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| **Member Services**

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| Advice | If you have a beekeeping question or problem just contact us via email, Facebook – or in person at one of our meetings |
| Club Equipment for loan | 3-frame manual and 9-frame electric extractors2 x Microscopes (stereo & compound)Contact: Graham Flatt  |
| Bulk purchases | We have jars + metal lids for sale – 12oz hex £26 for 84 1lb round £24 for 72Contact: Mike Lloyd Owen |
| Newsletter | Contributions are always welcome to our regular email newsletter, our Facebook page & Instagram site.Contact: Dylan Gussman dylanthebeekeeper@gmail.com |

**Membership** Full Membership £35 per year- includes insurance & affiliation to HBA & BBKA.Associate Membership £10 per year- great if you don’t need the benefits of full membership and just want to attend our meetings.**Swarm Collection** We provide a collection service for honey bee swarms via a team of local volunteer beekeepers. We ask for a small donation of £10 to cover costs.Contact: Gill Atkins 07951 123365 | **Contacts**

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| **Committee**  |
| President  | Gerry Fry |
| Chairman | Nick Brice 01489 891829nicklbrice@gmail.com |
| Secretary  | Katherine Horton 07866 443350secretary@meonvalleybeekeepers.co.uk |
| Treasurer & Membership | Mike Lloyd Owen 01420 538284mike@lloydowen.co.uk |
| Committee members | Jean Frost David CleeveGraham Flatt Dylan Gussman Janet Mckenzie David ThompsonDavid Sheehan  |
| **Other contacts**  |
| Education  | Jean Frostjeanterry@uwclub.net |
| Apiary colony inspections | David Cleevedandhcleeve@btinternet.com |
| Apiary skill sessions  | Graham Flatt 01962 772419grahamflatt1@btinternet.com |
| Regional bee inspector  | John Geden 07501 275259John.Geden@apha.gov.uk |
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Lin welcomes you to**THORNES OF STOCKBRIDGE****for all your beekeeping equipment**October to March Tue – Fri 9am – 5pmApril to Sept Tue – Fri 9am – 5pm & Sat 9am – 4pmclosed on Bank HolidaysChilbolton Down Farm, Stockbridge SO20 6BU01264 810916 [www.thorne.co.uk](http://www.thorne.co.uk) | **Meon Valley** **Beekeepers** **Association**Charity Number 1151653**Programme & Directory****2022**Queen colour for the year = *Please note that all events may be subject to change due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19. We will follow government and local guidance to ensure everyone’s safety.*[www.meonvalleybeekeepers.co.uk](https://meonvalleybeekeepers.co.uk/) Image result for facebook Meon.Valley.BeekeepersImage result for instagram transparent logo meon\_valley\_beekeepers |

**Get involved!**

MVBKA attend local fetes and fairs to promote knowledge & understanding of beekeeping with our wider community. Our display includes a children’s quiz, observation hive, honey for sale, candle rolling, and information boards.

Sharing your beekeeping knowledge at public events is fun – all members are encouraged to help out and it’s a great opportunity to chat about bees and sell any spare honey & hive products.

Contact Jean Frost to find out who’s organising each individual show.

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| **Beekeeping events**

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| 6 Jan | **Club night (ZOOM)** Leanne Attrill – beekeeping with top bar hives  |
| 3 Feb | **Club night (Warnford)** James Donaldson – Bee Anatomy  |
| 3 Mar | **Club night (ZOOM)** Prof. Toby Pennington – *bees & plants* |
| 21 Apr | **Club night (Warnford)** Anne Rowberry (Chair BBKA) – Queen rearing |
| 8 - 10 Apr | **BBKA Spring Convention** Harper Adams University, Shropshire |
| 7 May | **Annual Auction of bees & equipment**Greatham Village Hall, GU33 6EY |
| 27 – 29 Oct | **National Honey Show**Sandown Park Racecourse, Surrey, KT10 9AJ |
| 6 Oct | **Club night (ZOOM)** tbc |
| 3 Nov | **Club night (ZOOM)** tbc  |
| 1 Dec | **AGM & Christmas party (Warnford)** |

**Club nights**Throughout the winter & early spring, we meet via Zoom or in Warnford Village Hall (SO32 3LB) on the first Thursday of each month from 19:30 – 21:00.Speakers are invited to talk on a range of interesting bee-related topics and there’s also the chance to swap tips & stories. Members - free entry Non-members - £5  | **Training programme**

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| **New Beekeepers - Theory**Tuesday evenings 19:30 – 21:008 February – 29 March **£100**- First meeting is at Warnford Village Hall (SO32 3LB) to collect your learning materials & meet our teaching team- We’ll then move online for webinars and discussions |
| **New & improving Beekeepers - Practical**Saturday or Sunday afternoons, twice a month from late April to the end of October **£100**- Bee suits are available for you to borrow- An experienced mentor is also available for trainees to enhance your progress & provide support through your first beekeeping yearAll sessions are held at our training apiary |

For more information about either course or to book a place, please contact Jean Frost**Our club apiary**At our well-established training apiary in East Meon, you can grow your beekeeping skills with the help & advice of experienced club members.• Take the BBKA Basic or Bee Health Assessments, with a refresher course to brush up your knowledge• Join us for Queen Rearing sessions and consider taking the BBKA modular exams• Our informal Seasonal Skills Saturdays will help you learn new skills & meet other beekeepersOur aim is to help raise the standard of beekeeping practice throughout the Association and awareness of the importance of bees within the wider environment. | **Public events**

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| 25 May | **Nature Festival** 10:30 – 16:30Gilbert White’s House, Selbourne, GU34 3JH |
| 4 June | **Droxford Country Fair** 12:30 – 16:00Droxford village centre |
| 12 June | **Bee Taster Day (£85)** 10:30 - 16:30 Starting in East Meon Village Hall, GU32 1PF then some live bee action in our Apiary |
| 25 June | **Soberton Fete** 12:00 – 16:00Soberton Church Green, SO32 3PF |
| 2 & 3 July | **Tudor Fayre** Bishops Waltham Palace |
| 16 July | **Curdridge Country Show**Reading Room field, SO32 2HE |
| 3 Sept | **Alresford Show** Tichborne, Alresford, SO24 0PN  |
| tbc | **Country Sports Day** 09:00 – 17:00Bereleigh Estate GU32 1PH |
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