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| **Member Services**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 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 extractors  2 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 72  Contact: Mike Lloyd Owen | | Newsletter | Contributions are always welcome to our regular email newsletter, our Facebook page & Instagram site.  Contact: Dylan Gussman [dylanthebeekeeper@gmail.com](mailto: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**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Committee** | | | President | Gerry Fry | | Chairman | Nick Brice 01489 891829  [nicklbrice@gmail.com](mailto:nicklbrice@gmail.com) | | Secretary | Katherine Horton 07866 443350  [secretary@meonvalleybeekeepers.co.uk](mailto:secretary@meonvalleybeekeepers.co.uk) | | Treasurer & Membership | Mike Lloyd Owen 01420 538284  [mike@lloydowen.co.uk](mailto:mike@lloydowen.co.uk) | | Committee members | Jean Frost David Cleeve  Graham Flatt Dylan Gussman Janet Mckenzie David Thompson  David Sheehan | | **Other contacts** | | | Education | Jean Frost  [jeanterry@uwclub.net](mailto:jeanterry@uwclub.net) | | Apiary colony inspections | David Cleeve  [dandhcleeve@btinternet.com](mailto:dandhcleeve@btinternet.com) | | Apiary skill sessions | Graham Flatt 01962 772419  grahamflatt1@btinternet.com | | Regional bee inspector | John Geden 07501 275259  [John.Geden@apha.gov.uk](mailto:John.Geden@apha.gov.uk) | |  |  |   Lin welcomes you to  **THORNES OF STOCKBRIDGE**  **for all your beekeeping equipment**  October to March Tue – Fri 9am – 5pm  April to Sept Tue – Fri 9am – 5pm & Sat 9am – 4pm  closed on Bank Holidays  Chilbolton Down Farm, Stockbridge SO20 6BU  01264 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](https://www.facebook.com/Meon.Valley.Beekeepers/) Meon.Valley.Beekeepers  Image 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**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 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**   |  | | --- | | **New Beekeepers - Theory**  Tuesday evenings 19:30 – 21:00  8 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 year  All 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 beekeepers  Our 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**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 25 May | **Nature Festival** 10:30 – 16:30 Gilbert White’s House, Selbourne, GU34 3JH | | 4 June | **Droxford Country Fair** 12:30 – 16:00  Droxford 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 – 16:00  Soberton 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 – 17:00  Bereleigh Estate GU32 1PH | |  |  | |