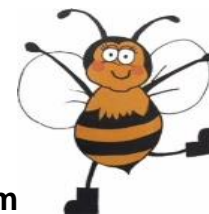




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EVENTS FOR AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 7th AUGUST

DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN

A wonderful social event to relax and recoup with friends.

Thursday	1 st August	First Thursday Walkers
Thursday	1 st August	Sewing and needlework group
Friday	2 nd August	Art Group 1.30 Community Hall King George V Effingham
Tuesday	6 th August	Lunch Group (farewell lunch for the pub managers)
Friday	9 th August	Knitting Group
Wednesday	14 th August	Pub Night
Friday	16 th August	Coffee Morning 10.30 The Vineries
Friday	16 th August	Gin Club 1
Monday	19 th August	Cinema/Movie group
Wednesday	21 st August	Wednesday Walk 10.00am
Tuesday	27 th August	Book club 4
Tuesday	27 th August	Gin Club 2 (Spirited Bees)
Wednesday	28 th August	Book club 3
Thursday	29 th August	Theatre Group outing to Chichester

No Book group 2 this month

No Bridge group this month

No Roast Lunch group this month

No Supper Group this month

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

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

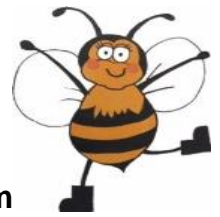
Start your Christmas preparations early with this creative evening and the possibility of a surprise!

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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Monthly meeting.

RIVER KWAI RAILWAY - THE TRUE STORY

Our speaker in July was Major Paul Whittle who spoke very movingly about the Bridge over the River Kwai and all the history connected with it.

We all learnt a great deal of the awful conditions the men who built the infamous

Burma - Thailand World War 2 "Death Railway" endured.

He talked about the iconic 1957 film (of the same name) and the many differences between fact and film making. We all agreed Paul was an excellent speaker.

Jenny Bissell

Groups

Art Group

The group met this month and produced some amazing artwork using watercolours and pencils.

We will be meeting again on Friday 2nd August at The KGV and anyone is welcome to join regardless of experience. If you are a complete beginner interested in having a go, feel free to join us on the day from 1.30pm for a little bit of canvas and cake. This meeting we will be having a go at a floral wreath using watercolours and watercolour pencils following an online tutorial.



Paula Moss

Book Groups

Book Club 2

'The Interview' by C. M. Ewan.' Her dream job? Or a deadly Trap'. This is how the book starts, and it certainly caught our attention. It was very different from anything the book club has read before and was described by several as being 'a page turner'. The reader is held in suspense, and it was very difficult to guess what was going to happen next. We gave it an 8/10

Fiona Goldsmith

Bridge Group

Bridge group had a very successful July meeting with good bridge and chat and fabulous afternoon tea.

We now have a waiting list to join.

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

Jane Carradine

Cinema Group

We have seen three films this month, Freud's Last session, Present Laughter and Fly Me to the Moon, all at Leatherhead theatre.

In August we will be going on Monday 19th as the following week is a bank holiday.

Karen Gaunt

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Coffee Morning

We had a good turnout for our July coffee morning. 14 of us met at the Vineries for hot drinks and varied topics of conversation.

We had two new members join us this time, such a good way to meet Bees in a smaller group. Our next coffee will be at 10.30am on Friday, August 16 at the Vineries.

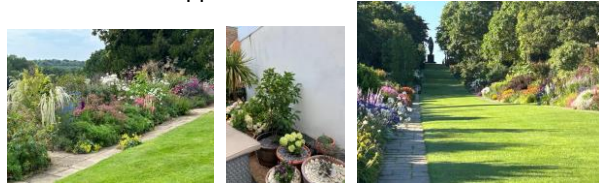


Pam Ingledew

Gardening Group

The gardening group had no fixed events this month but there was a flurry of activity non the less. There were visits to Wisley, and other notable gardens, visits to children to help with gardens, many questions asked, and information passed amongst the members. Two members celebrated their wedding anniversary with a visit to a very popular garden. We were even comparing the butterflies and bees we had seen; they are very important to our gardens!

I think maybe because gardening is a continuous activity which needs attention the whole time, this is a very active group with much fun and support for each other.



Fiona Goldsmith

Gin Group 1

Gin club 1, were a select few this month. The weather was perfect for us to be in the garden until late! The cocktails and the conversation flowed as usual! Our favourite was

Pink Gin Spritz –

50ml Pink Gin,

75ml Rose Prosecco,

75ml elderflower tonic,

garnished with a strawberry & sprig of mint.



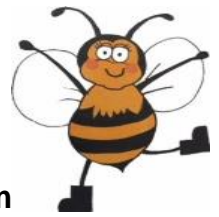
Sandra Hudson



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Gin Group 2 -Spirited Bees

We had our first meeting of Gin Club 2 on Tuesday. We started by comparing Gordons and Plymouth gins-. they were surprisingly different. Most people hadn't tried neat gin, so it was a revelation. We also tasted different tonics and the difference it made to the final drink. We then of course had to pause for a perfect G and T which went down a treat in the heat

Moving on.....to 'Dishwasher Gin'!!

The sherbet lemon gin went down a treat, as also did the Werther's gin- a delicious toffee!

For those who want to give it a try –

Put approx. 80 gm boiled sweets in a screw top jar with 300 gm vodka (no use wasting those juniper flavours from gin) and run on a short dishwasher cycle.

We decided that we would not restrict ourselves to gin so future meetings will see us trying other spirits, cocktails etc

Meetings will be on the 4th Tuesday at 7.30

If you fancy coming along email moiradyson@gmail.com



Moira Dyson

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

Lunch Club met on 9th July, and we had a lovely time chatting and eating.

The couple running The Plough are moving away, so there will be a farewell lunch on Tuesday August 6th, run by Pam Ingledew.

We're really very sorry to see them go, the food at The Plough has been great as has been the service. We are very sad!

A possible new venue in September.

Julie Alderman

Roast Lunch Group

No group until September. I cannot believe I am saying it is too hot for a roast!

Sandra Dawson

Sewing Group

No photo as there was so much activity there was no time for a photo!

We were very busy! Chatting ... But there were 6 of us working on a variety of sewing. Some felt shapes being cut out, a cute heart-shaped cushion, some embroidery, and repairs were made to some treasured family linen. Also an alteration to a much-loved dress and a patchwork quilt were just a few of the sewing projects we worked on in the July sewing group.

Everyone is welcome to join us regardless of level of skill. Knitters are also very welcome if you would like company.

Tina Cox

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Sunday Roast Lunch Group

We all seem to be very busy throughout the summer so we will not be holding this group until September. If, however, you would like to meet up informally for lunch then do please contact Sandra and we will arrange a small group.

Sandra Dawson

Supper group

Ten of us had a fun evening in a lively venue in Epsom - Koza Bar. A few of us shared a wonderful mixed appetiser of houmous, Tzatziki, Beetroot Tarator, Shakshuka, Kisir and Babaganush and then we went on to sample such dishes as Kleftiko, Chicken a la Creme and Lamb Moussaka. There was much laughter and chatter, and it was felt to have been a very successful evening. There isn't going to be a supper club in August but there's bound to be somewhere to go to eat and socialise come September.



Olly Sawney

Theatre Group

We have several trips planned but not until August due to summer activities.

At the end of August we are going to Chichester to see Oliver, then in October to Wimbledon to see Come from Away. Thank you to Jan Gapper for arranging these.

Our Bookham Bees Christmas 🎄 theatre coach trip is booked. There are 29 of us going to Portsmouth to see 'Christmas with Anton and friends...'

Sue Bacon

Walkers

First Wednesday walkers

A keen group started out in Bookham and walked to West Horsley place this month, enjoying refreshments at a halfway point. It was definitely a longer walk, but our intrepid explorers enjoyed the challenge, ably supported by a four-legged member!



We had a rather different walk in June which included a ferry crossing on the Thames. We walked from Walton to Chertsey with a tea stop at Shepperton, enjoying the glorious weather.

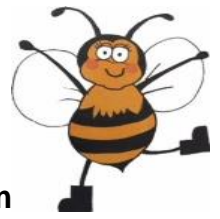


June Barber



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BEES NEWS and Future Events

Monthly Meeting

This month we have Prosecco on the Green, our usual August Activity. For the new members, this is held in the area behind the Barn Hall, where Village Day is held. You need to bring a chair to sit on and your choice of drinks and nibbles, also something to drink out of!

There is no raffle this month but still prizes to win. I hope that has whetted your appetite, and thirst...

Bring your chair, sit amongst friends and let the evening commence!

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.

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, and the first meeting will be 27th August. 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.

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))

To remember the importance of Bees, maybe this will come in useful.....

A helpful guide



Friend who makes wax and lots of honey



Friend who is extra fuzzy and really loves flowers



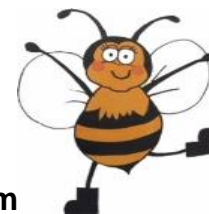
Friend who pollinates and eats pests but needs more personal space





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BOOKHAM BEES' GROUPS

Art Group

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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: annetait1@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
Karen.gaunt@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 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.
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>