

BOOKHAM BEES WI

Newsletter 78– November 2024

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in The Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Great Bookham 7.15pm for 7.30pm

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6th

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND FUN CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Start your Christmas preparations early with this creative evening and the possibility of a surprise! **Also AMI so please do try and attend**

Friday	1 st November	Art Group 1.30 Community Hall King George V Effingham
Wednesday	6 th November	Coffee Morning 10.30 The Vineries
Thursday	7 th November	First Thursday Longer Walkers
Thursday	7 th November	Sewing and needlework group
Friday	8 th November	Gin Group 1 (Karen Edney's House)
Wednesday	13 th November	Lunch Group
Wednesday	13 th November	Pub Night
Thursday	14 th November	Supper group
Sunday	17 th November	Sunday Lunch group
Wednesday	20 th November	Wednesday Longer Walk 10.00am
Thursday	21 st November	Bridge Group 2 first meeting
Thursday	21 st November	Book Group 1
Friday	22 nd November	Book Group 2
Monday	25 th November	Movie Group
Tuesday	26 th November	Book Group 4
Wednesday	27 th November	Book Group
End of November		Gin Group 2
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

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.

(We will also be repeating our Secret Santa of a gift from a charity shop so now is the time to start looking - limit £6)

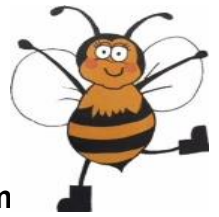




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FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS 2025

JANUARY 8th

THE BEE MAN

Peter Smith with his illustrated talk on Protecting our pollinators – We need protecting!

FEBRUARY 5th

MARY FRANCES TRUST STORY

This not-for-profit charity offers mental health and wellbeing support to anyone over 16 years old. It was founded 30 years ago and is based in Leatherhead. It came second in our vote for our annual charity to support.

MARCH 5th

DOORS TO MANUAL

Roger Mendham follows his very successful talk on the Monopoly board with his exciting new talk on The History of Air travel, from elegance to economy

APRIL 2ND

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Drinks canapes cake and high jinks! An evening of fun

MAY 7th

THE ORPHEUS TRUST

Anne Lovelace OBE gives us a fascinating insight into the Trust that Richard Stilgoe founded. The trust uses performing arts as a vehicle for teaching independence and functional skills for young adults.

JUNE 4th

PREPARATION FOR VILLAGE DAY with a quiz/chat/fun

JULY 2nd

TREASURES OF THE NILE

Major Paul Whittle takes us on a thrilling tour from Alexandria to Luxor, and the Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel

AUGUST 6TH

DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN with fun and games

SEPTEMBER 3rd

SIGN LANGUAGE

Lindsay Burrell changes image from her fun Burlesque talk to bring us an engaging talk on her other love, communicating with those who have difficulties. Well worth listening to this entertaining speaker.

OCTOBER 1ST

FIRST RESPONDERS

Another chance to refresh yourselves on life saving techniques. The team was fantastic last year so do attend whether you need to refresh or learn from the beginning

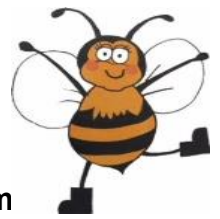
NOVEMBER 5TH

CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG (CRY)

A talk from our charity of the year who, since 1995 have been working to reduce the incidence of sudden cardiac death through screening, support and research.

DECEMBER 3RD

A LOVELY SURPRISE CHRISTMAS MEETING **Watch this space!!**



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Monthly meeting.

This month's subject of the History of Smithfield was as enthralling as it promised. It brought back many personal memories of walking through on my way to work, and who said all the pubs ha ha. Christine Jarvis was a very knowledgeable speaker, and her talk elicited several questions afterwards. I don't think anyone remembered to take photos!



Groups

Book Groups

Book Group 1

We chose two books to read over the summer.

Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty an interesting read. It was rated an average of 8/10 .

Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes and was rated as a good holiday read, it scored 8/10
Gaye Burt

Book Group 2

Worst Idea Ever by Jane Fallon

When Georgia's closest friend starts a new online business, to support her, she decides to 'follow' her by posing as a potential customer. But however well meant, white lies can lead to you discovering things that you might not want to know. Will she save her marriage or her friendship?

We all enjoyed the book, although a little bit forgettable! Probably a good beach read. Themes that we discussed were the layers within female relationships, and how/if we can end them, and the sad way that influencers need to portray their lives. Rates 7.5/10

Anne Tait

Book Group 4

This month we read The Charity Shop detective Agency by Peter Boland. The general consensus was that we would not recommend it and gave it 3.5 out of 10. We swiftly moved on to coffee and cake, and discussed various useful library apps We have decided our next get together will be at Bookham Library with coffee afterwards in the high street. Then our next book discussion meeting will be in mid-December.

Karen Edney

Bridge Groups

Bridge Group 1

This month we met for our usual afternoon of bridge, tea and lively conversation. Anne was hostess and provided delicious biscuits and cake. A sleepy cat and a potential wedding outfit also made an appearance- we are more than cards! There's wonderful news in that Bees now has a second bridge group who will meet in November for their inaugural meeting.

Jane Carradine

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Bridge Group 2

We are delighted that we now have just enough Bridge players to start Bridge Club 2. We will meet on the 3rd Thursday afternoon of each month so our 1st meeting will be on Thursday November 21st from 2 to 5 pm. We are starting with 4 members but would be really pleased to have more and would welcome both new and experienced players

Please let Jane or myself know if you are interested

Looking forward to our first session!

Liz Roberts

Cheese and Wine The newly formed Cheese and Wine Group had a second meeting at the end of October. We chose 'Colour' as the theme, and agreed we liked the Vinho Verde as a lovely light (green) wine, while the Woodside Red proved to be the most popular cheese choice.

The group is full at the moment but if there is sufficient interest a second group may be an option. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining/setting up/ running a new group.

Julie Ryder

julie_ryder@outlook.com.

Coffee Morning

We met at the Vineries on a very wet morning this month so good to be inside with good company, good refreshments served by great staff. 16 of us met for a good old chat, while it poured down outside. November coffee will be on Wednesday November 6.



Pam Ingledeew

Gardening Group

The gardening group has been very active this month, in spite of the summer moving into autumn. With visits to Wisley to see filming there and try and spot the fake flowers they used for it, and other gardens, and swapping plants between members, gardening is still high on the agenda.

FOR ALL BEES – The Grange in Effingham is still looking for plant donations to fill their gardens, for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. If you have anything you are digging up to split or dispose of, Sandra Hudson is making a plea for you to divert them to the gardener at The Grange. Thank you

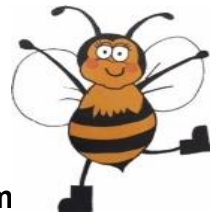




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Family History Group

[Visit to Brookwood Cemetery on 2 October](#)

Sue Parrott organised a fantastic tour of Brookwood Cemetery for Bees Family History Group, extended to all members, plus some partners.

We were taken round the South Cemetery by an excellent tour guide, who began with the early history. Brookwood is the last large London cemetery, created when London began to run out of space to bury its dead. It was first thought of by The London Necropolis Company in 1849 and an act of Parliament was passed in 1852 to allow the purchase of 2268 acres from Lord Onslow. Burials began in 1854. It was reduced to 200 acres in the 1950s but is still the largest cemetery in the UK. It is divided into sections with the South section originally for Church of England and the North for all others.

We visited an assortment of graves, some of a famous person, some because of the story or the monument may have been chosen from the London Necropolis catalogue and others because they were individually designed by a sculptor. We passed a number of locked Mausoleums needed to prevent previous. We were however able to enter the Columbarium Mausoleum, built originally for Lord Cadogan but then sold for £200 to the London Necropolis Company. It now houses casks for ashes with space for further casks to be added.

Many London Parishes have graves in Brookwood Cemetery and some, such as St Albans and Holborn have designated areas for burials. St Albans area can still be used today. There is also a large section for Ismaili Muslims within South Cemetery who all have the same small headstone. This is open to further burials.

A team working for HS2 has completed the reburial of more than 14,000 human remains that were archaeologically excavated from St James's Gardens in Euston as part of the project. This area is marked with a monument in the garden, with fallen leaves carved in it to mark the fallen. Walking around, we had the symbolic meaning of the various carvings, sculptures and number of steps explained to us.

We ended our tour with welcome cups of tea and biscuits and an opportunity to ask further questions. I was able to visit Brookwood Cemetery Office to collect the map of the cemetery and the price list to purchase burial plots for future burials as Brookwood is still open for burials.

Judith Witter



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Gin Group 1

No Gin group 1 this month due to illness holidays etc but we will be back in full swing next month!

Gin Group 2 -Spirited Bees

Following a most enjoyable evening in September tasting gin and brandy, and welcoming Beryl as a visitor, we hope to remember more of it next month -nothing to do with the amount we drank!
Moira Dyson

We met this month at Edna's house, the evening starting with a sampling of a non-alcoholic gin flavoured with rhubarb. We were not great fans as it didn't taste much like gin at all so no one is rushing out to buy this one.

We moved onto an elderflower Gin distilled by M and S. This was much more to our liking, even for those who don't really like elderflower.

For something a little different we sampled a Polish light Gin (only 25% alcohol) with lots of botanicals, we identified the taste of lavender but there were many more flavourings, a pleasant drink.

We finished with one that was a real hit at our last meeting, Hendricks Grand Cabaret and we all agreed this is a favourite and worth looking out for when it is on special offer.

We tried several different tonic waters too. A new one for us was San Pelegrino Tonica. I would definitely buy this again.

We enjoyed lots of chat and sharing of ideas and will meet again at the end of November.

Edna Woodhouse

Lunch Group

The group met on the 10th of October for a Happy Chatty lunch. A good time was had by all.

Next lunch is Wednesday 13th November.

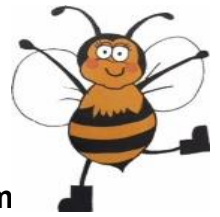
We await to see the fate of the Plough after their adverts for someone to take over the running of it, but for the meantime carry on going there as it's so convenient and the food is good.

Julie Alderman

Movie Group

We decided to skip our usual trip to the cinema on the last Monday of September because there were only two films showing locally, neither of which any of us fancied! However a group went to see Miss Saigon earlier in the month and thoroughly enjoyed it as it was a recording of a live west-end show.

Karen Edney



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Sewing Group

Six of us met for a sewing and chatting session Three people worked on hand sewing part of a large quilt, and other people were creating a pencil case, a 3 dimensional collage artwork and clothing repairs. We talked about taking part in a 'sewing clothes for overseas children' project and will be collecting info in this for our next meeting (we are keen to hear from anyone else who would be interested in joining in - no skills needed)

Karen Edney

Sunday Lunch Group

A great Sunday Roast at The Jovial Sailor Ripley. A carvery with huge Yorkshires and lots of vegetables. We were full to bursting after.

Sandra Dawson

Supper group

We met this month at Thatchers, in East Horsley. This hotel has been recently renovated and they have completely changed and improved the atmosphere and ambience in the bar and restaurant. We all enjoyed a menu that was devised for us and happily adapted for those with dietary needs. We all left replete, and in some cases over full cries from the diners who had enjoyed the chicken pie. All delicious food and as always , superb company. Thank you so much for being the go-between nd organising ot for us Jan Gapper

Fiona Goldsmith

Theatre Group

21 Bees enjoyed the fast paced and highly entertaining Come from Away this month at Wimbledon Theatre. Based on the grounding of all planes over US air space immediately after 911. Not a subject that you would expect to be funny or even musical but it was both and we all I think without exception enjoyed it. A must to go to if you haven't already done so.

Jan Gapper

We all enjoyed THE DOLLY PARTON show. A comical story entwined with all her popular songs. Very entertaining.

Sandra Dawson

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

Walkers

Thursday Walkers

The Thursday walking group were a select few this month and just as well as it was a case of lost and found. Jan Gapper who (having not learned her lesson the previous time she led a group of ladies around Sheepleas) got lost for the second time!!!! To avoid getting lost again she did a rekey with her long-suffering husband (who can't quite understand how she has no sense of direction) but to no avail as within minutes she had taken the wrong path. We may have only walked 2.5 miles (and most of these felt uphill), but the chat, friendship and fun we had made up for everything else.

PS The "found" bit of this report is that we found a very nice place for our morning coffee - Thatchers!

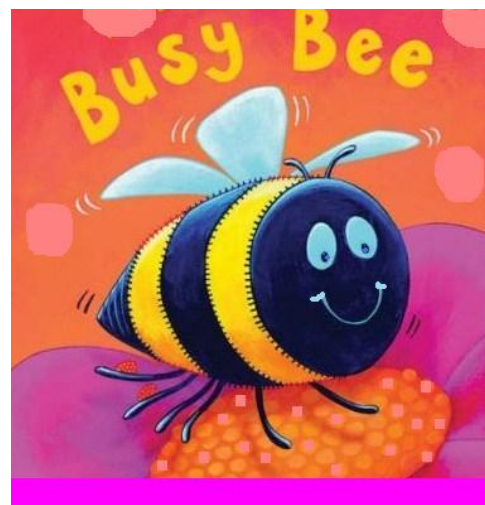


Jan Gapper

We have all been very busy bees this month and these are only the activities I have record of.

Keep up the fun and enjoyment Bees!

What an amazing hive we are.....

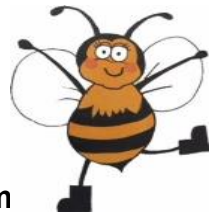




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BEES NEWS and Future Events

Monthly Meeting

This November we are starting to get in the Christmas spirit, but;

[This is also our Annual Meeting month so we would be grateful if as many of you as possible could be there.](#)

Amongst all the fun we are making a very simple but effective Christmas decoration which I am sure you will all enjoy incorporating into your décor, and probably make more of. We will also have a seasonal quiz.

If you could please remember to bring a pen for the quiz and a pair of scissors for the craft, you will find they will come in useful!

Important –

Don't forget our monthly meetings are now arriving 7.15 to start at 7.30.

We also have our raffle and refreshments to buy.

December Meeting

We have a wonderful Christmassy meeting for this month, with festive fare, the highly skilled Margaret Watson entertaining us by playing a wonderful Christmas selection on her harp, and the sharing of our Secret Santa presents.

[This last item will only work if you remember to visit a local charity shop and choose a present,](#) so please do start hunting, with a limit of £5-6. Thank you

GROUPS

Bridge Group 2

This group will have its first meeting in November and there are still spaces if you would like to join
jschome03@gmail.com

GIN Group 1

There are a couple of spaces now in this group if you would like to join in. Please contact Jan Gapper.

jangapper@gmail.com

GROUP INFORMATION

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

Jenny Bissell

Book Collection

Julie Ryder is collecting books for Village Day, as she has been doing, but is also having a book sale this month of the books already collected, to start the funds off and give everyone a chance to buy books for presents etc.

Please bring any books you have to our meeting and she or I will collect them and pass them on. You can also deliver to Julie personally.

julie_ryder@outlook.com.

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://Surrey Federation of Women's Institutes (surreyfedwi.org.uk))

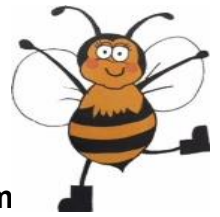




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BOOKHAM BEES' GROUPS

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

We now have 2 bridge groups
If you play bridge and are interested in joining, please contact: Liz Roberts or
Jane Carradine: jschome03@gmail.com

Cheese and Wine Group

To express interest please contact
julie_ryder@outlook.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: Dormant at the moment 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

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