

Honey Bee Health Day
Saturday 1st September 2018 (10am to 4.30pm)
Bromham Social Centre, New Road, Bromham SN15 2JB

What is a Honey Bee Health Day?

Every three years Wiltshire Beekeeping Association (WBKA) has the opportunity to host experts from the National Bee Unit (NBU) to talk about existing diseases and new threats to our honey bees. The programme for the day has been arranged by Robert Carpenter-Turner, our local seasonal bee inspector. It includes talks on Asian Hornet and Small Hive Beetle by Nigel Semmence, who is the Contingency Planning and Science Officer at the NBU. There will also be talks by four of Robert's fellow bee inspectors on current pests and diseases affecting our bees including an opportunity to view comb infected with American Foul Brood and European Foul Brood. The detailed programme is below.

Where and when?

The event is being held at Bromham Social Centre, New Road, Bromham SN15 2JB from 10 am until 4.30 pm on Saturday 1st September 2018.

Who can attend?

The event is free and open to any beekeeper who wishes to attend and the general public. If you have a friend or colleague who might be interested do bring them along.

What about parking and refreshments?

There is ample parking at the Centre. Bring a picnic lunch. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available for a small fee.

Summary

The situation has changed since WBKA last hosted such an event with the appearance of Asian Hornet in our region and Small Hive Beetle arriving in Italy. Also new treatments have become available to help manage Varroa. So this is an excellent opportunity to learn or update yourself about the diseases and pests that threaten our honey bees and what can be done to keep our them healthy.

Programme

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| 10.00 | Registration – Tea and Coffee |
| 10.30 | Welcome, general outline of the day |
| 10.35 | The Asian Hornet – Nigel Semmence |
| 11.30 | Apiary Hygiene - Robert Poole |
| 12.00 | The small Hive beetle -- Nigel Semmence |
| 12.45 | Lunch |
| 1.30 | Workshops for 50 mins each |
| | 1. Managing Varroa – Robert Carpenter Turner (Main Hall) |
| | 2. Diseased frames –AFB, EFB (Side Hall/Room) |
| | With Kevin Pope, Robert Poole and Robin Oliver |
| 3.30 | Disease Recognition – Kevin Pope |
| 4.30 | Final wind-up |
| 4.45 | Tea and depart |