

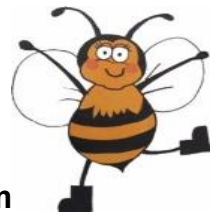




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### **FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS 2025**

**AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN** with fun and games! Jenny has arranged some fun games with superb prizes for both the games and a raffle. Don't miss out. Last year was an fantastic evening.

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **SIGN LANGUAGE**

**Lindsay Burrell** changes image from her fun Burlesque talk to bring us an engaging talk on her other love, communicating with those who have difficulties speaking. Well worth listening to this entertaining speaker.

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

#### **FIRST RESPONDERS**

Another chance to refresh yourselves on life saving techniques. The team was fantastic last year so do attend whether you need to refresh or learn from the beginning. All skills need reinforcing regularly.

**NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

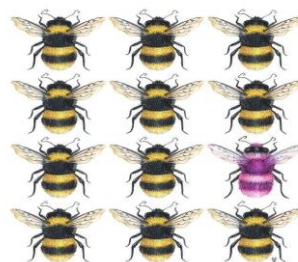
#### **CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG (CRY)**

A talk from our charity of the year who, since 1995, have been working to reduce the incidence of sudden cardiac death through screening, support and research. There is much to learn here that could affect our children and grandchildren. This is also our AM month.

**DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

#### **A LOVELY SURPRISE CHRISTMAS MEETING**

**Watch this space!!**

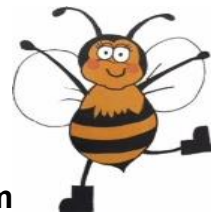


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### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### JUNE MEETING

This was our 'non craft' helping to prepare for Village Day evening. I don't remember seeing so many teddies in one place before and we had SO much fun. It was a considerable help as everything we had to do was not difficult but time consuming for fewer people. The one craft activity was entered into with enthusiasm and made our stall very noteworthy and visible! Thank you to everyone who came. It was a wonderfully social and enjoyable evening with no pressure on anyone, and lots of chatter and refreshments to keep us going.



#### Groups

##### Air fryer Group

The air fryer group continues to share recipes, advice, programmes to watch and discussions and is remaining on line only for the time being. If anyone would like to host a gathering, or suggest a demonstration or similar then do not hesitate to contact the members. My own latest plus is that I can let my granddaughter cook her own meals more independently and safely. I watch her put ingredients in then it is push the botton and stand clear. She loves it!

##### Book Groups

##### Book Group 2

The Housemaid, Freida McFadden

A brilliant, easy to read thriller about a live-in housekeeper who witnesses strange behaviors in her employers home. The group loved the book, and cannot wait to read the next book. A clever story with a great twist. We scored the book 8/10  
*Anne Tait*

### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

##### Book Group 3

Magpie by Elizabeth Day

Marisa who comes from a troubled background & Jake move into together.

Jake represents stability & Marisa likes that. As money is tight they take in lodger Kate but Marissa is not comfortable with Kate there. Kate seems over familiar with Jake & seems to treat their house as her own.

The book conveys the misery of infertility for women & men who really yearn for a baby & also covers Mental health & surrogacy. None of us really liked any of the characters & we thought the ending was too rosy & cleancut.

The book did lead us to a good discussion about Surrogacy & Adoption.



*Jan Dunlop*

##### Book Group 4

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Alice Wright marries American Bennett VanCleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small town Kentucky is equally bad. When a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new travelling library Alice volunteers. Margery the Leader is a smart talking self-sufficient woman who has never asked a man's permission for anything. They are joined by 3 other women & they become The Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky.

The book is based on a true story.

Jane's review which we all agreed on:

"Great book, well written. Cracked along at great pace with a lovely story. Strong themes of love, turmoil, anxiety, deception, bullying & misogyny.

The book featured strong & independent women & men who both understood & misunderstood them. Loved the passion between the lovers & the love & mutual support between the women."

Jane score: 10

Overall :9

*Jan Dunlop*

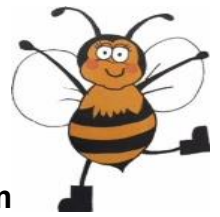




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#### Cheese and Wine

A select few gathered on Midsummer Day, and the weather behaved perfectly : we spent a very enjoyable evening in the garden. So pleased that Sandra was able to join us again! We tasted a variety of summer wines and cheeses : Goats Cheese was a love-or-hate but the Aged Feta from Waitrose remains a firm favourite! Thank you Catherine for hosting.



Julie Ryder



#### Coffee Morning

There was a lively buzz at the Vineries when the Bees met for their monthly coffee morning. 14 of us participated for varying lengths of time, with plenty of opportunity for chat. It really is a very enjoyable way of getting to know your fellow Bees better. If you would like to join the next coffee morning, please contact Pam Ingledew.



Janice Evans

#### Gardening Group

The gardening bees were buzzing as busily as ever this month, with garden visits from east to west of the country, to open gardens more locally found. We also helped each other with advice, swapping of plants and equipment and sharing our successes and failures. Many bemoaned the lack of water in our gardens although it did seem to slightly lessen the number of slugs around -though not enough for some people!



Gasper Cottage Wiltshire Old Bladbean Stud Canterbury

### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?



Moira Dyson's amazing hosta which avoided the slugs – it came from her mothers plant over 40 years ago!



A snail so large it would devour our gardens! Found by Denise....

#### Gin Group 1

On a very warm balmy evening four of us enjoyed sampling some summer cocktails. From a Passionfruit Martini (not as nice as it sounds) to a Mermaids Kiss (much nicer than it sounds) we had a perfect midsummer get together in the garden.

A Mermaid's Kiss is made of Pink Gin, Hibiscus Syrup, Lemon Juice. Lemonade and lots of ice.



Jan Gapper

#### Gin Group 2

This month we were trying gins with a holiday vibe....Blue Bottle gin came from my trip to Guernsey- very pleasant but unremarkable so disappointing

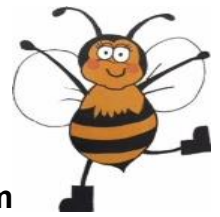
Bombay Sapphire have brought out a new gin 'Sunset- limited edition with white cardamom, mandarin and turmeric'. We had high hopes with the ingredients but it sadly left us cold and unimpressed. Nevertheless we had a fun evening discussing holidays!

Moira Dyson



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#### London Walking Group

Sue Parrott took us on a very interesting walk around Fitzrovia and Soho.

A four seasons in one day walk - as we started with a little rain and ended in glorious sunshine

We went up the post building where there is a pleasant rooftop garden and wonderful views.

We popped into the umbrella shop and heard the 200 year history.

We're dazzled at Outernet until the jellyfish came and ate us! Ask for more information...

This experience followed onto lunch in the Dean Street Jazz Club.

We enjoyed visiting Sue's old haunts around the former Middlesex hospital area, including the stunning chapel and the haunted workhouse.

We finished at liberty's viewing the exhibition. A great day out!



#### Sewing Group

A quiet month with a select number of participants. I think the rest of us were 'teddied 'out!

Next month we are a starting a project to support families in out local neonatal and special care baby units at Epsom General Hospital and St Helier hospital so watch this space!

#### Supper Group

The turquoise, black and gold decor at Han Kitchen was just right to make for a relaxed gathering for our supper group. The staff were keen to please and obviously wanted for us to have a positive experience of their restaurant. There were the usual Turkish dishes on offer but also some items which were a little different - my yoghurt chicken shish, my cocktail topped with fresh rose petals and Karen's pudding of filo pastry, cheese and honey for example. Well worth visiting. Portions are large, so go hungry!



We need a volunteer for July so please come forward. Small or large group, it does not matter. Thank you.

### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### Theatre Group

There is sadly no outing this month. We are still looking for volunteers to organise. Could you and a friend share organising for one trip?



#### Walkers

##### Wednesday Longer Walkers

We had our 2nd trip out to Walton on Thames this time walking round Desborough Island before going to the D'oyle Carte Cafe for a relaxing coffee by the water



June Barber



##### Thursday Longer Walkers

We were an even more select group this month with just three Bees walking. We had rather a soggy walk from Ripley this time, but a stop half way for coffee gave us the opportunity to dry out!! Hoping we can hit a happy medium next time ....

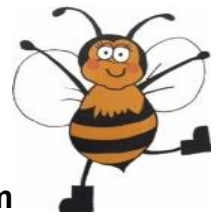


Julie Ryder





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## BEES NEWS and Future Events

### Monthly Meeting

This month we have an engrossing and informative speaker from The Marey Francis Trust, a local mental health and emotional health organisation who support adults over 16 years of age to restore and maintain wellbeing and challenge the stigma. They have several local projects currently running, like exploring the healing power of nature. Loads for all of us. See you there!

No further contributions needed for refreshments but don't forget we still have the raffle with some super prizes!

### Village Day

We had a wonderful though meltingly hot Village day and a very successful stall. Thanks go out to everybody both before and on the day, who helped make many visitors happy, and supported very good publicity for the community aspect of our group. Parents were heard to say they came to see what we were doing this year, as we are always fun. The affordability of our games was commented on, and people returned because of it. A small girl won our star prize in her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday week and was overcome she was so happy – sadly she had already had her party so couldn't invite us to it hah ha. Residents from The Grange were delighted to win new mascots and one young lady had her day and week made very special. She loves bees and seeing us all delighted her, as did the presentation of a bee headdress which had her dancing with glee. We did make money for the Barn Hall, but it is the happy faces and delight which we generated which was the real profit of the day. Now to prepare for next year!



### Village week Quiz

Thank you to the amazing Bees who volunteered to represent the Bees WI at this event. They were disappointed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom but we are all very grateful to them for their participation and hope they had fun at the same time. We are all proud of them – especially for not coming first so we have to do next year's quiz!

### Village Day 2026

Next year we are proposing to provide a cake stall for Village Day. Please can we have your thought and if you would be willing to help by baking a cake or two. Thank you.

### Photo Forms

HUGE thanks to all who have completed and returned theirs already. BUT please note that Heather is still waiting for 45 forms to be filled in to give or deny permission for photos to be used. It is essential to get these in. Please could you see her about completing yours if you have not done so.

### Newsletter

I need help with the IT side of the newsletter. Please is there anyone who would be willing to help me to lighten the load? I am happy to continue with content  
Thanks

## GROUPS

### PLEASE NOTE –

**Our very active list of groups need ALL group members to take a turn supporting or organising events for their group, be it a supper evening, theatre trip or anything else appropriate or groups may fold!**

**This may need a rota drawn up to make sure the same people are not always given the same responsibilities**  
**It will be taken into account though that not everyone has the same likes and skills so you will not be asked to do something alone or that you are very uncomfortable with.**  
**We just all need to support each other..**

### Theatre Group

This month the above was highlighted in a post suggesting a production. Many were interested but when someone was asked the thread went silent. If no one volunteers this group will not be able to continue.

### Sunday Lunch Group

No lunch July and August due to the heat.

### GROUP INFORMATION

Please be aware that if you can't attend an event you have booked for and need to cancel, that **you please check that the group leader hasn't incurred any expenditure on your behalf.**

Jenny Bissell

## Events and activities

### SAVE THE DATE

### Picnic

Our picnic will be held this August on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August on the green opposite The Cricketers at Downside 12-2pm. If weather inclement Jenny will let us know if it is cancelled. Bring a chair and food and drink. A lovely social occasion sitting in the shade of the weeping willow.

### Quiz 2026

Our quiz for 2026 is confirmed for September 18<sup>th</sup> in the Barn Hall. I know it is a distance away but we all have such busy lives and you do not want to miss it!

Any ideas for outings or activities are always welcome. If you have any ideas or interests, please do bring them to a committee member

Don't forget as well the many courses, ideas, activities, and items to read online from the WI. Do have a look if you are indoors on a rainy day.

[www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk) or

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

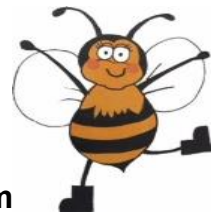




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### BOOKHAM BEES' GROUPS

#### Air fryer Group

A virtual group sharing tips and successes and failures with occasional small group meet ups.  
For details contact Debra Nunan on [Dn1969@hotmail.com](mailto:Dn1969@hotmail.com)

#### Book Club 1

Full at present. For waiting list contact Gaye Burt: [gayegoddard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gayegoddard@hotmail.co.uk)

#### Book Club 2 –

Full at present. Meet on differing evenings. Contact Anne Tait: [annetait1@btinternet.com](mailto:annetait1@btinternet.com)

#### Book Club 3 & 4

3 . Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, in the afternoon 1-2.45pm. Currently 2 spaces, please contact Jan Dunlop:  
4 Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10.15am [jetdunlop@gmail.com](mailto:jetdunlop@gmail.com)

#### Bridge

We now have 2 bridge groups  
If you play bridge and are interested in joining, please contact: 1- Jane Carradine: [jschome03@gmail.com](mailto:jschome03@gmail.com)  
2 - Liz Roberts: [larrylizr@btinternet.com](mailto:larrylizr@btinternet.com)

#### Cheese and Wine Group

To express interest please contact [julie\\_ryder@outlook.com](mailto:julie_ryder@outlook.com).

#### Cinema/Movie Group

Bee Movies meet on the last Monday of the month We make arrangements through our WhatsApp group once film has been chosen. If you would like to be added, please send your mobile phone number to [kmtgaunt@me.com](mailto:kmtgaunt@me.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](mailto:pamandgeoff6@icloud.com)

#### Family History Group

3rd Tuesday 2pm.Full but or details contact Judith Witter: [judithwitter@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:diane.poole25@googlemail.com)

#### Gin Club 1

For enquiries please contact Jan Gapper: [jangapper@gmail.com](mailto:jangapper@gmail.com)

#### Gin Group 2

For enquiries please contact Moira Dyson at [moiradyson@gmail.com](mailto:moiradyson@gmail.com)

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

#### Lunch Group

Please contact Julie Alderman to express interest. Full but lunch group 2 can be started. [Aldermanj0@gmail.com](mailto:Aldermanj0@gmail.com)

#### London Walking Bees

A new group with members organising walks in London. Please contact Denise Bottomley [denisevbottomley@msn.com](mailto:denisevbottomley@msn.com) or 07866 936878

#### Pub Nights

2nd Wednesday of the month at The Olde Windsor Castle Pub 7pm  
For more details, please email Vikki: [the7thwife@gmail.com](mailto:the7thwife@gmail.com)

#### Sewing Group

1st 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](mailto:Fiona_goldsmith@hotmail.com)

#### Sunday Roast Lunch Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at various venues  
Please contact Sandra Dawson for further details [myrtle.dawson@btinternet.com](mailto:myrtle.dawson@btinternet.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](mailto:myrtle.dawson@btinternet.com)

#### 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](mailto:suebacon06@gmail.com)

**Ukulele** Please contact June Barber if you would like to join: Dormant at the moment [jbrb6@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:jevanshome123@gmail.com)

**Walkie Talkie 2 – Every Monday at 09.30am**  
Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.  
June Barber: [Jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:Jbrb6@aol.com)

**Walk Third Wednesday each month at 10.00am**  
approx. 6 miles Contact June Barber: [jbrb6@aol.com](mailto:jbrb6@aol.com)

**Walk First Thursday each month at 10.00am**  
approx. 4 miles. Group full but accepting a waiting list.  
Julie Ryder: [julie\\_ryder@outlook.com](mailto:julie_ryder@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](mailto:Jevanshome123@gmail.com)

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