



# Cornwall's Beekeeping Convention A Bit of a Do

**Saturday 22nd September 2018**  
**Venue: Fal Building, Truro College TR1 3XX**  
**Application Form**



One form to be completed for each delegate please. Tickets £12, add another £3 if you want a pasty for lunch.

## ***Your details***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I belong to:** *Please circle.* West Cornwall BKA: CBKA Bodmin, Carrick/Kerrier, Kit Hill, Liskeard, Launceston, Roseland, Wadebridge: Other Association: No Association.

## ***Your choices***

I would like a Steak, Vegetarian, Cheese and Onion or GF Pasty. (please circle the one required)

## **Reserving your place in the morning Short Sessions**

The main lectures are open to all delegates. But space in the morning short sessions is limited and must be pre-booked. To book your place please indicate your order of preference for each and we will do our best to accommodate you. See next page for more information.

A. In search of the invaders nest: tracking Asian Hornets  
with Dr Peter Kennedy

B. Reading Bees with Dan Basterfield

C. The Demaree and more with Anne Rowberry

D. Time saving inventions for the Practical Beekeeper with Will Steynor

## ***Your payment*** - by cheque or internet banking (please circle the one that applies)

I am paying £ \_\_\_\_\_ (entrance ticket £12 plus pasty if required £3)

By cheque. Send this completed form with a cheque (made payable to West Cornwall Beekeepers Association BOAD) & SAE to Heather Williams, Quillet Cottage, Trenwheal, Leedstown, Cornwall. TR27 6BP

By Internet. Email this completed form to [heather@quillet.org.uk](mailto:heather@quillet.org.uk) (or email her the relevant information) and pay by Internet Banking using your surname as a reference to 30-96-56 Acc 23305260. When we have confirmed payment you will receive an email confirmation from us. Tickets can be collected at the door.

**Booking on the morning of the event will cost you £15, you won't be able to have a pasty or choose your short session.  
Cancellations – tickets can be refunded up to the 31<sup>st</sup> August by advising Heather Williams – contact details above.**

More details of the event can be found at [westcornwallbka.org.uk](http://westcornwallbka.org.uk)

## **Short Session Guide**

### **In search of the Invaders nest: Tracking Asian Hornets with Dr Peter Kennedy**

The recent appearance of Asian hornets on the UK mainland has highlighted the impressive ability of this alien invasive species to adapt to the European environment and rapidly expand its distribution range. As a predator of a variety of insects, with a preference for bees and other Hymenoptera, its impact on our biodiversity is of huge concern. Recent research suggests that locating nests before these are able to produce sexual offspring is likely to be critical to reducing establishment and the rate of spread of this species, especially at the edge of its invasion front. To improve on the efficiency of finding nests quickly we explored whether already available tracking technologies can be adapted to be used with hornets to find their nests.

### **Reading Bees with Dan Basterfield**

Daniel grew up with beekeeping around him, earning pocket money by clipping and marking queens. Having spent 15 years working in large companies, he returned to the family beekeeping business in Devon, expanding the business and building a brand-new Honey Farm. He is a member of the Bee Farmers Association, holds the National Diploma in Beekeeping, and is a BBKA Master Beekeeper and Examiner. He runs 120-140 double-brood Modified Commercial hives, migrating between various farm crops in East Devon, and raises queens for prolific, productive and healthy qualities. Outside of the beekeeping season, Daniel undertakes teaching for the BBKA and NDB, for which he has developed a number of training courses. Famed for knowing how to “read bees”, he explains how better observation will help us to understand and predict what our colonies are going to do next.

### **The Demaree and More with Anne Rowberry**

The Demaree is a method of swarm control (something we all have to implement one way or another each year!) This talk is a brief look at the history and development of the Demaree system and how it has added to the resources available to Beekeepers. This manipulation appeared to go out of fashion but the value of it is becoming more apparent. Anne will suggest how it can be modified and adapted to serve many purposes and solve some equipment issues.

Anne gained an MEd at Bristol and Diploma in Counselling at Reading and then moved from teaching to work for a charity. It was then she got her first hive and with Ted Hooper’s book in one hand investigated the boxes. She joined a club and increased her knowledge working through the BBKA modules, microscopy and husbandry exams to gain the Master Beekeeper qualification.

### **Time saving inventions for the Practical Beekeeper with Will Steynor**

Will Steynor started keeping bees in 1964 having built a WBC hive in a woodwork class at school. In the mid- 70s he decided to expand his hobby into a business running 70 hives as a sideline alongside his career as an airline pilot. He ran his business until 1993 when he sold his operation and returned to the ranks of the hobby beekeeper. Over 50 years of beekeeping has informed his ability to find practical time saving inventions for all areas and stages of beekeeping. This is a practical session to look at and see how to make a range of equipment designed to minimise the time and effort required to keep bees efficiently.