

**SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT  
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**  
(www.southamptonbeekeepers.co.uk)  
(Affiliated to B.B.K.A. through H.B.A.)

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**Queen Marking Colour is Yellow**

Dates, times, venues and seasonal activities for the S&DBKA Out-Apiary meetings will be advised on the Association Website, **please attend before the advertised time as late-comers disrupt the meeting by asking questions that have already been covered.**

There will always be someone on site to instruct, advise, supervise or merely to chat to! Everyone is welcome, Please contact the relevant Apiary Manager in advance if you are a visitor so that protective clothing can be arranged.

Twyford Out-Apiary Manager - Gerry Mc Fadden 07714 664759

email broadlands@southamptonbeekeepers.co.uk

Nursling Out-Apiary Manager - Steve Irish 02380 783788

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February 10 **The Beekeeper's year a Zoom talk by Bob Smith NDB.**

March 17 **Preparing Wax for show a Zoom talk by John Goodwin**

March 19 **Equipment Making Day**

April 9 **Spring Inspection .**

April 16 **Getting ready for the spring honey flow**

April 30 **Swarm control**

May 14 **Making up nuc / swarm control**

May 28 **Varroa control / monitoring**

June 11 **Wax day with Graham Watson**

June 18 **June Gap and swarm control**

July 2 **Coping with the main honey flow**

July 23 **Honey harvest**

August 13 **Treating for Varroa**

August 27 **Disease Treatment / feeding for winter**

November **Annual General Meeting venue/time tbc**

December **Christmas Event venue/time tbc**

**All Apiary visits are from 14:00 to 16:00 hrs, the apiary location will be confirmed prior to the meeting.**

**EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR HIRE BY MEMBERS**

Honey extractor, uncapping tray and refractometer returnable deposit of £5 plus £8 hire for 72 hours.

Heather press returnable deposit of £5 plus £4 hire for 72 hours

Wax foundation press – returnable deposit of £5 plus £2.50 hire for 7 days

Easy - Steam wax extractor - returnable deposit of £5 if returned 'as new' hire for 72 hours.

**Please note deposit will be forfeited if equipment is returned dirty or late, an additional charge will be made to cover repair of damage however caused.**

Members wishing to hire equipment should contact the Membership Secretary, Graham Watson (Telephone 02380 871756) or email membership@southamptonbeekeepers.co.uk to arrange collection.

**HBA LIBRARY**

The HBA Library has been relocated to the Sustainability Centre, East Meon. To visit call Avril Tillman on 01329286839 or 07804819443

**ASSOCIATION OUT APIARY**

The purpose of the Association Out Apiary is education and as a facility for members who may not have their own site. Members wishing to keep bees at an Association Out Apiary should first contact the relevant Apiary Manager. Hives are normally limited to two per member per apiary and are sited on the understanding that they may be opened during educational demonstrations for new and inexperienced members.

Meetings are regularly held and there will always be someone on site to instruct, advise, supervise or merely to chat to! Everyone is welcome, **please attend before the advertised time as late-comers disrupt the meeting by asking questions that have already been covered.** Please contact the relevant Apiary Manager in advance if you are a visitor so that protective clothing can be arranged.