

Helping bees live with Varroa

24th May 2020 – Ettington Community Centre, Warwickshire CV37 7SX

9.30am for 10am start. We aim to finish around 4.30pm

Summary

Since varroa was discovered in the UK in 1992 many approaches have been adopted to minimise the effect of the parasite and its devastating impact on our bees and the craft. Recent discoveries recognise that some bees may be developing their own mechanisms to deal with the mite. It therefore makes sense to raise queens from colonies that are showing this trait and to replace queens in colonies that aren't.

This event has been organised to help beekeepers understand how bees are dealing with varroa themselves so that we can reduce our reliance on chemicals and practices that may be hindering this development. Participants will learn from experienced beekeepers who have used non-chemical methods for varroa management. In addition, understanding the latest scientific standpoint will help us explore future options to improve and manage our bees to live with the pest.

Who is the day for?

All beekeepers will gain from attending. We aim to provide useful information for individual beekeepers from beginners to bee farmers. It will also interest BKA Officials, Teachers and Apiary Managers. There is no minimum level of beekeeping knowledge required, as the speakers will discuss their personal experiences and what they have learnt along the way.

The Programme

Presentations will be given by several speakers, including experienced beekeepers and scientists. The beekeepers come from throughout the U.K., so have kept their bees in different environmental conditions.

What it will and will not be about.

The emphasis is on beekeepers helping bees develop their own ways of living with varroa, by reducing or eliminating the continual use of chemicals that are hampering the progress of bees to survive with reduced treatment. It will be for responsible beekeepers, not those who simply abandon bees. The event will not be advocating any form of treatment. It is purely to give experiences and learning from past efforts. Attendees can then decide their future approach to varroa management.

Only £9 per person.

Limited spaces are available so book via www.bibba.com/event-list/

Refreshments will be provided on the day but please bring your own lunch.

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BIBBA does not recommend or support any specific method of varroa control but it does support the aim of helping the bees to live with varroa. It is up to the individual beekeeper what methods, if any, they use. Any opinions given by any presenter are those of the presenter and not necessarily those of BIBBA.