



BOAD Online

Cornish Beekeeping's Virtual Convention



Coming together - at a distance

All the features of a physical convention but without the need to travel

Lectures



A selection of top class presentations throughout the day

Exhibition Hall



Meet charities and organisations related to the craft

Market Place



Virtual market place for your favourite traders and vendors

Coffee Bar



Meet your friends and fellow beekeepers for a chat over a cuppa

A full day of talks, market stalls and exhibit areas, plus a chance to catch up with what's buzzing

All from the comfort of your own arm chair!

Saturday November 27th 9:50 to 4:30. (Doors open 09:30)

Tickets: Eventbrite - £5 limited to 300

Programme

Time	Activity	Venue
From 9:30	Log In and registration	Main Zoom window
9:50	Host's Guidance and Presidents Welcome	Main Zoom Window
10:00	"Biodiversity, Crop Diversity and Pollination" by John Warren	Main Zoom Window
11:15	Late Morning Break - time to visit the exhibitors and trade stands or chat in the coffee lounge	Breakout Rooms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market Place• Exhibition Hall• Coffee Bar
11:30	"A Taste of Honey" by Peter Lewis	Main Zoom Window
12:45	Lunch Break - time to visit the exhibitors and trade stands or chat in the coffee lounge	Breakout Rooms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market Place• Exhibition Hall• Coffee Bar
13:45	"Bait Hives" by David Evans "The Apiarist"	Main Zoom Window
15:00	Afternoon Break - time to visit the exhibitors and trade stands or chat in the coffee lounge	Breakout Rooms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market Place• Exhibition Hall• Coffee Bar
15:30	"The Truth about Honey" by Lynne Ingram	Main Zoom Window
16:45	Presidents Closing address	Main Zoom Window

On the day:

A single registration for a nominal fee gives you access to a full day of events.

Drop in and out as you please,

- But be sure not to miss a highlight!

Main speakers will use Zoom to present their talks

- Four slots of an hour each, plus 15 minutes for questions. Please note that questions will be taken ONLY via the chat facility. Only the speakers' microphones will be enabled in the Main Zoom window.



- During the talks, the "breakout" rooms will be closed

Breaks: 15 minutes in the morning, 30 in the afternoon, one hour at lunchtime

Breakout rooms open during the breaks in three categories:

- **Market Place**

- Each trader will have a breakout room under their own control, to present their wares, engage with customers by video chat, present a slideshow of their offers – whatever they chose to do within the confines of screen share and Zoom



- Attendees can move freely from stall to stall

- **Exhibition Hall**

- Charities and special interest groups have the same facilities as the traders, where they can show slideshows, videos and/or engage with their audience by video chat



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- **Coffee Bar**

- Bring your own coffee! This is an area with "open mic" video chatting, to allow the usual business of bemoaning the season, agonising over honey sales and generally engaging in the wagging of chins.



When talks are due to start, the Breakout rooms will be closed

- All participants will be returned to the "lecture theatre" and will be muted.

The staffroom / the Green Room

- Breakout rooms reserved for the organisers to manage any back stage issues and prepare any IT for the speakers.



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Speakers:

“Biodiversity, Crop Diversity and Pollination”

- John Warren

Professor John Warren has a PhD based on a study of the sex-life of Groundsel (a weed, whose Latin name translates as, the common old man). From there he went on to, quite literally sow wild oats, at the University of Liverpool (while never fully understanding the origin of the phrase). He is a life-long back-yard beekeeper, with a long-term interest in pollination ecology. He has been employed as a geneticist working on the international gene-bank for cacao at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad. John Warren was Director of Learning and Teaching at the Institute of Biological Environmental and Rural Sciences at Aberystwyth University, before moving to become the Vice Chancellor of the University of Natural Resources and Environment in Papua New Guinea. He retired back to the UK in 2018 and now runs a small holding (with bees of course) and is writing a new flora of the more challenging plants of Britain.

“A Taste of Honey” - Peter Lewis

Peter Lewis is the YAS appointed Chief Hives and Honey Steward at the annual Great Yorkshire Show. A keen (though not fanatical) exhibitor, with some modest show success - if / when it's good - stewarding at competitions inevitably resulted in an interest in judging honey. Through invitation based on referral, recommendation, reputation, repeat return he now regularly judges using both 'traditional' show and taste approach methods at national and international honey competitions.

His "A Taste of Honey" talk on the sensory analysis of honey (called 'organoleptics') will focus on what was learnt attending an international honey tasting course, broadening his taste palate experience in a careful precise structured way. Gustatory appreciation involves systematically evaluating what's actually 'in the jar' as the principal point of interest; which honey's might be preferred when and why, across a range of different varieties, as well as conformity to distinct model unifloral "types".

What's involved, how it's done, will be explained, together with some possible implications and wider practical applications directly relevant to ourselves as UK based beekeepers, honey purveyors and connoisseurs'.



Speakers:

“Bait Hives” - David Evans - “The Apiarist”

David Evans is Professor of Virology in the School of Biology, University of St. Andrews. His research interests include the replication and evolution of important human and animal viral pathogens including poliovirus, Zika virus and both deformed wing virus (DWV) and chronic bee paralysis virus (CBPV) of honeybees.

David is an enthusiastic beekeeper and a member of Fife Beekeepers, the East of Scotland BKA and Lochaber BKA. He runs about twenty colonies for research and pleasure and is particularly interested in queen rearing and ‘pottering in the shed with bits of wood and a nail gun’.

His involvement in DIY for beekeeping resulted in a regular column in the Warwick and Leamington Beekeepers newsletter Bee Talk which, over time, evolved into his personal beekeeping website <https://www.theapiarist.org/>. On this he covers topics as diverse as Varroa management, responsible mentoring, the price of honey and waspkeeping. New posts appear every Friday afternoon and he regularly discusses recent scientific advances in the biology of honey bees.

His presentation covers theoretical and practical aspects of swarms and bait hives. It covers the role of scout bees in identifying a new nest site, the process of swarming, bivouacking and then relocation to the chosen location.

The talk discusses setting up bait hives, the choice of box, its location and contents. This covers both scientific studies and how these findings can best be applied to practical beekeeping. Discussion of the contents of bait hive necessitates another digression into building and using foundationless frames, which offer particular benefits for bait hives. The talk closes with a discussion of what you can expect to observe when scout bees find and favour your bait hive, and the things you need to do having attracted a swarm – these include moving it somewhere else and managing the Varroa that also arrive with the swarm.



Speakers:

“The Truth About Honey” - Lynne Ingram

Lynne is a Master beekeeper, holds the National Diploma in Beekeeping, is a member of the BBKA Exam Board, and an assessor for the Basic, Bee Health, General Husbandry assessments and module exams. Lynne has been keeping bees for over 30 years, and currently manages 25 colonies in 3 apiaries. She is always keen to encourage others into the fascinating world of beekeeping.

Honey adulteration and fraud is a growing problem worldwide and also in the UK. Britain imports a huge amount of extremely cheap honey from China and tests on many 'own brand' honeys in the UK have shown them to be adulterated.

Whilst many countries are working hard to combat this worldwide problem, the UK is lagging behind the rest of the world in dealing with it. Honey fraud deceives the consumer and ultimately affects beekeepers by undermining the true cost of producing honey.





Guide to speakers:

- The format of the day is a single Zoom event, (a meeting, not a webinar) which is broken into timeslots and makes use of breakout rooms except during the main presentations. We have allocated up to 300 spaces for attendees.
- At the start time of your presentation, the "Mute All" facility will be used to quieten the audience. Please don't forget to unmute yourself when ready to speak.
- During your presentation, use will be made of the "spotlight" feature to minimise video switching between attendees.
- Please allow 15 minutes at the end of your time slot for questions. All Q&A will be handled via the "chat" facility, and will be moderated to collate similar questions into a single question. During this time we will **not** give the floor to other attendees; only the Speaker and the moderators will be unmuted.
- We plan to have a "follow up" breakout room, where if you wish, you may interact with delegates directly, in the same manner as "intervals" in physical meetings. This facility will be available for a maximum of thirty minutes after your presentation ends, or until the next Speaker commences, whichever is the sooner. If you would like to use this facility please notify the administrator in advance so that we can pre-allocate a room.
- As a courtesy to the later speakers, timing will be strictly managed. The breakout rooms will terminate when the next speaker is ready to speak; this will be done automatically with 60 seconds notice.
- The sessions will not be recorded: we do not have data storage nor the management bandwidth to accommodate recordings. We also fully respect your intellectual property.
- We will endeavour to offer a "green room" area to test sound and video on the day, but can also arrange that in advance if you wish. Contact the Administrator for any help you may need.
- Please be mindful of bandwidth constraints for our rural attendees. Videos should be at an appropriate resolution for Zoom - not 4K!



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Guide to Exhibitors and Traders:

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- Each of you will be allocated one "breakout room" for you to use entirely as you wish. These Breakout rooms will open during the morning and afternoon breaks of 30 minutes each, and the main lunch break of one hour.
- As a courtesy to the later speakers, timing will be strictly managed. The breakout rooms will terminate when the next speaker is ready to speak; this will be done automatically with 60 seconds notice.
- Your breakout room will be entirely under your own control, for you to promote your wares, present your organisation, engage with customers and audience by video chat, present a slideshow of your offers, a short video – whatever you choose to do within the confines of screen share and Zoom. Please be adventurous - this is your showcase.
- Attendees can move freely from room to room
- The sessions will not be recorded: we do not have data storage nor the management bandwidth to accommodate recordings. We also fully respect your intellectual property.
- We regret that we are unable to offer a "green room" area to test sound and video on the day, but can arrange that in advance if you wish. Contact the Administrator for any help you may need.
- Please be mindful of bandwidth constraints for our rural attendees. Videos should be at an appropriate resolution for Zoom - not 4K!
- In the unlikely event of "difficult" interactions or behaviour unbecoming to beekeeping, the Administrator reserves the right to mute or discontinue any interactions, or close rooms at any time.



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