm -4pm
Friday	4 th August	Garden Visit
Saturday	12 th August	Theatre outing
Wednesday	16 th August	Third Wednesday Walk 10.00am
Friday	18 th August	Coffee Morning, The Vineries 10.30

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



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

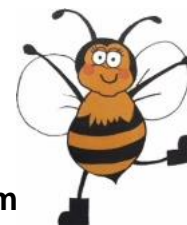
Wednesday 1st November

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 OUR GROUPS BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Monthly meeting.

If you couldn't attend the July meeting on the 5th you really missed a treat. We were truly entertained by Margaret Watson, a Harpist not only of marvellous talent but such a lovely person as well. We were treated to several different kinds of music. Who would have thought we would hear an Elvis Presley song played on the harp? Margaret invited members to try her harp which was magnificent and a real bonus. Everyone enjoyed her visit so much that we are hoping to have Margaret visit again in the future.



Jenny Bissell

Bridge Group

No bridge group this month, time for holidays then back in September

Jane Carradine

Book Club 2

After a delay in publishing last month's report, apologies, we now have, like buses, two arrive here as this group are busy bees.

Persuasion – Jane Austen

Despite all the club finding the book quite a difficult read and overly verbose ("it should have been a short story") we rated it 7/10. We liked the story and felt it would make a great TV drama.

As always, we had a fun evening and really interesting conversations about how far women have come, eg some women are still marrying for lifestyle, or for family interests, and being shackled in their gilded cage.

The Herd, by Emily Edwards

A timely novel, where best friends disagree over vaccination, and a tiny white lie leads to devastating consequences. Superbly written, making it difficult to pick a side.

It's a compelling read, and we voted it a strong 9 out of 10.

Book Club 3

This month we met to discuss How to Kill Your Family by Bella Mackie; a tale of vengeance with a great plot twist at the end. Most of us enjoyed the black humour throughout this wickedly dark romp. Rather worryingly some of us really liked and admired the protagonist and even found ourselves rooting for her as she plots her way through a series of ingenious murders. We did have one group member that absolutely detested this book... We are hoping this nice lady will be a good influence on the rest of our warped minds!

A fun evening as always with a great bunch of ladies 😊

Overall book score: 8/10

Jan Holland

Coffee Morning

On Thursday July 20 we had another bumper turnout for our monthly coffee morning. 17 of us met in The Vineries, the number including two new members, Wendy, and Fay. As usual the company was excellent with lots of chat and laughter and of course delicious hot drinks all round.



Pam Ingledew

Gardening Group

Yet more activity from the gardening group, as well as generously sharing, visiting more gardens, including 2 gardens in Nutfield.



Knitting Group

An enjoyable knitting group this month but none in August. When all diaries have been unravelled, the next meeting will be in September.

Karen Tranter

Pub Group

As always there was a great turnout for our monthly meet in the Olde Windsor Castle. Lots of chat and giggles were heard, with Diana turning up a little later and allowing us all to sample the wonderful nibbles she had just made during her course; they really were quite yummy!

No Pub group in August so see you all in September.

Vikki Oliver

Sewing group

A quiet group this month but lovely as we could chat even more, (if possible). We had a variety of projects, from making tops, learning a new machine, knitting and hand sewing. A successful day.

Fiona Goldsmith

Supper Group

14 of us Buzzing Bees enjoyed a great supper night in the Kurthon Indian restaurant in East Horsley.

We only lost one Bee in the confusion of pickups, whoops, but all went well in the end.

Delicious food and great company.

No photos as, yet again, too much fun being had to remember! Next supper group to be arranged in September. Volunteer please?

Sandra Dawson

Groups activities continued on next page.



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Theatre Group

'Cheesy Bingo' has been kindly organised by Jan Holland and is booked for Sat 12th August.

We need September and October suggestions, so if you have any ideas, please let us know. We need to choose and book.

In November we are off to see Chitty, Chitty Bang, Bang, featuring brilliant Bee members. It is all booked but if you want to take a family there are special offers for a family group of 4.

In December we are off to Brighton to see Six, which has also been booked.

Sue Bacon

Walkers

At the beginning of the month six of us enjoyed a walk round 'Centenary Walk'. This is an area of Epsom Downs that was used by troops during WW1 and fairly recently has been developed by The Woodland Trust. We walked through fields filled with wildflowers butterflies and bees, ancient and new woodland and various areas commemorating both World Wars. We enjoyed a stop at one of the many benches on the route and finished at The Olive Tree in Ashtead for coffee.



Our walk last month was led by Sue Parrott and she took us around Abinger Roughts. It was cloudy as we left but the sun broke through as we arrived at our halfway stop for coffee in Abinger Hammer. On our return we enjoyed views of fields of wildflowers and beautiful rhododendron bushes.



Anne Cook

Walkie Talkie 2 Storm Troopers had a soggy walk on Monday, while I stayed in bed for a birthday treat! What stalwarts they are. I am told there was leaking wet weather gear involved too so extra kudos to them!



Julie Ryder

Walkie Talkie 1 enjoyed ourselves this week. The group walked to West Horsley where we had a lovely coffee stop in the courtyard - unfortunately not many of the sunflowers were out yet.

On our walk back we took a diversion via Horsley Towers where the photo was taken

We were v lucky with the weather as it was a beautiful day.



June Barber

BEES NEWS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Gardening Visits

There is one more external garden visit this year to Albury, on 4th August, but there may be members visits to each other's gardens. Watch this space....

Contact Anne Grabowski if you would like to go to Albury.

anne@grabaskey.com

Monthly meeting

Hopefully 2nd August will be warmer and brighter than today. If it is, have your folding chairs packed, drinks chilled and nibbles packed ready. It will be a fun evening with much chatter and games to keep you on your toes.

If the weather is too bad, we will email out a cancellation message.

Treasure Hunt

Save the Date!

On September 29th we are planning a treasure Hunt around Bookham Village.

It will be in the afternoon, starting and finishing at the Barn Hall. There will be two routes, to cater for both energetic souls and those who don't want to walk as far. Tea and scones at the Barn Hall for those who find their way back.

Further details next month but do put this in your diary.

WI Bees Picnics

Don't forget to save the date of the second WI Bookham Bees picnic on Monday 11th September on Downside Common, opposite the Cricketers. There is easy access and plenty of parking.

Just turn up. It is cancelled if wet. They are a lovely and chilled way of connecting with other Bees. Contact Jenny Bissell on jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com or 07586 292480 if you have any questions. Bring your own chair, food, and drink.

Jenny Bissell

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)

Be aware though that they need to be booked up well in advance. I have missed some recently through running out of time.

To finish off with testing your knowledge.....



All groan !! 😊



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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 Olde 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 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

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>