



BOOKHAM BEES WI

NEWSLETTER NO.29 - October 2020

We normally meet the first Wednesday of every month 7.30 for 7.45pm

Bookham Bees' WI Meetings in The Harrison Room are cancelled until further notice BUT members can join us via ZOOM at 7.30pm the first Wednesday of every month



2020 Programme - Via ZOOM



The Beautiful Surrey Hills

We are so lucky to be living in this stunning part of the country. Mary Braddock will be giving us an inspiring talk – 'Rambling in Surrey' on

Wednesday, 7 October at 7.30pm

Don't miss this presentation, which promises to be enthralling.

Wednesday, 4 November Speaker: Gill Harris
A fascinating talk on
World War II Rationing
& Annual Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, 2 December Christmas Festivities

2021 Programme

We assume our meetings will continue via Zoom for the next few months

Wednesday, 6 January

By popular request
Zumba with Tessa Rolfe via Zoom!

Wednesday, 3 February

Speaker: Monica Weller, 'Injured Parties Solving the murder of Dr Helen Davidson'

Wednesday, 3 March

Speaker: Bronwen Mills who is a Bookham Bee
Subject to be confirmed

Wednesday, 7 April

Bookham Bees 3rd Birthday
Party time!

Bees' Groups



Groups below marked * are not taking place during the Covid-19 pandemic but are a reminder of what will be on offer again once life returns to normal!

Bee Creative*

Contact: Heather Phenix
hphenix11@gmail.com

Book Club

The present Book Club is full but do feel free to start another Book Club

Coffee Morning via Zoom

Do contact Janice Evans if you would like to receive invitations

Contact: Janice Evans
jevanshome123@gmail.com

Gardening Bees

Via WhatsApp – Contact: Diane Poole
diane.poole25@googlemail.com

Pub Nights *

Contact: Jenny Bissell
jenniferannbissell@googlemail.com

Theatre Group *

Contact: Carol Teunon
carol.teunon@googlemail.com

Walkie Talkie One

Meets every Wednesday at the Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common 8.00am prompt. Social distancing observed.

Contact: Janice Evans
jevanshome123@gmail.com

Walkie Talkie Two

Meets at 10.00am on dates to be arranged. Social distancing observed. Social distancing observed.

Contact: June Barber Jbrb6@aol.com

Jigsaw Library

To help pass the time why not borrow a Jigsaw from the Bees jigsaw library. Heather is happy to deliver and then collect when finished.

Text: 07972 866670



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News & Announcements



Bookham Bees WI's Zoom Meeting in September proved to be one of the most captivating talks anyone could wish to hear. Lucy Quinnell from The Fire & Iron Gallery delivered a fascinating talk, along with a power point presentation, on her beautiful home, 'Rowhurst' in Leatherhead. We plan to invite Lucy back once we return to the Harrison Room so we can hear how research has progressed and to give ALL the Bees the opportunity of learning more about this interesting house.

Denman College

Bookham Bees WI have recently had a letter from NFWI with further details on the situation regarding Denman's College. The paragraphs below will update you on the background to the current position and what is proposed. You also have the opportunity to make representations to the NFWI Board of Trustees.

Letters should be addressed to the NFWI Board of Trustees (Denman Representations), 104, New King's Road, London SW6 4LY. Emails should be sent to representations@nfwl.org.uk

In July 2020 the NFWI Board of Trustees had to make the difficult decision to propose the closure of Denman College and sale of the Denman estate. Denman College trust is a separate charitable entity of which NFWI is corporate trustee. The trust is designed to deliver educational objects and the money raised by the sale is 'restricted' and can only be used to deliver educational charitable objects.

Denman College was vulnerable to the significant financial challenges of the lockdown because it came at the end of 10 years of financial difficulty, leaving it without sufficient reserves and a cash position based on future bookings. The majority of the Denman staff have been made redundant after a staff consultation period. The NFWI Board are proposing that the Denman estate is sold and that the Denman College trust deliver an alternative educational model, accessible to members, using the proceeds from the sale. This is likely to be through the type of courses already provided online via Denman at Home as well as looking at regional and more localised face-to-face learning opportunities.

The Denman College trust need to consult with members to give you the opportunity to feedback on the proposals. The suggested amended objects follow the current wording but remove the reference to the college:

"The promotion of the education of members of women's institutes in accordance with the objects of the body corporate called the national federation of women's institutes of England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man".

As members of the WI you can make formal representations on the following items:

- the proposed sale of the Denman estate
- the suggested revised charitable objects of the Denman College trust

Formal representations must be made in writing (via email or hard copy letter), to be received by NFWI as corporate trustee of Denman College trust by 0900, Friday 30 October 2020. The correspondence received will then be collated and shared with the NFWI Board of Trustees.

Newsletter Items Please let Diana know if you have any interesting items to include in next month's Newsletter: dianagreenman@gmail.com

Date for your Diary

Please keep this date at least pencilled in your diary!

Bookham Bees Quiz Night - Saturday, 20 March 2021

The Old Barn Hall, Great Bookham



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Check the Bees' Website for directions on making:

Japanese Hand Fan Heather has given step by step directions on how to make a Japanese hand fan to help with the hot weather. If needed she can supply the paper and lolly sticks for anyone who wants to have a go.

Kusadama Flower Again, Heather has prepared directions on making these beautiful flowers.

Leatherhead & District Local History Society (L&DLHS) – Covid-19

The L&DLHS are wishing to record people's feelings, thoughts and experiences, together with how they have managed to cope and pass the time during the present pandemic. This will enable future generations to look back, as we do about the World Wars I and II, Spanish flu and other historical facts.

Our modern digital age makes gathering this information much easier but it can also be lost, fragmented and buried on hard drives. Suitable items the L&DLHS are interested in logging are:

1. Public notices, letters
2. Photos of empty shelves in supermarkets, overloaded trolleys, queues, empty streets, clapping the NHS
3. Offers of help by community volunteers and churches
4. Diaries from the lockdown period
5. Business reactions. Furloughing and hardship stories
6. Examples of kindness and generosity among neighbours as well as social distancing. The list goes on.

Please don't discard such items. Photos and diaries may be either hardcopy or digital.

We appreciate that this might not be an easy exercise for some of our Bookham Bees Members but if you feel able to submit your thoughts and recollections I am happy to collate everything and save it for Bookham Bees' records as well as passing the information on to the L&DLHS. We may well repeat the process from now until a specific time next year. Please forward your information to: Diana Greenman at bookhambees@outlook.com

Please don't forget to let Diana know if you wish to join the Bees' Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, 7 October at 7.30 p.m.

Wishing you all good health and keep safe,

Diana and your Committee