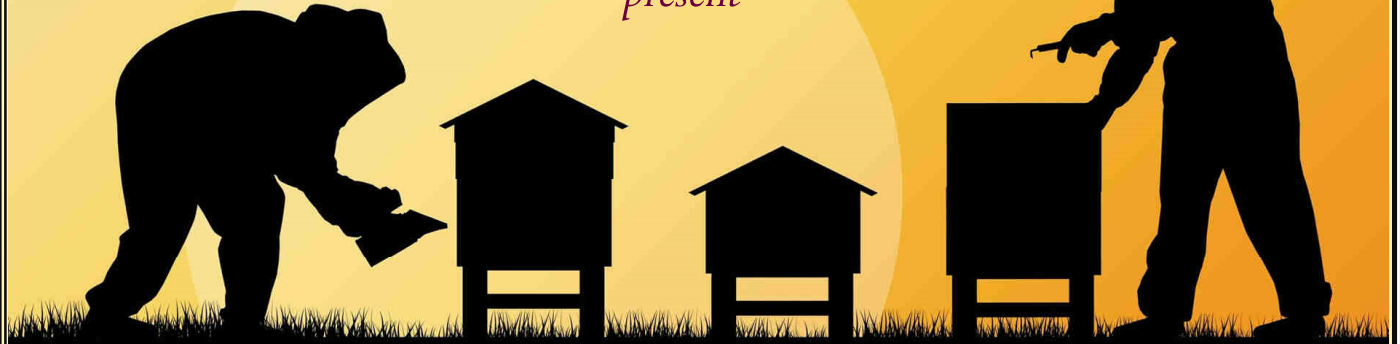




West Cornwall Beekeepers' Association
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present



Saturday 8th October 2022
Fal Building,
Truro and Penwith College TR1 3XX

Cornwall's beekeeping associations are delighted to present their 2022 Beekeeping Convention back at it's home venue in Truro.

Programme of speakers

- **Morning sessions: Juliet Osborne, Fay Kahane, Dan Basterfield**
- **Afternoon sessions: Jo Widdicombe, Dan Basterfield, Dave Goulson**
- **Registration from 9:00 with Cornish musical welcome by "Bagas Crowd"**
- **Presentations commence 10:00**

**Traders, Charities, Exhibitions and refreshments throughout the day
(Pasty lunches bookable in advance)**

**For more information and how to obtain tickets, see An Hes,
Gwenyn Kernow, either Association's website, or
search Eventbrite for "Truro Bees Convention"**



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Time	Activity	Venue
9:00	Registration and Musical Welcome by "Bagas Crowd"	
10:00	Welcome address	Main Lecture Theatre
10:15	Key Note Speaker: "Cornwall: Changing the Scene for Pollinators and People" by Juliet Osborne	Main Lecture Theatre
11:15	Morning Break	Atrium
11:45 <i>OR</i>	Split session 1A "Why different beekeepers do different things" by Fay Kahane	Main Lecture Theatre <i>OR</i> Room F105*
11:45	Split session 1B "Reading the Bees" by Dan Basterfield	Main Lecture Theatre <i>OR</i> Room F105*
12:45	Lunch Break -	Atrium
13:45 <i>OR</i>	Split session 2A "Swarm Control" by Dan Basterfield	Main Lecture Theatre <i>OR</i> Room F105*
13:45	Split session 2B "Principles of Bee Improvement" by Jo Widdicombe	Main Lecture Theatre <i>OR</i> Room F105*
14:45	Afternoon Break	Atrium
15:15	Key Note Speaker: "Silent Earth" by Dave Goulson	Main Lecture Theatre
16:15	Closing Address	Main Lecture Theatre



*** Sign up sheets available in the Atrium on the day; - room allocation dependent on numbers.**

“Cornwall: Changing the Scene for Pollinators and People”

- Juliet Osborne

Professor Juliet Osborne is the Chair in Applied Ecology at the University of Exeter. Juliet's research looks at how insects and plants interact within the environment, and their role in the provision of ecosystem services. This work includes the study of pollination and pest regulation in crops. She is particularly interested in conserving and promoting bee populations, and protecting and promoting wild flower and crop pollination. To achieve this, she works closely with beekeepers, conservation organisations and local land-owners.



Juliet will describe her team's work in Cornwall to put pollinator conservation into practice and change the landscape from a green desert to one with bountiful nectar and pollen resources. The changes not only benefit pollinators and other wildlife but are also positive for the people and businesses of Cornwall. .

“Why different beekeepers do different things: Analysing motivations using Q methodology ”

- Fay Kahane

Fay Kahane is working towards a PhD at the University of Exeter, Penryn. Returning to academia after 20 years as a consultant ecologist, she works across the ecological and social sciences to study ecosystem services and sustainability, with a focus on co-production of research with practitioners (such as beekeepers!)



"If you ask ten beekeepers a question, you'll get eleven different answers". This research, undertaken in 2019, outlines the diversity of motivations underpinning different honeybee management practices across Cornwall. Five beekeeping 'perspectives' emerged from our study, which will be discussed in terms of potential impact upon honeybee and wild pollinator health. Do we need a coordinated approach or is this diversity of perspectives a strength? Do we need 'co-production' of knowledge between beekeepers, ecologists and social scientists?

“Reading the Bees ” (AM) / “Swarm Control” (PM)

- Dan Basterfield

Dan is Chairman of the NDB Examination Board and a Council member of IBRA (International Bee Research Association). He is a Master Beekeeper and a commercial bee farmer, raising queens and also selling hive products from their bee farm. He co-authored “The Healthy Hive Guide” with Roger Cullum-Kenyon and Ivor Davis. Dan is a familiar friend to BOAD, and this time is giving 2 lectures



“The Principles of Bee Improvement ”

- Jo Widdicombe

Jo has been a beekeeper for nearly 40 years and runs approximately 150 hives with assistance. He is past-Secretary of the CBKA and past-Chairman of the South-West Group of Bee Farmers and was a bee inspector for 5 years.

He has been a member of BIBBA for more than 30 years, and has been both Group Secretary and President. He is currently a BBKA Trustee.



Jo has written an excellent book on “The Principles of Bee Improvement” and will be talking about this subject at our event. He hopes for a reduction in imports and an improvement in the quality of our bees.

“Silent Earth ”

- Dave Goulson

Dave Goulson is Professor of Biology at the University of Sussex, specialising in bee ecology and the conservation of bumblebees and other insects. He is the author of many books, the latest of which “Silent Earth” published in 2021 is the subject of his talk at A Bit of A Do.

He founded the Bumblebee Trust in 2006 and has won many awards. He is an “Ambassador” for the UK Wildlife Trusts.

