

South Chilterns Beekeepers at Shows and Summer Events

Volunteers from our Association have stalls at local shows and exhibitions. We are keen to spread the word about the plight of the honey bee and also to inform the public about the craft of beekeeping. Over the years we have produced a comprehensive exhibition stand providing a wealth of information. We also have observations hives which allow the public to see bees at work.

July 05

John Hall's Open Garden

July 19

Henley Sheepdog Trials

August 19

Cliveden House

Sept 12

Henley Show

TBC

Greys Court

Oct 04

Dunsden Ploughing Match

For further information on any of these events please contact info@scbka.org

For further details of meetings and events visit our website: www.scbka.org

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Useful information:

National Honey Show

Tradex

BBKA Spring Convention

Useful websites:

British Beekeepers Association

www.bbka.org.uk

The Dave Cushman website has a wealth of information:

<http://www.dave-cushman.net/bee/newhome.html>

This is a portal for all things beekeeping.

<http://www.beekeepingforum.co.uk/>



South Chilterns
Beekeepers' Association

Summer Programme 2015



- Summer Experience
- Apiary Visits
- South Chilterns at Shows

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Apiary Visits

Through the summer we have a programme of monthly meetings at fellow members' apiaries. These apiary visits are a great way to stay in touch with fellow beekeepers and to get advice. They usually start at 2pm on a Saturday and always end with tea and cake!

Visits are weather dependent, but we aim to illustrate seasonal topics as shown below.

April 18

At our Association Apiary, Brightwell Baldwin

Focus: Clean floors and check for disease. Facilities are limited so bring a chair.

May 16

John Hall, Chalkhouse Green

Focus: Swarm Control

13 June

Summer Picnic, Cookley Green

Focus: To have fun with fellow members!

June 20

Max Stone, Henley

Focus: Extracting rape honey and queen rearing.

July 18th

Duncan Brown and Tony Kerry, Checkendon

Focus: Assessing and extracting the summer crop.

August 15th

Chris Bergman, Whitchurch Hill

Focus: Varroa treatment

September 26th

Greys Court Apiary, Rotherfield Greys

Focus: Disease check and preparing for winter

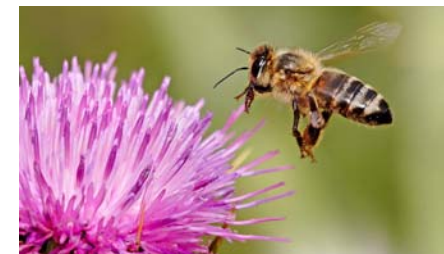
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Summer Experience

The Summer Experience is South Chiltern's 10-session training course for members only held at the Association Apiary. The training team consist of experienced SC members. It is open to members regardless of experience and allows you to handle bees and equipment. You can observe and practice the tasks that arise throughout the summer. The topics will mirror the bees' progress through the season and so are flexible, with the exception of assessing the health of the colony which happens at each visit. The plan below will change as the weather dictates.



The course is generally held on Saturday mornings, fortnightly from 1100-1300.



We will cover all aspects of bee keeping as conditions and weather permit"

As we cannot tell what we will find when we open the hives on a weekly basis so we want to make it as natural as possible. If I can see something cropping up it can be notified nearer the time.

April 25th

May 9th

May 23rd

June 6th

June 21st

July 4th

July 19th

August 1st

August 16th

August 29th

Bookings are required and there is a charge of £15. To reserve a place on the course email Dave Moss on web@scbka.org.

*Dates published in this brochure may have to change – consult the website for up to date information.