

Dean Forest Beekeepers Calendar of Events – 2010

Formal Lectures – 7.15 for 7.30pm start to 9.30pm. (*Tea/coffee/biscuits – 50p*)

Venue: *Staunton Village Hall, Coleford, Gloucestershire, GL16 8NX*

Directions: *Approaching Staunton on the A4136 from Coleford direction, turn left opposite the church. Turn right into car park just before you reach the village hall. Approaching on the A4136 from Monmouth turn right after the “White Horse Inn”, follow the road and turn left into the car park after passing the village hall.*

January 29th **“Raising your own Queens”** – Jim Vivian-Griffiths

February 4th **“Getting Ready for the Season”** – Mike Hunt

March 4th **“Bees in Mexico”** – Dr Adam Hart

September 2nd **“Hive Products”** – Don Streatfield

Reminder: *Subscription renewal forms available, & where possible, completed Honey Show entry forms due*

October 7th **Honey Show** – Dave Maslen

November 4th **Annual General Meeting**

December 2nd **Christmas Social & Quiz hosted by Peter Hayward**
Do bring along your partner/friend & some picks/drinks for the evening

Other Events:

February 24th **Beekeepers Question Time** at Ellwood Football Club,
7.00 pm to 9.00pm. Bar and refreshments available.

March 28th **Start of Season Sunday Lunch** – Bells Hotel, Coleford
12.30 for 1.00 pm

May 15th **Bee Safari** – led by Dave Sutton (Regional Bee Inspector)
details of venues supplied later

August 21st **BBeeQ** – Ellwood

Apiary Sessions 6.00 to 8.30pm every Thursday (April to September)
(Late comers most welcome. Facilities are available in wet weather.)

Venue: *Lydney Park Estate*

In compliance with Health & Safety, members are advised that independent visits to the branch apiary outside of the programme will not be permitted.

Basic Beekeeping Course:

Venue – Staunton Village Hall, Coleford (7.30pm to 9.30pm)

Monday, February 15 th	Lesson 1 – Equipment
Monday, February 22 nd	Lesson 2 – Natural History of the Honeybee
Monday, March 1 st	Lesson 3 – Beekeeping (part 1)
Tuesday, March 9 th	Lesson 4 – Beekeeping (part 2)
Monday, March 15 th	Lesson 5 – Disease, Poisoning & Pests
Monday, March 22 nd	Lesson 6 – Manipulation of a Honeybee Colony

Basic Beekeeping Course Practical Sessions:

Venue – the Apiary, Lydney Park Estate:

Sundays - April 11th, 18th, 25th & May 9th (11.00am to 1.00pm)

One day Introductory Beekeeping Courses:

Venue – Staunton Village Hall, Coleford (start 10.00am), followed by Practical demonstration in Monmouth.

Saturday 24th April

Saturday 22nd May

Dates of Special Interest:

March 20th GBKA A.G.M. - Maisemore Village Hall at 2.00pm

March 27th Welsh Beekeeping Convention at Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells

April 17th BBKA Spring Convention at Stoneleigh

May 8th GBKA Auction – Hempstead Meadows, Gloucester at 12 noon

August 30th Have-a-go Rural Skills Day – Dean Heritage Centre