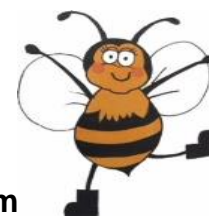




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EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Wednesday 4th October

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT-

Come and update or develop your basic life-support knowledge and skills with our Charity, Community First Responders

Tuesday 3rd October

West Horsley Place tour 10.00am

Thursday 5th October

First Thursday Walkers

Wednesday 11th October

Pub Night 8pm Wednesday

Wednesday 11th October

Coffee Morning, The Vineries 10.30am

Thursday 12th October

Sewing Group 1.30-4.30

Friday 13th October

Lunch Club The Plough Effingham 12.30pm

Wednesday 18th October

Wednesday Walk 10.00am

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

November 1st

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

December 6th

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - fun and surprises for everyone

January 10th

ENJOYING BIRDPWATCHING AND THE BIG GARDEN BIRDPWATCH

Glenn Carmichael, Group Leader RSPB, Dorking and District, demonstrates the delights of the birds around us, and how to join in The Big Garden Bird Watch

February 7th

FLEECE TO PLEATS

Paul Henry Takes us through the fascinating history and process of kilt making.

March 6th

AGNES, BEA, CANCER, AND ME

Helen Bullen tells an inspirational and engrossing story of strength and resilience.

April 3rd

BOOKHAM BEES WI BIRTHDAY PARTY

Join us for cake, fizz, and fun!

May 1st

BURLESQUE!

Lindsay Barrell and The Cherry Bombs show you how it is done! Come and see these amazing ladies perform and have an evening full of joy.

June 5th

VILLAGE DAY PREPARATIONS

Join our Bee community in preparing for this event. Discover your hidden skills.....

July 3rd

RIVER KWAI RAILWAY - THE TRUE STORY

Major Paul Whittle shows us how and if the true facts resemble the famous film of 1957, starring Sir Alec Guinness. *Paul suggests we see the film over Christmas time (it's always on!)*

August 7th

DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN

A wonderful social event to relax and recoup with friends.

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

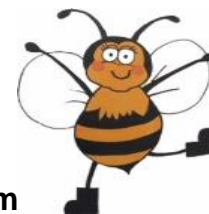
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND FUN CHRISTMAS QUIZ

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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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?



Monthly meeting.

On Wednesday 6th September, members enjoyed a most interesting and informative talk by Roger Mendham, entitled, 'A Tour of the Monopoly Board'. We learnt the history and origin of this most loved family game and had a whistle stop tour of all the place names with pictures and information for each. Everyone agreed it was a fascinating meeting and we all learnt many interesting facts.

Jenny Bissell

Bees Picnic

On Monday 11th September several of us enjoyed a lovely relaxing picnic under the shade of the magnificent willow tree on Downside Common. Rosemarie Webb brought her delightful granddaughter, Isla, who even brought her teddy!!! I wonder if he ate marmalade sandwiches?



Jenny Bissell

Bees Treasure Hunt

The Treasure Hunt was a great success helped by the sunshine! Many new parts of Bookham were discovered by members, whether they had lived here for decades or moved here more recently. The tea and scones afterwards were very much appreciated too!



Bridge Group

The Bees Bridge Group held a most enjoyable afternoon of bridge, conversation and tea and cake at Diana's this month. We are a happy, chatty band of eight bridge players but anyone else who plays is welcome to join our group. We aim to play the third Friday afternoon of the month and although we have excellent bridge players in our midst the meetings are very friendly and supportive.

Jane Carradine

Book Club 3

This month we read *The Dying Light* by Henry Porter....what a story! A fast paced read with a clever, well thought out plot and lots of characters so you needed to concentrate. This book sparked an interesting discussion on new technologies and the use of surveillance in the UK and elsewhere, so what seems like a fantastical storyline really isn't beyond the realms of possibility - scary stuff!

Overall score: 8/10

Jan Holland

Coffee Morning

Another bumper gathering at the Vineries this month. There were 17 of us enjoying excellent hot drinks with a lot of chat and laughter thrown in. It was so good that Debra could join us this month for the first time as she is home from work recovering from her knee op. This was her first trip out since having the op a fortnight ago and her first visit to The Vineries!!! It was so good to see her enjoying herself with her WI friends. If you haven't joined us for coffee yet, why not give it a go. Next coffee at the Vineries is on Wednesday October 11.



Pam Ingledew

Sewing group

Our first meeting in our new venue so a day of exploration and chatter. Projects finished and being started were brought along, from practical to amazingly artistic, so a brilliant afternoon. Our new room has plenty of space so any more sewers or knitters of all abilities welcome.



Fiona Goldsmith

Supper Group

There was much hilarity during this month's evening, possibly due to the fact that in addition to a sumptuously delicious meal at The Cricketers, it was Negroni week and we were given samples that we could not waste. A brilliant time!



Jan Gapper

Theatre Group

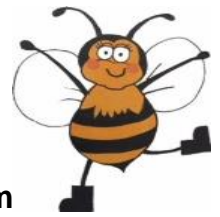
A quiet couple of months with lots of people on holidays though some great shows already booked up until December.

October The Bodyguard
November Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – booked, but there may still be seats available if people wish to go.
December Six - fully booked.

Do please tell us if you see anything else to go to.

Sue Bacon

[\(Walking Group on next page\)](#)



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GROUPS CONTINUED

Walkers

One group enjoyed exploring Effingham Common on what may turn out to be the hottest day of the year! Thank goodness for the many shady parts (though no shady characters I'm pleased to report).

We had an adventure with an over friendly horse trying to get into our bags- despite Jan H sacrificing her apple to distract him. Fortunately, he was muzzled so no harm done. Where was Sue P when we needed our horse whisperer?!

We also picked some blackberries for a dessert I will be making (thank you ladies) and enjoyed eating several; curious to note how the flavour changed from one berry to another nearby.

The October walk will be over Reigate Heath. I think we'd be happy if it could be a little cooler!

The longer walk group had a special outing kindly organised by Sue Parrott

We had a walk around Teazelwood and then onto Leatherhead and Ashted Commons.

This was followed by some time with Lucy Quinnell who showed us round her wonderful home, some of which dates back to 1346, and we then had a look around the fire and iron gallery which had some beautiful items.



Karen Tranter

New Group!

We have a new lunch group starting on Friday 13th October (a lucky day!) Pam Ingledew is organising a lunch at the plough in Effingham. Please contact her if you wish to be a part of this.

pamandgeoff6@icloud.com

BEES NEWS

Raffle

Don't forget to bring some change every month from now on if you would like to buy a ticket and have a chance of winning a lovely prize. This month's raffle proceeds are being donated to First Responders, our charity this year, so please be generous. Change is also needed for refreshments.

Bees Visit – West Horsley Place

There are now 20 people booked on this visit to the fascinating West Horsley Place but if you missed the information, it is not too late to join in.

On Tuesday 3rd October 10.00, Bookham Bees are having an exclusive "Nooks and Crannies" behind the scenes tour of West Horsley Place

The places are £20 each. There is free parking on site, and we can share cars. There is a coffee van outside which has excellent cakes too! for any queries, please email Sue on

sueparrottmayfield@hotmail.com

Sue Parrott

BEES COMMUNITY NEWS

Fashion Show

On Friday 27th October there is going to be a Reduce Reuse and Recycle Community Fashion Show at St Nicholas Church from 7.30-9.30. This is to highlight how we can look lovely without always buying new clothes. There just may be a Bee who has been talked in to being a highly unlikely model so do please go along and give some support!

Flowers

If there is anyone who would be willing to knit or crochet some flowers and leaves. A team of volunteers (NWR and Bee connected) are trying to create a knitted Eternal Garden as part of the Snow Queen trail at Claremont Landscape Garden this coming December and need 2500 – 3000 flowers and leaves! Patterns are available on request.

Contact Denise Bottomley

denisevbottomley@msn.com



Recycling

As part of our commitment to recycle it may be useful to remember that many items are now recycled at St Nicholas church

At St Nicolas we collect and redistribute:

- spectacles (passed on to local opticians for reuse in schemes such as Mission for Vision)
- plastic milk bottle tops (sent for reprocessing with a donation to the conservation charity, A Rocha)
- used postage stamps (distributed to other charities to raise funds)
- binoculars (passed on to the RSPB for use by conservation groups in Third World countries)
- postcards (collected for Mission Aviation Fellowship)
- certain used printer cartridges (recycled to benefit Traidcraft Exchange)
- Foreign/UK notes and coins, even if no longer legal tender (taken to Guildford Cathedral's appeal)
- Wine corks (delivered to Majestic Wine for their Eden Project recycling scheme)
- Medicine "blister packs" (sent to Terracycle for recycling)

Terracycle collections in Bookham – you can give

- Old "writing instruments" to Bookham Library
- Crisp packets/pots to The Grange @No 5

Please put them in the box near the south door.

Margaret Hibbert/September 2023

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) Be aware though that they need to be booked up well in advance. I have missed some recently through running out of time.

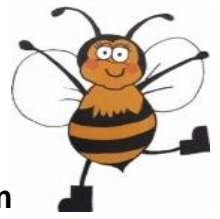




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Book Club 1

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

Book Club 2 –

Full at present. For waiting list contact
Anne Tait: annetai1@btinternet.com

Book Club 3

Full at present. For waiting list contact
Jan Holland: janiholland@gmail.com

Bridge

If you play bridge and are interested in joining, please
contact:
Jane Carradine: 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

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

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 Pam Ingledew to express interest in
joining this group to go out to lunch monthly, with friendly
Bees.
pamandgeoff6@icloud.com

Pub Nights

2nd Wednesday of the month at The Olde Windsor
Castle Pub 8pm
For more details, please email Debra or Vikki:
dn1969@hotmail.co.uk or Vikki: the7thwife@gmail.com

Sewing Group

2nd 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

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

Do feel free to sign up to any that interest you
– just contact the group organiser.

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

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.
Ann Cook: 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



Web Site

<https://bookhambeeswi.org>