

WEST SUSSEX BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Convention Saturday 22nd February 2014

At Lodge Hill Centre, Watersfield, Pulborough 9.30am to 4.30pm

The West Sussex Beekeepers' Association is pleased to invite beekeepers and those interested in bees and beekeeping to the WSBKA Annual Convention. The event is designed to suit beekeepers of all standards. As well as the main lectures, the seminars offer a choice of more specialised topics. We hope you will be joining us.

Main Lectures

Honey Bee Anatomy	Graham Royle
Varroa Control without Chemicals	Bob Smith
Using the Nuc Box	David Rudland

In addition there is a choice of seminars

Seminar 1 (you can attend one of these)

1) The impact of Nutrition on Honey Bee Health	Ben Jones
2) If Heath Robinson had been a Beekeeper	Graham Royle
3) Record Keeping for Beekeepers	Tom Moore

Seminar 2 (you can attend one of these)

4) Managing the Workers	Bob Smith
5) Beeswax Candle Making	Celia Rudland

*For all your beekeeping needs, **Paynes Southdown Bee Farms** will also be present at the Convention*

Advance booking per person, WSBKA members £20
Members of other associations and non-members £25

On the day if space allows £25

Full details and booking form on the WSBKA website www.bbka.org.uk/local/westsussex
or contact Gordon Allan on 01798 343470 or email wsbkaconvention@gmail.com

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Details of the Day and Speakers' Profiles

The West Sussex Beekeepers' Annual Convention has again attracted top speakers to cover a wide range of topics throughout the day. As well as the main lectures, you can attend two additional seminars on different subjects. Please indicate your choices in order of preference, as spaces on some seminars will be limited. We will, of course, do our very best to meet your individual wishes. Please apply as soon as possible to have the best chance of attending your preferred seminars. We hope there will be plenty to interest you.

Bob Smith

Bob is an NDB qualified course tutor. He runs a variety of training events in Kent and elsewhere for the NDB and other local and national beekeeping groups. The National Diploma in Beekeeping (NDB) is the highest beekeeping qualification recognised in the UK. He is a member of the Government's "Bee Health Advisory Forum", trying to support initiatives to ensure a sustainable population of honey bees in the UK.

Bob has been keeping bees since the mid-70s, currently with 12 colonies, was a Seasonal Bee Inspector for 6 years and is a member of the Medway Beekeepers Association. He is already known to some of us as he has run some excellent LHSE (Livestock Health South East) beekeeping courses in the West Sussex area.

Bob's main talk is on 'Varroa Control without Chemicals' and he will also run a seminar on 'Managing the Workers - Improving productivity, maintaining good industrial relationships and avoiding disputes'.

Graham Royle

Graham is a celebrated national speaker from Cheshire and heavily involved with the education of beekeepers at all levels. He began beekeeping in 1988, is a BBKA Master Beekeeper and was awarded the NDB in 2004. He runs training events both locally and nationally covering topics amongst others, on the Honey Bee anatomy, dissection and microscopy.

Graham's first talk will be on 'Honey Bee Anatomy' and he will explore the external and internal anatomy of the honey bee and help us make sense of its amazing complexity.

Graham is also presenting a more light hearted seminar 'If Heath Robinson had been a Beekeeper' when he will share hints and very practical tips from 25 years of beekeeping experience.

Ben Jones (NBU)

Ben is the Diagnostic Laboratory Manager at the National Bee Unit. He has been there since 2006 and the manager since 2008. Apart from supporting the NBU research programme, Ben works closely with the NBU Apiary unit and NBU inspectors to ensure that samples required for research and development are processed appropriately.

The work the NBU undertakes is extremely dynamic during the beekeeping season. Priorities often shift rapidly and staff are resourced to numerous projects spanning admin support, data entry, sample preparation and receipt and field work.

Ben is also studying for a PhD on the effects of dietary pollen on the health, behaviour and immune system of honey bees. It is essential that bees receive nutrition of the correct type – especially from pollen. Ben's seminar is entitled 'The impact of Nutrition on Honey Bee Health'. He will share with us the fascinating and important findings of his research and laboratory studies.

David Rudland

David is a commercial beekeeper with approximately 150 hives based all over the East Surrey and West Kent area and is also a Seasonal Bee Inspector in the South East area with the National Bee Unit of FERA (currently covering much of Sussex and Kent).

Many of us have already met David and benefited from his experience in local Disease Recognition and other workshops. His talk is on 'Using the Nuc Box'. Most of us have one but are we making the best of it?

Celia Rudland

Celia is David's wife and a beekeeper herself, of much experience, having kept bees for about eleven years. Originally trained as a teacher in Hertfordshire and at Cambridge, Celia has taught all age groups from 3 to 93.

Celia and David own 'East Surrey Bees'. They provide honey, wax products and nucleus colonies for sale and run a number of courses throughout the year for beginners and beekeepers with all levels of experience.

Celia's seminar is on 'Beeswax Candle Making'.

Tom Moore

Tom attended beekeeping classes with Ted Hooper in 1971 but didn't actually start beekeeping until 2006! He currently keeps between 20 and 35 colonies in partnership with Gordon Allan.

Tom is well known to us in West Sussex Beekeepers' Association as our current County Chairman and as Chairman of our Wisborough Green Division. He writes regular monthly articles in our County News. He makes a huge contribution to the support and encouragement of beekeepers throughout our region.

Tom's seminar is entitled 'Record Keeping for Beekeepers'. All beekeepers, whether they have just one hive or many, know they should keep good records - but just how far do you need to go and why?

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The convention is also a great opportunity to stock up on equipment and reading matter for the coming season. As usual, Paynes Southdown Bee Farms will bring a tremendous range of equipment and books to the Convention

The Convention Fee for West Sussex Beekeepers Association Members is £20 for the whole day if paid in advance (received by Monday 17th February 2014) and £25 for non-members, or on the day (subject to space being available - choice of seminars may be limited).

Tea and coffee during the day are included and also a simple lunch.

Venue details: Lodge Hill Centre, Watersfield, Near Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1LZ

Should you require further details, please contact Gordon Allan on 01798 343470 or email wsbkaconvention@gmail.com or see the website www.bbka.org.uk/local/westsussex.

Attached is a Booking Form that can be used for up to two delegates. This can be completed and returned with your cheque (made payable to 'WSBKA') to Gordon Allan as soon as possible.

Alternatively, for the first time this year, there is the opportunity to book and receive confirmation and map by email with payment made by bank transfer (see Booking below). If you wish to receive confirmation and map by post, a stamped addressed envelope should be sent with your booking.

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To: Gordon Allan, Stone House, High Street, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0AU

Please book me places for the WSBKA Convention to be held on Saturday 22nd February 2014 at a cost of £..... (Ticket price is £20 each for WSBKA members and £25 each for non-WSBKA members.)

You can either enclose a cheque made payable to 'WSBKA' along with this form

Or:

You can make payment by Bank transfer and return this registration form by email (no SAE required). For Bank transfer, Account name is "West Sussex Beekeepers Association", Sort code: 402823 Account number: 11457721 - please put the first delegate's surname in the Reference field.

In both cases, you will receive your confirmation number(s) and a map by email. If you do not have email, or require a physical ticket/map, **a stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed.**

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