

BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 76– September 2024

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EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

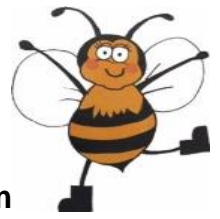
Wednesday	4th September	MY LIFE AS A BODYGUARD TO QUEEN ELIZABETH II Richard Griffin recounts fascinating tales about his life accompanying our late queen
Wednesday	4 th September	Family History Group
Thursday	5 th September	First Thursday Walkers
Thursday	5 th September	Sewing and needlework group
Friday	6 th September	Art Group 1.30 Community Hall King George V Effingham
Friday	6 th September	Lunch Group
Monday	9 th September	Coffee Morning 10.30 The Vineries
Wednesday	11 th September	Pub Night
Friday	13 th September	Afternoon Tea -including a collection for our charity CRY
Friday	13 th September	Gin Club 1
Sunday	15 th September	Sunday Lunch group
Monday	16 th September	Book Group 2
Wednesday	18 th September	Wednesday Walk 10.00am
Thursday	19 th September	Cheese and Wine Group
Friday	20 th September	Bridge Group
Tuesday	24 th September	Book Group 4
Wednesday	25 th September	Book Group 3
Monday	30 th September	Cinema/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

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 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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Monthly meeting.

This month we had our annual Drinks and Nibbles on the Green in what could have been inclement weather, but which lasted out for us to have a raucous (for some lol) fun evening. We wondered if only the committee would turn up, but people just kept coming and we had to make our circle wider and wider. It was wonderful to see so many Bees. Fun games, assorted libations and sharing of snacks all contributed to a very enjoyable evening. Jenny sourced some lovely, bee themed prizes for the games which were greatly enjoyed by members



Groups

Book Groups

Book Group 2

No book club this month but we have a challenging book to read to last us until September!

Fiona Goldsmith

Book Group 3

Do No Harm by Jack Jordan

A surgeon has been given a choice, let a patient die during surgery or save her kidnapped son.

It was quite the thriller, an original idea & thought provoking. What would any of us do given this ultimatum?

One member found the book too thrilling & scored it 3, other members thoroughly enjoyed the book & scored it 8. Overall 7



Book Group 4

We met for the first time this month and read 'The Taliban Cricket Club' by Timeri N. Murari. It was the story of a woman who wanted to get herself & her family out of Afghanistan by winning a Cricket Match. Even today Afghanistan women live in a country ruled by men. They are forced to wear a Burka, a black veil & hide their hands by law. They are not allowed to have an education. A thought-provoking book.

Score: 8

Jan Dunlop

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Bridge Group

August, we have no meeting so will meet again in September Please contact Jane at jschome03@gmail.com.

Jane Carradine

Coffee Morning

We had an excellent turnout for our Bees August coffee gathering at The Vineries. There were 15 of us this month and it certainly was a fun meeting. As always there were certainly no silences, and many varied subjects were discussed. Next coffee at The Vineries will be on Monday, September 9 at 10.30am.



Pam Ingledeew

Gardening Group

The gardening group continue to be busy Bees, both in their own gardens, producing amazing produce -in Julie Ryder's case a tomato weighing 600 grms, and Anne's Cucamelon courtesy of the amazing plants that Anna generously shared with us, also Julies prolific apple trees that she has also generously shared the produce from. Bees visited both members Gardens, thank you Denise and Carol, and sites of interest around the country. Anna even found a blue heart in Pembrokeshire. The word is spreading! We are going to be lost in the winter!

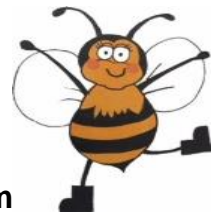


Fiona Goldsmith

Family History Group

Four members of the group met. We looked at DNA tests and the differing results from the various Family History Companies. We discussed surname changes of children due to informal adoption, mothers marrying or living as if married but changing the surnames of the children regardless of their natural fathers surname and the complications this causes in family history research. Our next meeting is Wednesday 4th September when we will continue looking at our research blocks together.

Judith Witter



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Gin Group 1

No gin group this month due to illness but I am sure it will increase our thirst for another entertaining and informative evening next month.



Gin Group 2 -Spirited Bees

This month, I was told, was a secret 'under the radar' session so I dare not ask what went on here!

Knitting Group

The knitting group continues to invade each other's houses and enjoy an afternoon knitting and nattering. While this group is full, do contact Karen Tranter if you would like to start knitting group 2.

Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com

Karen Tranter

Lunch Group

10 of us met at The Plough on August 6 for the last lunch with the current landlord and his family. It was a very sociable occasion with good food, varied topics discussed and some laughs. George and his wife will be missed but hopefully the new landlady and staff will follow in their footsteps. Update-we checked out the Plough under the new landlady and were very impressed so we have booked the next lunch for Friday Sept 6 at 12.30pm.



Pam Ingledeu

Sewing Group

A core group of sewers met for an afternoon of chat and sewing and support. It was a fun and productive afternoon. You are more than welcome to join us any time, for anything creative with a needle (or hook!)



Fiona Goldsmith

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Sunday Lunch Group

No group in August. I cannot believe it has been too hot for a roast! Next lunch to be held on Sunday 15th September 12.30 at King William Pub in West Horsley.

Sandra Dawson

Supper group

No supper in August but the supper date for September to be held at da Carlos, in Fetcham, on 17th September. It is being organised by Tina and Karen so please contact them if interested.

Theatre Group

On Thursday we had a wonderful day trip to Chichester driven by our coach driver Roy, who I am sure wanted to join us! We managed an enjoyable look round Chichester, followed by lunch, and then an absolutely spectacular performance of Oliver. With a collaboration between Cameron Mackintosh and Matthew Bourne it promised much, and indeed it exceeded all expectations. The cast were so professional, even down to the smallest child!

Jan Gapper's organisation was flawless as well and everyone praised how well the day flowed. Thank you, Jan!

Walkers

Thursday Walkers

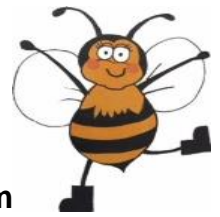
The (Thursday) Walking Bees enjoyed a rather warm walk at the beginning of the month across Asstead Common. Although it's on our doorstep, it was an area several of us didn't know, so it was interesting exploring. We were rewarded for our efforts with a drink in the pub at the end of the morning!



STOP PRESS

The silent disco group are preparing for the big event. This is the before look -I wonder what the after will be!!!





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BEES NEWS and Future Events

Monthly Meeting

After a wonderful social meeting outside on the grass last month, we are back inside for what promises to be a fascinating talk by Richard Griffin on his life guarding Royalty. He must have seen much in his role as bodyguard to the late Queen so I cannot wait to hear what he has prepared to tell us.

We are back to our monthly raffle so change will be useful. **Important** – Don't forget our monthly meetings are now arriving 7.15 to start at 7.30.

Afternoon Tea

An event to mark in your diary is **Friday 13th September** when we will be holding an afternoon tea. We DO need to know numbers by 6th September so we can do the shopping and finish the preparations. Thank you.

This will be held in the Harrison Room of the Old Barn Hall at 2.30.

Do come along and bring a friend or two. This event is complimentary to Bee members but if you would like to bring someone along who is not a Bee it will be a cost of £3 for tea and cream scones for them. The last afternoon was such a success I hope you will make this afternoon as enjoyable.

There will be a collection for our current charity CRY – Cardiac Risk in the Young, so if you would like to bring some money for that all donations will be gratefully received.

NEW GROUPS

BOOK group 4. This now has 6 members. It will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10.15, taking it in turns to host.

There are 2 places left if anyone else would like to join. Please contact Jan Dunlop.

jetdunlop@gmail.com

CHEESE AND WINE group

Karen Tranter has kindly offered to help set up a cheese and wine group. The first meeting will be 5th September. It is full at the moment, with a waiting list, but if a few more people are interested then she will set up group 2. Please do contact her if you are interested

Karen.tranter1@btinternet.com

GIN Group 2

If you fancy coming along, please drop me an email at moiradyson@gmail.com Cheers!

GROUP INFORMATION

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

Jenny Bissell



Outing to Brookwood Cemetery Woking.

The family history group are going at 10.30 October 2nd 2024 to visit this fascinating place. Brookwood Cemetery is a beautiful Grade I listed Historic Park and Garden located in the heart of Surrey. The largest cemetery in the UK, it has served the community since 1854. With 220 acres, the grounds provide both a picturesque and tranquil setting

We would like to open this trip to all the Bees. The maximum group size is 20-25 people and it will only cost us £6 a head.

Again, WE DO NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS so please contact Sue if you are interested.

Please contact Sue Parrott via sueparrottmayfield@hotmail.com for more information and to reserve your place. I shall ask you to give your money to June Barber.

<https://brookwoodcemetery.com/history/> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brookwood_Cemetery

Events and activities

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

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

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://SurreyFederationofWomen'sInstitutes(surreyfedwi.org.uk))

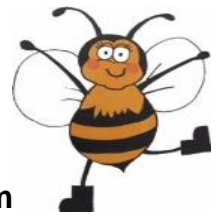




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BOOKHAM BEES' GROUPS

Art Group

1st 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

Book Club 1

Full at present. For waiting list contact
Gaye Burt: gayegoddard@hotmail.co.uk

Book Club 2 –

Full at present. Meet on differing evenings. For waiting list contact
Anne Tait: annetai1@btinternet.com

Book Club 3 & 4

3 is Full at present. Meet 4th Wednesday of each month. In the evening For waiting list contact Jan Dunlop:
4 Meet 4th Tuesday at 10.30am jetdunlop@gmail.com

Bridge

If you play bridge and are interested in joining, please contact:
Jane Carradine: jschome03@gmail.com

Cheese and Wine Group

Starting in September. To express interest please contact
Karen Tranter: Karen.tranter1@btinternet.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

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

Gin Club 1

For enquiries please contact
Jan Gapper: jangapper@gmail.com

Gin Group 2

For enquiries please contact Moira Dyson at moiradyson@gmail.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 Julie Alderman to express interest. Full but lunch group 2 can be started.
Aldermanj0@gmail.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 Community Room, King George V Hall, Effingham 1.00-4.30. If you would like to join us, to sew, knit or just watch and learn, please contact Fiona Goldsmith:
Fiona_goldsmith@hotmail.com

Sunday Roast Lunch Group

2nd Sunday of the month at various venues
Please contact Sandra Dawson for further details
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

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 09.30am
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.
Julie Ryder: 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

Web Site

<https://bookhambeeswi.org>