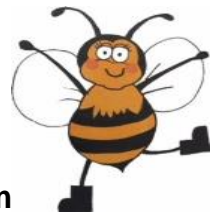




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### EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>

#### 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 and celebrate Christmas in party style.

**We will also be repeating our Secret Santa so have your present ready**

Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Art Group 1.30 Community Hall King George V Effingham
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Group
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	First Thursday Longer Walkers
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sewing and needlework group
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 10.30 The Vineries
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Pub Night
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Bridge Group 1
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Gin Group 1 ( Karen Edney's House)
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Longer Walk 10.00am
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Theatre Outing to Portsmouth, shopping lunch and show</b>
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Movie Group
Monday mornings		Walkie talkie 2 9.30am - 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

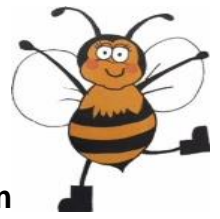




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### **FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS 2025**

**JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **THE BEE MAN**

**Peter Smith** with his illustrated talk on A Taste of Honey -with tastings and an opportunity to buy

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **MARY FRANCES TRUST**

This charity offers mental health and wellbeing support to anyone over 16 years old. Founded 30 years ago and based in Leatherhead, it came second in our vote for a charity to support. Come and see how to protect and help ourselves.

**MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **DOORS TO MANUAL**

**Roger Mendham** follows his very successful talk on the Monopoly board with his exciting new talk on The History of Air travel, from elegance to economy

**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

#### **BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Drinks canapes cake and high jinks! An evening of fun

**MAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **THE ORPHEUS TRUST**

**Anne Lovelace OBE** gives us a fascinating insight into the Trust that Richard Stilgoe founded and how it uses performing arts to teach independence and functional skills for young adults. An absorbing talk

**JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **PREPARATION FOR VILLAGE DAY** with a quiz/chatter/fun

**JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **TREASURES OF THE NILE**

**Major Paul Whittle** takes us on a thrilling tour from Alexandria to Luxor, and the Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel

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

#### **DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN** with fun and games

**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.

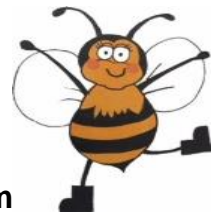
**NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **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 A grandchildren

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

#### **A LOVELY SURPRISE CHRISTMAS MEETING** **Watch this space!!**



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#### Monthly meeting.

Our Annual Meeting was held this month, but we efficiently dispensed with most of the official activities, and were glad to be told that Jenny is going to continue as our President. She has led us through the last year in a competent and confident manner and is very supportive to all members. We can all be vulnerable for many different reasons and it is lovely to know that this 'hive' of bees we are in has a truly caring Queen Bee! It is an honour to serve on the committee supporting her -and having fun in our own right. If anyone wants to join this team, or even take on just one aspect of WI Bees activities, do please contact us.

We followed this meeting by making spectacular Christmas decorations, with thanks to Karen Tranter for organising them and to Heather for demonstrating them, and completing a Christmas quiz devised by Jenny. I actually managed to answer more than two correctly so was very pleased with myself! Refreshments were served by the wonderful team with thanks to those who stepped in to cover illness. The yummy cakes vanished quickly!!



#### Groups

##### Book Groups

###### Book Group 2

'A Very Private Diary. A Nurse in Wartime. Mary Morris'  
It was during our first glass of bubbles at our Christmas lunch that we discussed this excellent book. It is the diary of a young Irish woman who came to England in 1939 to train as a nurse. The original diary is kept in the Imperial War Museum, and was discovered and edited by Carol Acton, an American who specialises in war writing, especially autobiographical works. A beautifully written and easy to read diary. Highly recommended by our group, who scored it a 10 across the board.

The Bookham library has copies, and I have my (second hand) copy if anyone would like to borrow it.

Anne Tait

### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### Bridge Groups

##### Bridge Group 1

Bookham Bees Bridge Group 1 had a great November bridge and tea afternoon this month.

Plenty of lively conversation and great cakes 🍰.

Our December meeting is early on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> due to the nearness of the Christmas preparations.

In January 2025 we have our bridge, lunch and tea meeting in a wonderful local venue.

If you think you might like to join the bridge groups, please phone Jane on 07876-787-693

Jane Carradine

##### Coffee Morning

Another good turnout for our monthly coffee which was held in early November. Ten of us met at the Vineries for our hot drinks, lots of chatter and laughter. Many varied subjects were discussed. I can assure you there are never any silent moments. If you are a new member and want to meet fellow Bees in a smaller group, please come and join us. We meet at the Vineries at 10.30am once a month. Next coffee on Monday December 9.



Pam Ingledew

##### Family History Group

Family History Group did not meet in November due to Judith's continuing health issue and is also unable to meet during December. Please note that the group is now full.

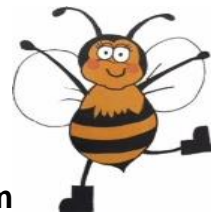
The day of meeting has changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday afternoon of month and will start next year at this new time.

Judith Witter

##### Gardening Group

The Gardening Bees WhatsApp has been buzzing all year with offers of plants, produce and advice, not to mention 'garden to visit' recommendations and the latest challenges around getting to RHS Wisley. Thanks to Carol Teunon and Jan Gapper for organising visits this year and to the various ladies who did pop up openings in their own gardens. We've had so many lovely photos of Bee's gardens and ones they have visited. Thanks too to those who helped on Open Gardens Day – your stewarding help was very welcome, if not essential. This group is what you make of it and if you'd like to organise a garden visit next year – just let us know. We're always open to more members – all you need is an interest in gardens and gardening. Don't be afraid to ask for advice on the WhatsApp – people always seem happy to help. Here's to better gardening weather in 2025!

Dianne Poole



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#### Gin Group 1

The penultimate 2024 gin meeting was at Karen Edney's where she provided not only some different gins but a table groaning with some lovely cheeses and snacks. This club is not for ladies who calorie count! We tried some Rhubarb Gin alongside some delicious sloe gin from Sipsmith but our favourite cocktail was a White Lady which is made from:

50 ml London dry gin  
25 ml Cointreau or triple sec  
25 ml lemon juice plus lemon twists to serve  
2 tsp of sugar syrup  
(egg white optional and we didn't have it!)

It's light and refreshing but has the strength of a martini – so enjoy responsibly!

Method - Tip the London Dry Gin, Cointreau/triple sec, lemon juice, sugar syrup, egg white (if using) and ice into a cocktail shaker. Shake until the outside of the shaker feels very cold, then strain the mixture. Discard the ice, then return the drink to the shaker and shake again until the egg white is frothy.



Jan Gapper

#### Gin Group 2 -Spirited Bees

Last night we tried three dry gins including one from Japan and a festive cranberry gin fizz. Finishing the evening with a Toffee vodka. Merry Christmas hic !



Gaye Burt



### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### Lunch Group

Nine of us met for lunch at the Plough in Effingham on the 13th November. We enjoyed a delicious meal and plenty of animated conversation. It is lovely to note that we can continue using this venue, as it is local, convenient, and well worth visiting. We next meet on Friday 6th December for the last lunch of the year.

Julie Alderman

#### Movie Group

This month we've been to see Wicked and Blitz.

We didn't think much of Wicked – although one member enjoyed part of it. It was 2 hours 40 mins long, but the story could have been told in less time. It tries to take on too many social issues and ends up a bit of a mess which is a shame because it must have cost a fortune to make. There is even a part two as well to elongate the process.

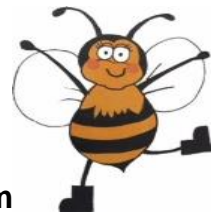
Blitz was another matter. The subject of the film, a young boy living in Stepney in World War II with his single mother, who was evacuated and subsequently ran away due to bullying, was not on the surface a prime draw for audiences, but the tale of his return to Stepney, and finding his mother, was exquisitely acted, and directed and had everyone fascinated with his bravery, ingenuity, strength and humour. It was true to many historical facts too, which we discovered with research after the film. At the end of the film, instead of the usual rustling of coats and movement to leave first, there was silence for a good couple of minutes. It was powerful and absorbing, and I described at being, instead of the book every book club should read, the film every film group should see.

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The cinema group's next outing will be on Monday 30th December and will be arranged via the WhatsApp group.

Karen Edney





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#### Sewing Group

Christmas decorations were the theme of this month with ideas being perused, chosen and in some cases embarked on. There was the usual wonderful conversation while eating stollen bites and having refreshments, discussing where people moved to Bookham from. Also, more mundane but essential mending was carried out, and learning how to use a machine. There are so many unique decorations that can be made by sewing or just making through crafts. They can create memories and be far more enjoyable than the commercial versions. Do come and join us -maybe making something ready for Valentines or Easter?



Fiona Goldsmith

#### Sunday Lunch Group

There was no Sunday lunch group this month and will be none in December, so we look forward to joining up in January. Do come and join us if you would like a convivial Sunday lunch time.

Sandra Dawson

#### Supper group

Supper club this month was at Prezzo in Leatherhead. They were very helpful and a good place to go in a group. Seventeen of us enjoyed a two-course meal with much hilarity and excellent conversation. The food was delicious and overall, it was voted a great fun evening.

Sue Bacon

I would especially like to thank Sue and June who took over the organisation and payment duties when I could not make the evening. It was much appreciated.

[Any volunteers for organising January?](#)

Fiona Goldsmith

#### Theatre Group

Apologies that there was no theatre group outing for November, but I think we were all too busy. During December, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, twenty-nine of us will travel by coach to Portsmouth for shopping at Gun wharf Quay, on to Carluccios for lunch, and then the King's theatre for 'Christmas with Anton du Burke and friends'. We are all looking forward to this outing, which promises to be spectacular. I wonder how many will be recovering during the show from shopping at the outlet centre!

In January 2025 we are seeing Kinky Boots at the New Victoria Theatre. We were lucky to reserve a number of seats at a special price, and again, it promises to be an outstanding show.

If you have any ideas or see anything advertised that a group might like to attend, please do pass it on to Sue or one of the committee members.

Sue Bacon

### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### Walkers

##### Walkie Talkie 1

The Walkie Talkies have continued to live up to their name and enjoyed their early morning walks this month. The colours on the Common have been wonderful. Three quarters of an hour of brisk walking and our exercise for the day can be over by 9 o'clock



##### Wednesday Longer walks group

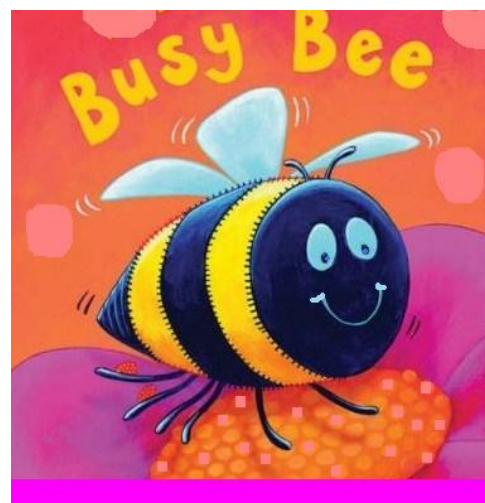
Sue Parrot took us on a wonderful walk in beautiful autumn sunshine around Wooton and Abinger Roughs. We finished in Wooton House hotel for a well-deserved coffee, which was much appreciated. Overall, it was voted a great walk. Our next longer walk is Wednesday 18th December.



We have all been very busy bees this month yet again, in spite of moving into hibernation months, and these are only the activities I have record of.

Keep up the fun and enjoyment Bees!

What an amazing hive we are .....

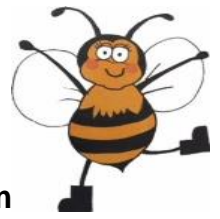




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### BEES NEWS and Future Events

#### Monthly Meeting

We have a wonderful Christmassy meeting for this month, with delicious festive fare to eat and drink, the highly skilled Margaret Watson entertaining us by playing a wonderful Christmas selection on her harp, and the sharing of our Secret Santa presents. **This last item will only work if you remember to visit a local charity shop, choose a present and wrap it up -oh paying for it first!** so I hope you have managed to find something with a limit of £5-6. Thank you

No raffle this month and refreshments are part of the party

#### Important –

Don't forget our monthly meetings are now arriving 7.15 to start at 7.30.

#### January Meeting

We are promised an entertaining visit enlightening us on the process of honey making and the different types. There will be plenty of activity with tastings and choices, and the opportunity to purchase if you find one you particularly like. Not to be missed. I maybe should not confess that honey is particularly tasty in my house in a toddy to warm up in winter and when you have a cold!

#### GROUPS

##### Bridge Group 2

This group had its first meeting in November and there are still spaces if you would like to join  
[jschome03@gmail.com](mailto:jschome03@gmail.com)

##### Gin Group 1

There are a couple of spaces now in this group if you would like to join in. Please contact Jan Gapper.

##### Family History Group

Please can members note that the meeting time is changing from January to the third Tuesday afternoon of the month

#### 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



#### Book Collection

Julie Ryder is collecting books for Village Day, as she has been doing, but there is also a book sale this month of the books already collected, to start the funds off and give everyone a chance to buy books for presents etc.

Book sale is at 12A Childs Hall Road on 30<sup>th</sup> November and there are (literally) thousands of books at excellent prices

**If you miss this you can still bring any books you have to our meeting and she or I will collect them and pass them on. You can also deliver to Julie personally.**

[julie\\_ryder@outlook.com](mailto:julie_ryder@outlook.com).

#### Events and activities

Any ideas for outings or activities are always welcome. We love variety. 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)

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))

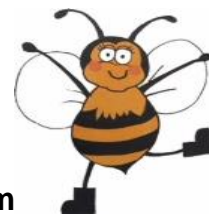




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### BOOKHAM BEES' GROUPS

#### Art Group

1<sup>st</sup> Friday afternoon of the month at The Community Room King George V Hall Effingham 1.30-4.00  
Please contact  
Paula Moss on 07887 625046 or [paulac.moss@sky.com](mailto:paulac.moss@sky.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. For waiting list contact  
Anne Tait: [annetai1@btinternet.com](mailto:annetai1@btinternet.com)

#### Book Club 3 & 4

3 is Full at present. Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. In the evening For waiting list contact Jan Dunlop:  
4 Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10.30am [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: Liz Roberts or  
Jane Carradine: [jschome03@gmail.com](mailto:jschome03@gmail.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 afternoon of the last Monday of the month As we don't know what will be showing until shortly beforehand, we make arrangements through our WhatsApp group. If you would like to be added to that group 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

For further 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)

#### Pub Nights

2nd Wednesday of the month at The Olde Windsor Castle Pub 7pm  
For more details, please email Debra:  
[dn1969@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dn1969@hotmail.co.uk) or 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)

#### Web Site

<https://bookhambeeswi.org>