



## *Beehive Group*

The Beehive Connect Group has changed over this past two years since our last report. Being in the Beehive Pub has enabled us to forge good links with a key part of our local community, indeed one of the few public meeting spaces in the parish. Meeting in a pub is also not to everyone's tastes but it remains a key aspect of our reason for being.

That said, lockdown came, the pub closed, and we went online, using Skype. This has meant it's been harder for people to casually join us by just coming to the pub, but the core of our group, myself, Paul Horton, John Adams, Rachel Matthews and Sue Worby have been meeting regularly for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. Others have occasionally joined us.

Recently we have welcomed Vikki Quinn to our number and are open to welcome new and previous members at any time. We are a welcoming and open group, who accepts and integrates new members very quickly.

We are now looking to return to meeting in pubs, and by the time of the APCM should have met in (or outside) a pub, ideally in the parish, looking at the Kingfisher Country Club and Deanshanger Sports and Social clubs as alternative venues whilst the Beehive remains closed (till late June). Our intention is to return as Beehive regulars once that is allowed, in order to continue to build up our relationships there.

I remain the leader of the group but would like to hand that on to someone else at some point, ideally, at least the organisational aspect of it.

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