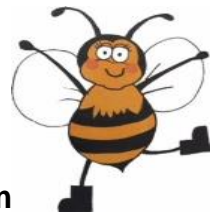




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### EVENTS FOR JANUARY

#### MONTHLY MEETING

**Wednesday JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup> THE BEE MAN Peter Smith**  
with his illustrated talk on A Taste of Honey  
-with tastings and an opportunity to buy the honey  
his bees produce

Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Thursday Walkers
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Art Group
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 10.30 The Vineries
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Family History Group
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Sewing and needlework Group
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Roast Lunch Group
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Group
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Longer Walkers
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Gin Group 1
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Group 2
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Movie Group
		Supper Group (Del Fuocos)
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club 3
Monday mornings		Walkie talkie 2 9.30am - Bookham Common
Wednesday mornings		Walkie talkie 1 8.00am

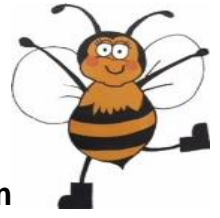




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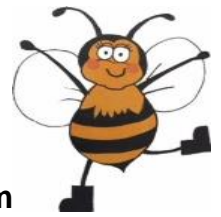
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### **FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS 2025**

<b>FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SOMETHING EXCITING TO BE CONFIRMED</b>
<b>MARCH 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>DOORS TO MANUAL</b> 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
<b>APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>BIRTHDAY PARTY</b> Drinks canapes cake and high jinks! An evening of fun
<b>MAY 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE ORPHEUS TRUST</b> Anne Lovelace OBE gives us a fascinating insight into the Trust that Richard Stilgoe founded and how it uses performing arts to teach independence and functional skills for young adults. An absorbing talk
<b>JUNE 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PREPARATION FOR VILLAGE DAY</b> with a quiz/chatter/fun
<b>JULY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>TREASURES OF THE NILE</b> Major Paul Whittle takes us on a thrilling tour from Alexandria to Luxor, and the Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel
<b>AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>DRINKS AND NIBBLES ON THE GREEN</b> with fun and games
<b>SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>SIGN LANGUAGE</b> 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 speaking. Well worth listening to this entertaining speaker.
<b>OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>FIRST RESPONDERS</b> 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. All skills need reinforcing regularly.
<b>NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG (CRY)</b> 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. There is much to learn here that could affect our children and A grandchildren
<b>DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>A LOVELY SURPRISE CHRISTMAS MEETING</b> <b>Watch this space!!</b>



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#### A CHRISTMAS CONCERT TO END THE YEAR

**PERFECTLY - Margaret Watson**, with her golden harp, was back by popular demand! It was the perfect end to the year with an amazing performance from Margeret Watson which could have gone on much longer. A very talented harpist. With her festive outfit and varied tunes, it really did set the mood for our Christmas celebrations. With plates of tasty delights organised by Karen Tranter to accompany our glass (or two) of fizz to toast the season, it was a very social affair, and we ended on a high with the distribution of all the Secret Santa presents that everyone brought in. A fitting meeting to complete 2024 with and start the Christmas season. Thank you to all Bees who helped to make this run smoothly.



#### Groups

##### Book Groups

###### Book Group 2

'A Very Private Diary. A Nurse in Wartime. Mary Morris'  
It was during our first glass of bubbles at our Christmas lunch that we discussed this excellent book. It is the diary of a young Irish woman who came to England in 1939 to train as a nurse. The original diary is kept in the Imperial War Museum, and was discovered and edited by Carol Acton, an American who specialises in war writing, especially autobiographical works. A beautifully written and easy to read diary. Highly recommended by our group, who scored it a 10 across the board.

The Bookham library has copies, and I have my (second hand) copy if anyone would like to borrow it.

Anne Tait



### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### Book Group 3

The Lady Killers by Martina Cole

This book went too far for one of the ladies in the group. It was most certainly not for the faint hearted. The story was of a serial killer and what led him to be so disturbed to then make him want to commit such heinous crimes. We are led down a path of twists and turns. Will they get their man before he commits another terrible crime? The writing was very close to the mark and explicit in some parts. Scores went from 4 to 8.5

Debra Nunan

#### Book Group 4

The Salt Path by Raynor Winn:

Many of us didn't like Raynor but enjoyed descriptions of their walk. We felt we wanted to know more about the "financial disaster" that led them quite literally down that path. Some of us thought it was irresponsible to embark on this walk & couldn't understand why they rejected getting help with housing & money especially with Moth's illness as he would have been entitled to benefits.

Score: 6.5 average

Jan Dunlop

#### Cheese and Wine

Six bees met at the beginning of December for our third Cheese and Wine evening. We had a lovely evening discussing (and tasting!!) cheese that would be good to have on a cheeseboard at Christmas. We also had a sulphite-free red wine which we all agreed was very tasty.

Next month we have decided to try out a range of non-alcoholic wine for Dry January!!



#### Coffee Morning

10 Bees met up for the last coffee session at the Vineries in December. Lots of chat as usual and many subjects discussed. Come and join us for a get together in a smaller group. Please let me know if you would like to be included for the next session on January 7, 2025. Sue Hope will be hosting.



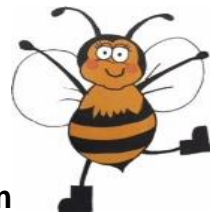
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#### Family History Group

The Family History group did not meet in December. January will be on a one off different day and from then the new day and time will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 2.00 pm. This group is now full.  
*Judith Witter*

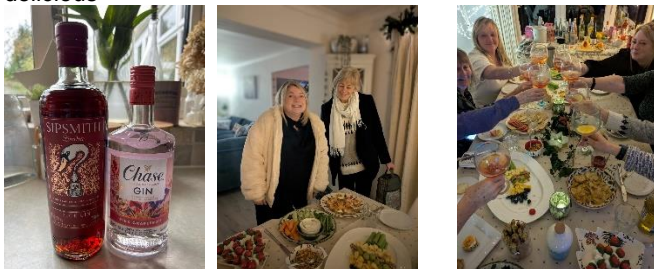
#### Gardening Group

The cold weather has sent some gardeners scurrying indoors in the warm to peruse the catalogues ready for next year but there has still been much to do clearing and tidying existing beds and leaves to clear. Many have also been visiting Wisley via the new access route and enjoyed the Wisley Glow. This light display has been very popular throughout the whole community. We also had time to attend to our indoor plants -especially those of a seasonal nature!



#### Gin Group 1

I hosted this month's Gin club where we tried several Gins with different mixers. Larious a Spanish gin, Chase pink grapefruit and Sipsmiths sloe gin. I think the favourite cocktail of the evening was A 6 o'clock- Sipsmiths sloe gin with pomegranate juice and Prosecco - delicious



*Sue Bacon*

### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### Gin Group 2 -Spirited Bees

We loved planning our meeting to enjoy gin and share festive nibbles. We are looking forward to meeting in January...Next date still to be arranged.  
*Moira Dyson*

#### Knitting Group

The knitting group may claim the title of closest to Christmas for their meeting on Tuesday 22nd December! Jan H hosted a lovely morning, feeding us with croissants and pastries as we couldn't find an afternoon that suited. Never say we're not flexible! A lovely festive meeting in her beautiful, decorated home (and I'm not only referring to the Christmas decs which were magnificent).  
*Karen Tranter*

#### Lunch Group

We had our last lunch of the year at the Plough on 6th December. It was a very jolly Christmassy gathering. We now have to wait and see what happens to the pub but in the meantime, we are lunching at the Vineries on Tuesday 14th January.  
*Julie Alderman*

#### Movie Group

The Bee Movie Group went to see Conclave at Dorking Halls on the Monday after Christmas and awarded it 4.5 stars out of 5. We would recommend it to other Bees. Our next visit to the cinema will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, details will be given nearer the time on the Bee Movies WhatsApp group.  
*Karen Edney*



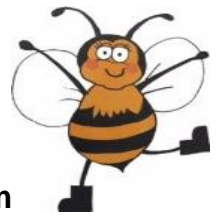




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#### Sunday Lunch Group

No Sunday lunch in December but if you would like to join us this month on 12<sup>th</sup> we would love to have your company.

#### Supper group

No supper group in December but Jenny Bissell has kindly arranged January at Del Fuocos, so supporting local businesses

*Fiona Goldsmith*

#### Theatre Group

29 of us left Bookham and travelled to Portsmouth Gunwharf Quay.

On arrival we went shopping then on to Carluccios for an amazing Christmas lunch.

More time after lunch for shopping then we were collected by coach and taken to the King's theatre to see Christmas with Anton du Burke and Friends.

A really fun, feel good Christmas show with lots of singing and dancing. A fantastic way to start Christmas.

Coach home after that.

Thank you to everyone for making it such a fabulous day I am looking forward to next year and hope you are too.



*Sue Bacon*



### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS MONTH?

#### Walkers

##### Thursday Longer walks group

On 5th Dec a few of the Walking Bees did a walk from The Plough in Effingham around the back of Horsley Towers. This was followed by our annual Christmas Lunch at the Plough, with good food and lovely company. We look forward to lots more fun walks in the New Year.



Although we were busy with Christmas in the month of December, it is amazing how many activities there still were for we Bees to enjoy and take part in, and these are only the activities I have recorded!

Please do join in or enquire about anything that takes your fancy -your new year resolution!

Keep up the fun and enjoyment Bees!

What an amazing hive we are .....



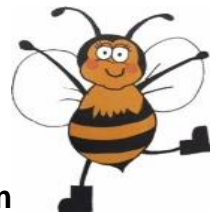
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### BEES NEWS and Future Events

#### Monthly Meeting

We are promised an entertaining visit enlightening us on the process of honey making and the different types. There will be plenty of activity with tastings and choices, and the opportunity to purchase if you find one you particularly like. Not to be missed. I maybe should not confess that honey is particularly tasty in my house in a toddy to warm up in winter and when you have a cold!

The raffle is back this month so don't forget a coin or two and something for refreshments too. Thank you, ladies.

#### February Meeting

You may have noticed that the February meeting has changed. The original speaker can no longer join us so watch this space for something different to be included for your delight.

#### Date for your Diary

We plan to hold a Spring afternoon Tea on 8<sup>th</sup> April. I know how everyone's diary gets full very quickly so please do add this date in. Further details nearer the time.

#### GROUPS

##### Bridge Group 2

This group had its first meeting in November and there are still spaces if you would like to join. Please contact Liz Roberts on [,larrylizr@btinternet.com](mailto:larrylizr@btinternet.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.

##### Family History Group

Please can members note that the meeting time is changing from January to the third Tuesday afternoon of the month. This group is now full, but another can start up.

#### 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*

#### Events and activities

Any ideas for outings or activities are always welcome. We love variety. If you have any ideas or interests, please do bring them to a committee member

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](http://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))

#### Recipe

A tasty looking easy WI recipe to keep you warm through this cold month

#### BEEF GOULASH

##### Ingredients

2 Onions  
700g Beef, lean stewing steak  
50g Butter  
40g Flour  
600ml Beef Stock  
2 Tomatoes, peeled  
Bouquet Garni  
1 heaped tsp Paprika  
Seasoning  
150ml Red Wine  
Lemon Juice

##### Method

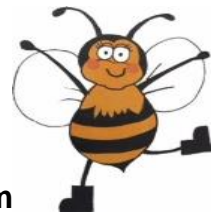
Set oven Gas 4 150C.  
Slice the onions and cut the meat into cubes.  
Melt the butter and fry the onion and meat then transfer to an ovenproof casserole.  
Add the flour to the saucepan, stir until brown and bubbling add the stock gradually, then the tomatoes, bouquet garni, paprika and seasoning.  
Bring to the boil then pour over the meat and onion.  
Place in the oven, cover and cook for 1 hour then stir in the wine and a good squeeze of lemon juice.  
Cook for a further hour when the meat should then be tender.  
Serve immediately with a good crisp salad or creamy mashed potato and green vegetables. Sour cream can be poured over before serving





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#### Art Group

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:paulac.moss@sky.com)

#### 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. Meet on differing evenings. For waiting list contact  
Anne Tait: [annetait1@btinternet.com](mailto:annetait1@btinternet.com)

#### Book Club 3 & 4

3 is Full at present. Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. In the evening For waiting list contact Jan Dunlop:  
4 Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10.15am [jetdunlop@gmail.com](mailto:jetdunlop@gmail.com)

#### Bridge

We now have 2 bridge groups  
If you play bridge and are interested in joining, please contact: Liz Roberts2 [larrylizr@btinternet.com](mailto:larrylizr@btinternet.com) or  
Jane Carradine:1 [jschome03@gmail.com](mailto:jschome03@gmail.com)

#### Cheese and Wine Group

To express interest please contact  
[julie\\_ryder@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)

#### Gin Club 1

For enquiries please contact  
Jan Gapper: [jangapper@gmail.com](mailto:jangapper@gmail.com)

#### Gin Group 2

For enquiries please contact Moira Dyson at [moiradyson@gmail.com](mailto:moiradyson@gmail.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)

#### Lunch Group

Please contact Julie Alderman to express interest.  
Full but lunch group 2 can be started.  
[Aldermanj0@gmail.com](mailto:Aldermanj0@gmail.com)

#### Pub Nights

2nd Wednesday of the month at The Olde Windsor Castle Pub 7pm  
For more details, please email Vikki: [the7thwife@gmail.com](mailto:the7thwife@gmail.com)

#### Sewing Group

1st 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](mailto:Fiona_goldsmith@hotmail.com)

#### Sunday Roast Lunch Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at various venues  
Please contact Sandra Dawson for further details  
[myrtle.dawson@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:suebacon06@gmail.com)

**Ukulele** Please contact June Barber if you would like to join: Dormant at the moment [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 09.30am

Tunnel Car Park, Bookham Common.  
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. Group full but accepting a waiting list.  
Julie Ryder: [julie\\_ryder@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:Jevanshome123@gmail.com)

#### Web Site

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