



# BOOKHAM BEES WI

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### EVENTS FOR JULY

**Wednesday 5<sup>TH</sup> July**

**ENJOY AN EVENING OF MUSIC**, and a fascinating look at the work and music of harpist, **Margaret Watson**. **RAFFLE THIS MONTH**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

First Thursday Walkers

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Sewing Group 2pm -4pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Garden Visit

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Pub night – The Old Windsor 8pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Third Wednesday Walk 10.00am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Garden Visit

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Coffee Morning, The Vineries 10.30

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Knitting Group

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Supper Group

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**A TOUR OF THE MONOPOLY BOARD** - An illustrated talk with raconteur and photographer, **Roger Mendham**. No get out of jail card needed!

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME** - a floral delight to cheer up the shortening days, with **Annabel Alford Warren**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS** - fun and surprises for everyone





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### WHAT HAVE OUR GROUPS BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### Monthly meeting.

I am sad to have missed what I hear was a fun and productive evening. I hope you all enjoyed releasing your inner craftswoman. Village Day would not have been such a success without you!

I also understand the talk from the Community First Responders was very interesting. I am looking forward to their first aid session with us in October.



#### Bridge Group

We had a wonderful June meeting at Diana's house where eight of us played at two tables. It was wonderful to welcome Alice and Anitra to our group, and we are very grateful to Diana for her lovely hospitality and delicious tea and biscuits. Some quality bridge was played but more importantly many new friendships were made.

We reconvene in September after the summer recess.



Jane Carradine

#### Book Club 3

A small group of us met this month, but it was lovely to sit outside and enjoy the warm summer evening.

There was no specific book to discuss, just some general book chat as well as quite a lot of other chatting! A pleasant evening with lovely company

Jan Holland

#### Coffee Morning

Ten ladies met at The Vineries for another very sociable gathering. Lots of subjects discussed including Anne's preparations for Open Gardens. As usual there were no silences and plenty of laughter.



Pam Ingledeu

#### Gardening Group

The gardening group kept up pace this month with several outings to both local Bees gardens and further afield to places such as Blindley Heath and Ashcombe. Here is an assortment of pictures as too many to post! Wonderful times had by all.



#### Knitting Group

The knitting group met again to discuss and display our latest projects whilst eating somewhat unusual cake (this report written by baker of said cake!); although many other topics of conversation other than knitting were found & some brave souls undertook a second helping of cake! It's a lovely way to pass an afternoon.

Karen Tranter

#### Picnic

On 13th June eight Bees gathered at Downside Common for the first of our annual picnics. It was boiling hot but we found lovely shade under a large oak tree.

Plenty of chat and laughter and we sang Happy Birthday to Karen T and ate delicious cake supplied by Anne T.

A lovely way to enjoy a lunchtime !!!



Jenny Bissell

#### Pub Group

I think they must be still in the pub??

#### Sewing group

Sadly, I could not make the group this month but maybe that was beneficial as look what they made! Beautiful bunting to last us for years to come and adorn many events. It certainly stood out at Village Day.



#### Supper Group

Confession time. I went to a wonderful evening at the Cock Inn Headley with the Supper Group but was having such a good time in superb company that I forgot to take any pictures. We may have also been busy emptying our plates. It was so delicious. The most tender liver I have tried for a long time, very tasty risotto, lovely chicken and succulent steak, and the desserts... very different and extremely well presented. I hasten to add these were not all in front of me! Curry time next month!

#### Walkers

We had a lovely walk in the sunshine from Newlands Corner to Shere, where we had a coffee stop before climbing back up the North Downs and making our way back to Newlands Corner.



June Barber



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### BEES NEWS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

#### Village Day - Bees Stall

Thank you so much to all the Bees who joined together and, in many and different ways, helped prepare for our stall and run it. We may not have won the best dressed stall, but we were winners in the way we all worked together, the way we supported our Plastic Free Ally status, and the number of people we made smile and enjoy their day. We can also reuse many of the decorations at other functions. The day was a big success and all down to teamwork. We were able to give over £200 to the BCA for Barn Hall upkeep.

Thank you again.

We were also delighted to raise over £100 for our new charity through the generosity of Bookham Blue Hearts (Diane Poole) who donated a blue heart to raffle.



Fiona Goldsmith

#### Bookham Open Gardens

Another successful day for Bookham Open Gardens but boy wasn't it hot! I think we all had around 300 people through which was amazing. I am sure though most of them were Bees or connected to Bees as it was just like another WI outing! I know those of us who opened would not have survived without our amazing stewards so thank you to all, and I hope you enjoyed all 11 gardens that were there to view.



#### Gardening Visits

There are several garden visits being organised so please do keep a watch on the WhatsApp group and see if there is somewhere you would like to go.

The next one is on July 11th at Heathside, Cobham. Jill Elliott will be organising th

at one. Then we have two gardens together in Nutwood (Redhill) on Wednesday 19th July. Hope you'll all be able to make one of other (or both!) of those dates.

Julie Ryder

#### Monthly meeting

A gentle reminder that there is a raffle this month so if you would like to buy a raffle ticket or two, or have refreshments, please bring some change with you. Thank you.

#### WI Bees Picnics

Don't forget to save the date of the second WI Bookham Bees picnic on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com) or 07586 292480 if you have any questions. Bring your own chair, food, and drink.

Jenny Bissell

#### Village Quiz Night

An enjoyable quiz night was reported by the team who came a very respectable fifth. The questions were deemed by all to be perfectly pitched for the contestants. Thank you for representing Bookham Bees so well.



#### The Meeting Place Volunteering

Are you aware that The Meeting Place who run the Community Fridge also run a Coffee Shop on Saturday mornings? WE REALLY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!! The Coffee Shop is open 10-12 on Saturday mornings at Bookham Baptist Church. Our customers are mostly elderly folk, who meet up and chat to both old and new friends and we also offer a warm welcome to the Bookham Ukrainian Support Group. Help is needed for various tasks from 9-12.30 once a month or so.

We are a very friendly team, it's hugely satisfying, and very much appreciated. If you are available once a month or so to help, we would love to hear from you.

Denise Bottomley - Coffee Shop Team Leader

07866 936878

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#### 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)



Courtesy of Heather Broadhurst who found this lovely picture



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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](mailto:gayegoddard@hotmail.co.uk)

#### Book Club 2 –

Full at present. For waiting list contact  
Anne Tait: [annetai1@btinternet.com](mailto:annetai1@btinternet.com)

#### Book Club 3

Full at present. For waiting list contact  
Jan Holland: [janiholland@gmail.com](mailto:janiholland@gmail.com)

#### Bridge

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

**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)

#### Pub Nights

2nd Wednesday of the month at The Old Windsor Castle Pub 8pm

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:dianagreenman@gmail.com)

If anyone is interested in joining in this month and to hear more details of the venue and menu, please contact Ann Cook [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto:bookham56@outlook.com) or Janice Barlow [jbarlow43@yahoo.com](mailto:jbarlow43@yahoo.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](mailto:suebacon06@gmail.com)

**Ukulele** Please contact June Barber if you would like to join:

[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 10.00am**

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.

June Barber: [Jbrb6@aol.com](mailto: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](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.

Ann Cook: [bookham56@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:Jevanshome123@gmail.com)



#### Web Site

<https://bookhambeeswi.org>