

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

The Convention has again attracted exceptional speakers to cover a wide range of topics with the main lectures being presented by Professor Lars Chittka, Margaret Murdin and Lynne Ingram. There is something for everyone, beginner to expert.

Lars Chittka is the author of the book 'The Mind of a Bee' and Professor of Sensory and Behavioural Ecology at Queen Mary College of the University of London. He is also the founder of the Research Centre for Psychology at Queen Mary. He has made fundamental contributions to our understanding of animal cognition and its impact on evolutionary fitness studying bumblebees and honeybees. Lars regularly appears in the media, gives lectures and is author/co-author of books and many journal articles. Lars will be giving a main talk on '**The Mind of the Bee**'.

Margaret Murdin holds a degree in biological sciences, is a Master Beekeeper and holds the National Diploma in Beekeeping. She was previous Chair of the BBKA Trustees and past president of BBKA but for all the high positions she has held, describes herself as an ordinary, practical beekeeper who is naturally interested in furthering the education and training opportunities available to our BBKA members. Margaret is an examiner for all levels of BBKA exams and also moderates the practical exams. Margaret will give a main talk on '**The Queen**' and will also run a seminar on '**Keeping Healthy Colonies**'.

Lynne Ingram is a Master Beekeeper with over 30 years' experience in beekeeping. She is an active participative member of Somerset Beekeepers Association, where she is very involved in the education of fellow beekeepers and is also the Asian Hornet Co-ordinator. She recently organised the first South West region AHAT training event. Lynne was elected to the BBKA Exam Board in 2019. She is an examiner for the Basic, General Husbandry, Microscopy and Bee Health assessments, as well as for the written Module exams and is also a Correspondence Course tutor. Lynne will give a main talk on the Asian Hornet, titled '**Know your Enemy**' and will also run a seminar on '**The Importance of Drones**'.

Apart from the three main lectures, you can choose to attend two out of the six seminars and in between times it is a great opportunity to catch up with beekeeping friends throughout the County and beyond.

Seminars:

- Margaret Murdin - Keeping Healthy Colonies
- Lynne Ingram – The Importance of Drones
- Sue Remenyi – Where do Honey Bees travel for pollen? Results of a community study
- Sue Remenyi – Wasp control in the apiary
- Andrew Gibb – Environment, Bees, Food
- Andrew Gibb – Simple Queen Rearing

The day promises to be both entertaining and stimulating. Tea and coffee will be served during the breaks and also a simple lunch. Advance booking per person for WSBKA members, £30. Members of other Associations and non-members, £37. On the day if space allows, £37.

Further details will be available on the WSBKA web site at the end of December and the Booking Form and Programme will be attached to next month's (end of December) newsletter.