



KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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BRIAN PALMER 50 years of beekeeping

Our President, Brian Palmer, celebrates 50 years of beekeeping this year. He started his working life as an apprentice compositor in 1951 and took up beekeeping in 1963.

Over the years he has worked extremely hard to educate new beekeepers, running courses and lecturing at Hadlow College as well as evening classes in Canterbury. For some years he was a member of the BBKA Examination Board.

EDUCATION

Kent Science Resource Centre Beekeepers @ KSRC www.ksrcbees.org.uk

Courses aimed at improver beekeepers will again be offered at KSRC during 2014; details will be published when available. If you have any suggestions as to courses and/or lecturers, please e-mail Bob Smith at robert_787@hotmail.com

Wisborough Green Division - West Sussex BKA Beekeeping Course suitable for Beginners, Improvers, and Non - Beekeepers

Village Hall, Lower Street, Pulborough, West Sussex. RH20 2BF.
Saturday, 8th March 2014. Assemble from 9.00 for 9.30-5.00 p.m.

The course is suitable for those who wish to discover what is involved in keeping bees but will also be suitable for those who have kept bees for some time. It will largely follow the syllabus of the BBKA Basic assessment but with variations. This course is based on nearly 50 years experience, not just repeating what is in books.

Subjects covered will include:-

How to learn about bees
Obtaining bees and equipment
Different kinds of bees
Where to site hives
How bees live naturally and how we can manage them
What bees collect - nectar, pollen, propolis, water
Colony Management
How bees store the crop

Feeding
The colony in winter
Swarming and dealing with it
Making colony increase
Handling bees carefully

Course fee £40. Second and subsequent attendees booked together £35*. Under 16 with a paying adult £15*.

Price is per head to include lunch, refreshments, and our own booklet "Basic Beekeeping". Please note: Those marked * will not receive "Basic Beekeeping". Additional copies available on the day at £5.

For existing, paid-up WGBKA members the fee is reduced to £30.

Enquiries:- Roger Patterson. roger-patterson@btconnect.com 01403 790637 or 07976 306 492

Booking:- Gordon Allan, Stone House, High Street, Petworth, West Sussex, GU28 0AU. 01798 343470 petworthgordon@btopenworld.com preferably using the form on the website.

Cheques payable to:- WSBKA Wisborough Green Div.

Web Site www.wgbka.org.uk

County and other events

KBKA AUTUMN LECTURE

COMMUNITY HALL, LENHAM ME17 2QT

Sunday, 17th November

Doors open 1.00 p.m. Lectured starts 1.30 p.m.

David Rudland: 'Winter into Spring'

David is a Surrey beekeeper with 150 colonies and is also a Seasonal bee inspector

Michael Keith-Lucas: 'How Plants Solve Crimes'

Uses of pollen to place suspects at the scene of crime, solving honey fraud etc.

Michael is a retired academic plant scientist

Also Lesley Fancote's delicious tea and chat time

3 stalls: books, equipment, bumble bees

Tickets: £5.00 in advance and £6.00 on the door obtainable from

Kit Erhardt: kit.erhardt@doctors.org.uk 01689 860805

Clive Watson: watson30@talktalk.net 020 8658 3686

John Hendrie: bibba26@talktalk.net 01732 833894

54TH ANNUAL DELEGATES' MEETING OF THE BRITISH BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

The Chesford Grange, Chesford Bridge,
Kenilworth CV8 2LD

Saturday, 11th January 2014

BBKA SPRING CONVENTION

Harper Adams University

Saturday, 4th to Sunday, 6th April 2014

Lectures, Workshops and Courses

N.B. Trade show open Friday and Saturday

Programme and tickets on sale in January 2014

Visit www.bbka.org.uk

BIBBA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE
COMBINED WITH THE SICAMM BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
26th-28th September 2014

BIBBA (Bee Improvement and Bee Breeders' Association) is pleased to announce its 50th Anniversary Conference in collaboration with SICAMM (*Societas Internationalis Apis Melliferae Melliferae*) its European partner.

The conference, hosted by South Clwyd BKA, is open to everyone, with its core focus on bee improvement and the management of native and near native honey bees.

The three day event will take place from 26th-28th September 2014 at the Pavilion, Llangollen, North Wales, where delegates will learn about improving their own stocks of honey bees, whilst enjoying an excellent and varied social programme.

For those wishing to extend their visit, the Llangollen area benefits from stunning scenery and a variety of activities and culture to suit all tastes.

Enquiries to: Trisha Marlow 07812 518822 or
bibba.uk@gmail.com

Pre-registration is now open at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/8429168871

Further details of the event, when available, may be viewed at:

BIBBA: www.bibba.com
SICAMM: www.sicamm.org

If you have any branch information or articles you would like included, please e-mail Jennifer@spon-smith.com