



# Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells Beekeepers Branch Programme 2020



**Wednesday Indoor meetings: 7.30-9.30pm at Sevenoaks Weald Memorial Hall. TN14 6PT**

## **15<sup>th</sup> January**

John Hendrie will explain how to renew comb by the Bailey comb technique. Also remind us of swarm techniques in preparation for the coming season. This will be followed by a brief outline of the BBKA exam structure.

## **19<sup>th</sup> February**

Steve Riley of Westerham Branch will talk about his experience of queen trapping for varroa control without having to use chemicals.

## **18<sup>th</sup> March**

Harmful or Healthy? Why nectar and Pollen Chemistry matters to bees.

Dr Kock, from Kew Garden's research Department will present what is likely to be a fascinating talk on different plant chemicals in pollen and nectar and how bees learn to recognise which may be poisonous, and which may be beneficial.

## **16<sup>th</sup> September**

Cliff Hayward will try to help you recognise various bee pests and diseases.

## **21<sup>st</sup> October**

Bryher Pennells will describe her trials and tribulations with the use of a Flow hive in her garden in Sevenoaks and within a school beekeeping environment.

## **18<sup>th</sup> November**

Branch AGM and Honey Show Prize giving

## **Introduction to Beekeeping.**

### **A Beginners course**

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Weald Memorial Hall, Long Barn Rd, Sevenoaks Weald TN14 6PT. This course will be a very basic introduction to beekeeping. The purpose of the course is to introduce interested beginners to the responsibilities of beekeeping, the basic lifecycle and behaviour of honey bees, and the logistics and commitment needed to manage bees in a domestic environment. This is a classroom only course. Contact Liz Birchenough. [membership@sevenoaksbeekeepers.org.uk](mailto:membership@sevenoaksbeekeepers.org.uk)

*Saturday 26th September*

### **Branch Honey Show**

St John's Church Hall, 20 Foxbush, Hildenborough, Tonbridge TN11 9HT

## Outdoor events

We will have an information stall at:

Glorious Gardens at Penshurst Place. **6-7<sup>th</sup> June**

Volunteers to help would be much appreciated. Please contact liz: [membership@sevenoaksbeekeepers.org.uk](mailto:membership@sevenoaksbeekeepers.org.uk)

## Member's Apiary visits

**20<sup>th</sup> June**

Visit to Vanessa Jones' apiary near Edenbridge 2-4pm

**5<sup>th</sup> July**

Vic Webb's apiary at Tunbridge Wells

## Branch Apiary meetings

**Our apiary meetings are social affairs. Ideal for new beekeepers wishing to gain further knowledge as well as more experienced beekeepers hoping to learn new techniques in bee husbandry.**

They may be subject to change due to weather so please check webpage on the day for alterations.

### Hilbert Road

All meetings Sunday from 10am

Manager Vic Webb

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>

Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Jun 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Jul 12<sup>th</sup>

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sept 6<sup>th</sup>

### Barrwood

All meetings Saturday from 2pm

Manager Cliff Hayward

Mar 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

June 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

July 11<sup>th</sup>

Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

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