

# Halifax and District Beekeepers Association

Affiliated to the BBKA

## Programme of Events

### 2019

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Alan Brook  
Peter Nicholls  
Dianne Gill  
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HBKA Website—[www.halifaxbeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.halifaxbeekeepers.co.uk)

NOTE—All Winter Meetings will be held at 7.30pm and for 2019 will be held at St Pauls Methodist Church, Tower Hill, Sowerby Bridge West Yorkshire HX6 2EQ—Map on HBKA Website

**Wednesday 9th January 2019:-** Introduced by Roger Pool  
**Short talks by members on “Beekeeping using several different types of hive”**

**Saturday 26th January 2019:-** 10.00am until 3-30pm  
Joint Microscopy session with Huddersfield BKA  
St Pauls Methodist Church—Pie and Pea Lunch will be served

**Wednesday 13th Feb 2019 :- “The Asian Hornet Cycle”**  
Its Life Cycle, reproduction and nesting sites. How to protect our bees.—Kirsty Stainton NBU

**Saturday 9th March 2019 :-** Bee Trade Exhibition Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

**Wednesday 13th March :-** Preparing Heather, Rape and other Special Honeys—Dave Shannon

**Wednesday 20th March—Wednesday 1st May 2019 :-**  
HBKA Beginners Course—7 weeks 7.30—9.30 at the Good Shepherd RC Church, Cragg Vale, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5EA

**Saturday 6th April :- YBKA Conference :-** Manor C of E Academy, York

**12th to 14th April :- BBKA Spring Convention :-** Harper Adams University College, Telford TF10 8NB

**Wednesday 10th April 2019 :-** Simple Methods of Making Increase— Making new colonies and raising queens without fancy methods—Wally Shaw Anglesey BKA  
(Joint Meeting with Huddersfield BKA)

**Saturday 27th April 2019 :-** Joint meeting with Huddersfield BKA—Nosema screening day—bring your own bee samples for testing. Taylor Hill Centre, Close Hill Lane, Huddersfield HD4 6LE

Summer Meetings 2019—Venues vary, directions for all venues are on the Website—please contact the number shown to book your place, confirm attendance or for further information

Saturday 11th May HBKA Auction with Mike Joyce :-  
Brickhills Farm, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD19 6LY Tel 01274 869644

Saturday 1st June 2019 Preparation for Basic Assessment:-  
Redacre Barn, Westfield Terrace, Mytholmroyd, HX7 5DQ

Saturday 15th June 2019:- HBKA Social and BBQ Lunch  
1pm—4pm *Speaker to be confirmed*  
Brickhills Farm, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD19 6LY Tel 01274 869644

Saturday 29th June Basic assessment :- HBKA Association  
Apiary, Church Lane Southowram

Saturday 13th July 2pm Garden and Apiary Visit with Talk  
by Tony Jefferson on **“Heathers and Honey”** Venue:- Middle Fold  
Farm, Edge Lane, Hebden Bridge, HX7 7PG

Wednesday 9th—Friday 11th July :- Great Yorkshire Show

Saturday 10th August :- Halifax Show and Honey Show

Saturday 17th August 2.00pm :- Apiary Visit and talk on Bees  
and Human Health—Alan Brook

Saturday 14th September 2pm :- Honey Extraction—Dianne  
and Jeff Gill Tel 01422 367003

### Winter meetings

Wednesday 9th October :- HBKA AGM

Saturday 26th October 10.00—12.00 :- Beginners and  
Mentors Review at Phil Gee’s Woodland View, Cragg Vale Halifax  
HX7 5TB Tel 01422 886114

Wednesday 13th November :- **“Research of Hive Activity”  
and lessons Learned** by Jane Mossley of Eat Natural—  
Pollenation

# Useful Information

HBKA has an active Web site :-

[www.halifaxbeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.halifaxbeekeepers.co.uk)

**On the website in “support contacts” are the names and contact details of those members who are happy to talk about bees with you at any time. They will also give advice and, visit your apiary if you are having real difficulties. Please choose a member who lives as close to your apiary as possible but please do not feel embarrassed about contacting them or asking for help.**

Also on the website :-

- Bees and Nucs
- Equipment for sale and hire
- Offers of Apiary Space
- Events
- Maps of Venues for 2019
- Halifax and Yorkshire Bee News
- Asian Hornet Information
- Identifying a Honey Bee Swarm

## Extractor Hire

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## Apiary Manager

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## Web Master

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## 2019 Subscriptions were Due at the OCTOBER 2018 AGM

Basic Single Member £40.00 (£10.00 discount if paid before 31st October 2018)

Partner Member £15.50

Plus a fee for Bee Disease Insurance based on your Number of Hives