



# National Honey Show

We can't wait to bring you a live show and see you face to face. We have to be realistic though. There will almost certainly be some social distancing requirements during the show (we will work with the Jockey Club at Sandown Park to minimise the impact on you) but things may not be quite as you remember them from our last live show in 2019.



For example this year, in order to reduce queues, you will need to re-new your membership or buy your admission tickets in advance through our website shop. There will not be the usual opportunity to buy tickets on the door. If that's a problem let us know well in advance so we can help you. We have always tried to be 'the friendly show'.

**Bob Maurer**

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The full **Schedule** and **Entry Form** are available on the NHS website: [www.honeyshow.co.uk/](http://www.honeyshow.co.uk/). Note that although most entries close on **4<sup>th</sup> October** a small number of classes close earlier on **6<sup>th</sup> September** so read the Schedule carefully.

***90<sup>th</sup> National Honey Show, 21<sup>st</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> October, Sandown  
Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ***

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# From the British Beekeepers' Association

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## Asian Hornet Week

We need your help to promote Asian Hornet Week which this year runs from 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September. There is information on our website: [www.bbka.org.uk/Event/asian-hornet-week-2021](http://www.bbka.org.uk/Event/asian-hornet-week-2021) but also please feel free to use the banner in this link: [Asian Hornet Banner](#).

For associations near the coast we are particularly keen to get information to the ports and ferry companies if you are able to help with this. During the week there will be a number of videos available so please look out for these on the website.

## Web Shop

Over the past few years the Education & Husbandry Committee have commissioned many BBKA News Special Issues to help new and experienced beekeepers improve their beekeeping knowledge and husbandry skills. They are also useful for members revising for exams. These are available for sale on the BBKA web shop but we thought it would be helpful to produce a summary of all the Special Issues: [BBKA Resources](#).

There are also a number of laminated, double sided, wipe clean sheets to take to the apiary: [BBKA Laminates](#).

All of these resources are available on the web shop: [www.bbka.org.uk/Listing/Category/bbka-shop](http://www.bbka.org.uk/Listing/Category/bbka-shop)

We keep the cost as low as possible but if associations wanted to buy larger quantities there is a further saving for orders of ten or more copies. If anyone is going to attend the National Honey Show 21-23 October and wants to collect a bulk order from the BBKA stand then you can make further savings on carriage costs, here is the bulk orders price list: [Bulk Orders](#)

If you have any queries please email [bbka@bbka.org.uk](mailto:bbka@bbka.org.uk) or telephone the office to speak to Erica who looks after the shop: 02476 696679 ext. 2006.

## BBKA Hornet and Wasp Photo Competition 2021

Prizes await the best digital photograph in each of the following 3 categories:

1. Wasps or hornets foraging, this does not need to be for nectar or on a flower but those images are acceptable.
2. Wasps or Hornets in flight.
3. Wasp or Hornet nest.

### Rules for entry

Each digital photograph must be in a jpeg format and be 1.5Mb – 5Mb. Images entered in the wrong format will not be judged.

Please clearly state your Name and Address on each entry but do not embed the information into the image. A **maximum of 2 Entries** for each class may be submitted. The images may be of the Asian hornets (*Vespa velutina*) or European hornets (*Vespa crabo*) or Wasps commonly found in the UK.

By entering the competition you are agreeing to the use of your images by BBKA NEWS, the BBKA Website, BBKA course material and our sponsors E H Thorne (Beehives) Ltd but we will of course acknowledge you on the photo.

**Entries must be received by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The decision of the judges is final and the results will be announced 5<sup>th</sup> October on the BBKA website and in BBKA NEWS. The winners and runners up will be informed individually.

### Prizes

Many thanks to Thornes for donating vouchers for £40 for the winner and £10 for the runner up of each category.

Prizes will be awarded for the best image in each category and the runner up. Only one prize per person will be awarded to the winner and runner up of each category, (i.e. they will not be eligible for the winner and runner up prizes).

Please send your entries to: [erica.challis@bbka.org.uk](mailto:erica.challis@bbka.org.uk)

Good Luck , most people have mobile phones and there are plenty of wasps around!

## Bees on Social Media

BBKA's social media needs you! We would love to share your bee related photos on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

If you would like us to use your photos and videos - we can share them with your name and association and help educate the public about beekeeping with descriptive information explaining what is in the picture. Videos do especially well, catching people's attention and being able to show so much more than a single photo.

If you have your own social media accounts please follow us and tag BBKA tags to ensure we can share your photos.

If you're not familiar with social media but have photos or videos that you are happy to share with us for BBKA to use, acknowledging you, please email [erica.challis@bbka.org.uk](mailto:erica.challis@bbka.org.uk)

Whether it's a bee on a flower in your garden, or a video of your extractor spinning out honey, we'd love to share these with the public.

[www.instagram.com/britishbeekeepers/](http://www.instagram.com/britishbeekeepers/)

## Assessment Success

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**Congratulations** to 4 members who passed their Basic Assessment Certificate in August: Martina Hendry from Wisborough Green, Mairi MacCorquodale, Chichester, and Debra Edwards and Philip Taylor from Worthing. Martina passed with Distinction and Mairi, Debra and Philip all achieved a Credit.

Well done to you all in what has been a difficult beekeeping year.

Also I would like to pass my sincere thanks to Tom Moore and Gordon Allan for giving freely and willingly of their time and for the use of their apiary for the assessments.

### ***Sue Elliott***

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***Reminder: For all BBKA Modules to be taken on 13<sup>th</sup> November applications need to be with me no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> September.***

## Chairman's Chat

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Chairman, Roger Patterson, writes for the County News.



I apologise for producing nothing last month. As some of you know, I have been incredibly busy with making teaching videos and the live streaming sessions called 'Live @ the Hive'. These have gone very well with very appreciative feedback. If you haven't seen them they are on the BIBBA website: [Home - BIBBA](#).



These are different from many videos that are set up for the camera, with joints between boxes Vaseline'd and the hive moved a few hours earlier to reduce flying bees. It is real beekeeping in a real apiary with real bees.

I have kept bees for 57 years and I keep coming across things that are different. In July there was the heaviest July nectar flow I have seen, with huge quantities of nectar coming in on some days. Brood boxes were packed full by afternoon, yet early next day it had been stored in the supers. I am writing this on 25<sup>th</sup> August and there is a steady flow, which is unusual. Hopefully it will mean reduced feeding.

### **Roger**

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## Telling the Bees

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Central Sussex BKA has announced the sad passing of their president, **Sheila Abrahams**.

Sheila will be known to many as one of the grande dames of beekeeping in West Sussex. Those of us involved with the annual WSBKA Auction will also recall Sheila's tireless support for the event over many years—starting long before Central Sussex were part of WSBKA county association.

Our thoughts are with Sheila's family and friends at this sad time.

For those wishing to pay their respects Sheila's funeral is to be held at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Crawley at 11:45am on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Around the Divisions

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All Members are welcome to attend any Divisional meeting, but please advise the organiser if you plan to attend.

### Central Sussex Division

Full details of the Division's activities from: [chairman@centralsussexbka.org.uk](mailto:chairman@centralsussexbka.org.uk) or the Division's website: [www.centralsussexbka.org.uk](http://www.centralsussexbka.org.uk)

### Chichester Division

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - 'Global pandemics, bee imports and native bees' with Norman Carreck at the Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, PO18 8BE at 7:30pm.

Further details of the Division's activities from: Ray Green, [secretary@chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk](mailto:secretary@chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk) or the Division's website: [www.chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk)



### Wisborough Green Division

Details of the Division's activities from: Martina Hendry, [secretary@wgbka.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wgbka.org.uk) or website: [www.wgbka.org.uk](http://www.wgbka.org.uk). The Division's Newsletter may be viewed or downloaded here: [www.wgbka.org.uk/Newsletters.html](http://www.wgbka.org.uk/Newsletters.html)

### Worthing Division

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September** - Meeting at the Glebelands Centre, Greystoke Road, Ferring, BN12 5JL at 7:30pm with David & Celia Rudland from East Surrey Bees - 'Late Summer Colony Management'.

Further details from: Debra Edwards, [dmcd.edwards@gmail.com](mailto:dmcd.edwards@gmail.com) or website: [www.worthing-beekeepers.org](http://www.worthing-beekeepers.org)



***'Share your Division's activities with readers of the County News'***

## ...and Dates for your Diary

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**— 'Asian Hornet Week'

See details in this newsletter and at: [www.bbka.org.uk/event/asian-hornet-week-2021](http://www.bbka.org.uk/event/asian-hornet-week-2021)



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - '90<sup>th</sup> National Honey Show'. This year's 'live' event will take place at Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ.

See lead article in this newsletter and full details at: [www.honeyshow.co.uk/](http://www.honeyshow.co.uk/)



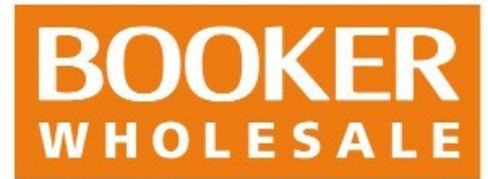
*We are on facebook so if you would like your events featured please send details to the Editor.*



...and finally

## Booker Wholesale

If you are used to buying your sugar from Booker you may have found that your account with the wholesaler has been suspended, especially if you have not used it since last year.



Although there is no longer an agreement with the BBKA allowing beekeepers access to Booker warehouses some local branches are prepared to reactivate your account. But you do need ID that shows you are a beekeeper and as the BBKA no longer issues a membership card if you have not held onto your old card you may have a problem! But it's worth a try.

It is very convenient to be able to buy in 25kg bags, but it is currently not discounted and is slightly more expensive than Tesco and Sainsbury. So maybe it's not worth the effort!

### MEMBERS' COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all this month's contributors. If you don't have access to the internet and want further details of anything in this newsletter, please contact the Editor & County Secretary. Likewise, if you would like to contribute to future newsletters please send articles and photographs to:

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[secretary@westsussexbeekeepers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@westsussexbeekeepers.org.uk)

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