

Kennet Beekeepers Association Programme 2022

Talks, Lectures and Apiary Visits.

Talks are at Bishops Cannings Village Hall SN10 2LA at 7.30 (unless otherwise stated) and Apiary visits (Old Farm Yard Apiary, off Horton Road nearest post code SN10 2JW or Grid Ref:-SU03246312. To direct **Emergency Services** quote:- **League.DareDevil.Huddle** using the **What3Words** scheme will give the exact location of the apiary). Apiary visits are subject to change due to weather, check the Association's website for updates.

Wednesday 5 January @ 7:30 pm. Charitable status. **Zoom Discussion**

Wednesday 2 February @ 7:30 pm. **Talk by Kevin Pope**
Whether the weather weathered the health of the bees in 2021.

Kevin Pope is an experienced beekeeper and the regional bee inspector for Dorset. He has been keeping bees for 50 years and keeps roughly 50 commercial hives. In this talk Kevin will discuss the weather for each month between May to September and describe the effect it has had on the bees last year

Wednesday 2 March @ 7:30 pm. **Talk by the Buckfast Beekeepers**
Preparing for Spring – Don't idle your winter away. Get ready for the great Spring awakening and be ready for it! Every year is different, but a good beekeeper should be ready for any eventuality (just like a bee!) How to support your girls for a great season ahead. **Martin Hann and Clare Densley** are well known on zoom and here we have them face to face.

Wednesday 6 April @ 7:30 pm. **Talk by Richard Peterson**
The Demaree method. A practical demonstration of "Variations of the Demaree Method" - of interest to beekeepers of all levels and a useful tool for their hive management.

Wednesday 4 May @ 7:30 pm. **Talk by Richard Oliver**
Swarm Prevention and Swarm Control. They say that it takes 20 years managing bees before you can call yourself an experienced beekeeper. **Richard Oliver** started beekeeping in 2012 and has worked his way through the BBKA's exams and assessments to become a Master Beekeeper in 2021. He just wishes he had started 10 years earlier.

Sunday 8 May 11:00 - 12:30pm. Horton Road **Apiary Open** to members

Wednesday 1 June @ 7:30 pm. **Bee chat**

Saturday 11 June 11.30 am - 4.00 pm. **Apiary Safari**
Visit members apiaries and see how others keep their bees. Clean bee suits different gloves at each apiary please. Bring a packed lunch. Led by Robert we will visit apiaries belonging to several members and inspect their bees Details to follow - Please volunteer your apiary as one to visit.

Sunday 19 June 10:00 - 12:30 pm. Horton Road **Apiary Open** to members

Wednesday 6 July @ 7:30 pm. **Bee Chat**

An open discussion and social gathering for members tea and coffee

Sunday 10 July 10:00 - 12:30pm. Horton Road **Apiary Open** to members

Saturday 16 July. **Visit to Pertwood Organic Farm**

Using ancient beekeeping methods they do natural beekeeping on the farm and hopefully Jonathan Powell, their beekeeper, will be there to show us around. 10:30 am mini bus from Devizes Square back about 4:30 pm. Bring a pic-nic lunch and something to drink. Full details to follow.

Wednesday 3 August @ 7:30 pm. **Talk by Chris Rawlings**
Preparing honey and bee products for show.

Saturday 3 September **Honey Bee Health Day**

Venue and details to be announced

Wednesday 7 September @ 7:30 pm. **KBKA Honey Show & Film**

Our own Honey Show with honey judge Claire O'Brian. During the judging the film **Honeyland** will be shown. Hatidze lives with her ailing mother in the mountains of Macedonia, making a living cultivating honey using ancient beekeeping traditions.

Wednesday 5 October @ 7:30 pm . **KBKA AGM**

Saturday 8 October **Wiltshire Bee and Honey Day**

Devizes Corn exchange full details to follow.

Wednesday 2 November @ 7:30 pm **Talk by Kirsty Stainton**

Bee viruses and *Wolbachia*. Kirsty Stainton is a post-doctoral research scientist working at the Pirbright Institute. She worked at Fera from 2016 to 2020 where she performed research for the National Bee Unit that included molecular detection of the invasive pests *Vespa velutina nigrithorax* (Asian hornet) and *Aethina tumida* (Small hive beetle), molecular analysis of the Asian hornet diet and research into the use of antivirals to treat honey bees. Before working at Fera, Kirsty worked for 8 years on a bacterial endosymbiont called *Wolbachia*, and researched its ability to inhibit arboviruses in mosquitoes. These experiences have led to Kirsty's current research project at Pirbright, investigating the potential ability for *Wolbachia* to inhibit honey bee viruses, such as DWV and CBPV..

Friday 2 December @ 7:00 pm. **Skittles and Pub Night**

Crown Inn, Devizes, SN10 1EA. Bring your other half or partner and join in the competition for the **KBKA Skittles Challenge Cup**. Meet other members and try and avoid too much conversation about beekeeping. Details and tickets later.

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Sunday 1 January @ 12:00 pm. Horton Road **Apiary Open** to members

New Years day. Oxalic Acid treatment for the bees, mulled wine and a mince pie for members to wish all a Happy New Year. Clean bee suits if treating the bees.

Wednesday 4 January @ 7:30 pm. **Bee Chat**
Beekeepers' discussion evening. Panel of local experts.