



Annual Convention

To be held on

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at:

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Programme

9.00 - 9.45	Arrival and refreshments
9.45- 10.00	Welcome by HBA President Jean Frost
10.00 – 11.00	Tony Harris – Botany for beekeepers
11.00 -11.30	Refreshments
11.30 – 12.30	Andrew Beer – Beekeepers and the Law or Ian and Ruth Homer – IPM without chemicals
12.30 – 1.45	Lunch in Bytes
1.45 – 2.45	Celia Rudland – Winter into Spring or David Rudland – Uses of the Nucleus hive
2.45 – 3.15	Refreshments
3.15 – 4.15	Dinah Sweet – Help!, I have queen cells
4.15 – 4.30	Raffle
4.30	Close

Dinah Sweet

Talk Title: 'Help!, I have queen cells'

There are a bewildering choice of swarm control methods. Some that work (usually) and those that don't. Dinah will share her experience as a master beekeeper and bee inspector to help guide us through the methods of swarm control.

Dinah is a Master Beekeeper with a diploma in Apiculture from Cardiff University. While there, with her project on looking at the pollen in Hampshire honeys, she achieved a distinction. She worked until last year as a Seasonal Bee Inspector for the National Bee Unit, checking hundreds of colonies for disease and also giving advice to many new beekeepers. At present she manages over 30 colonies along with her husband John.

Dinah has had many years' experience of producing honey, mead and candles and is a qualified Honey and Mead Judge. This year she will be judging at the National Honey Show as well as at many local shows around the UK. About 12 years ago she conducted a workshop in Trinidad and Tobago in the judging of Beekeeping products and was very impressed with the high standard and good quality of Caribbean honey.

Both she and her husband John run on-site and on-line beekeeping courses for both beginners and improvers. Last year they presented workshops in Ireland and the Channel Isles as well as at home in Caerphilly.

Celia and David Rudland

Talk titles: 'Winter into spring' and 'Uses of the nucleus hive'

David and Celia are a husband and wife team who are commercial beekeepers in Surrey with around 180 hives. At East Surrey Bees they produce honey, sell bees and run beekeeping training courses.

Celia's educational background gave them the inspiration to run training courses for beekeepers from beginner to expert. Both Celia and David have teaching qualifications and extensive beekeeping expertise. David is also a FERA seasonal bee inspector.

'Almost every emergency of management can be met forthwith by putting something into or taking something out of a nucleus, while nuclei themselves seldom present emergencies' - Wedmore

Winter into Spring - preparations you can carry out in the next few months which will give your bees the best possible start in the spring; preparing equipment, check under the roof and comb replacement.

Trade Stands

Compak

Thornes Beekeeping supplies

Northern Bee Books

New and Old Books

HBA Library

Lectures

Tony Harris

Tony Harris, NDB, is a bee farmer based on the Moray coast in Scotland, UK, where he manages 150 hives for honey production and the sale of queens and nuclei. Tony is a Scottish Expert Beemaster and he holds the National Diploma in Beekeeping (NDB) qualification. He teaches beekeeping at all levels and gives presentations and lectures to community and beekeeping groups on all matters relating to bees, beekeeping and the environment. He is an assessor for the Scottish Beekeepers Association (SBA), a qualified Scottish Honey Judge, a British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) Correspondence Course tutor and a regular contributor to beekeeping publications in the UK and abroad.

Tony Harris *continued*

Talk title: 'Botany For beekeepers'

'This presentation includes a brief introduction to botany, plant classification, and the processes of pollination and fertilisation. Bees and flowering plants are intrinsically linked and have adapted some amazing features to compliment this special relationship. Concentrating on the best plants for bees, Tony will show you some of these features and the amazing ways in which flowers attract bees. He will also address solitary bees and bumblebees to show how plant diversity is key in attracting different pollinators into your garden.

Tony's garden is in a more northerly location than Inverness, and you may be surprised to see how he created his bee friendly garden in this challenging environment, and how he nurtured the plants which thrive there.'

Andrew Beer

Talk title: 'Beekeepers and the Law'

As a lawyer, Andrew's areas of speciality were banking, insolvency and property - all hardly relevant to beekeeping!

As a competent beekeeper with over sixty years experience, once Andrew approached retirement from his legal career it occurred to him that beekeepers might benefit if they were to know more about the law - not in an academic sense but to ensure that they steered clear of the legal rocks and so hopefully could enjoy their beekeeping more.

'Beekeeping and the Law' covers swarms, neighbours, poisoning, data protection, veterinary treatments, insurances, food safety, sale of hive products, pests and diseases.

Ian and Ruth Homer

Talk title: 'IPM without chemicals'

Ruth and Ian Homer run Bride Valley Apiaries in Dorchester. Until recently Ian was bee inspector for the Southern Region. Ruth started keeping bees at her school when she was aged 9, Ian a little later. Together they have kept bees for over 35 years in Dorset and Northumberland.

Ian's major interests are encouraging beekeepers to practice good bee husbandry and attempting to present beekeeping issues in a practical and straight forward way. Ruth has been the workshop convenor for the BBKA Spring Convention which involved designing a range of workshop programmes.

Ruth and Ian successfully organised and ran the International Meeting for Young Beekeepers held in England for the first time in July this year.

Managing Varroa without the use of Chemicals - this talk explains how we can avoid the use of chemicals and explains the practical use of bio-technical methods of varroa control.