



## South of England Show

The South of England Show is held this month at the South of England Showground, Selsfeld Road, Ardingly, RH17 6TL between 8th & 10th June.

The Bees & Honey Show event is an extremely popular visitor attraction staged within a marquee at the Show organised by the South of England Agricultural Society. SEAS is a registered charity whose aims are to showcase farming, agriculture and the countryside ... perfectly aligned with the charitable aims of the BBKA and its Associations and Divisions.

The Bees & Honey Show provides a perfect venue for introducing and informing a public eager to understand more about honeybees and beekeeping; by meeting, talking with and watching live demonstrations of beekeeping practices provided by beekeepers from throughout the region.

Full details of this local event are on the Show's website: [www.seas.org.uk/info/competing/competing-south-england-show/bees-honey/](http://www.seas.org.uk/info/competing/competing-south-england-show/bees-honey/)



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## Around the Divisions

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All Members are welcome to attend any Divisional meeting, but please advise the organiser if you plan to attend.

### Central Sussex Division

**Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th June** - Apiary meetings and BuZZ Club at Pease Pottage starting at 9:30am.

Further details from Debbie Rowland: [chairman@centralsussexbka.org.uk](mailto:chairman@centralsussexbka.org.uk) or website: [www.centralsussexbka.org.uk](http://www.centralsussexbka.org.uk)

### Chichester Division

**Tuesday 13th June** - 'Honey from Bucket to Jar' - With highly experienced beekeepers and honey producers, Tom Moore and Gordon Allan. The Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, Chichester, PO18 8BE at 7:30pm.

Further details from: [secretary@chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk](mailto:secretary@chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk) or website: [www.chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk)

***'Share your Division's  
activities with readers of the  
County News'***

### Wisborough Green Division

**Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th June** - Meetings at the teaching apiary from 1:30pm.

**Wednesday 14th June** - Meeting at the teaching apiary from 6pm.

Further details from Sue Elliott: [secretary@wgbka.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wgbka.org.uk) or website: [www.wgbka.org.uk](http://www.wgbka.org.uk)

### Worthing Division

**Sunday 4th & 25th, Wednesday 14th June** - Meetings at the teaching apiary from 2pm

**Wednesday 21st June** - Summer Picnic from 6pm.

Further details from Len Lewis: [secretary@worthingbeekeepers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@worthingbeekeepers.org.uk) or the Division's website: [www.worthingbeekeepers.org.uk](http://www.worthingbeekeepers.org.uk)



### ... and Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 8th - Saturday 10th June** - *South of England Show*, including the very popular Bees & Honey Show. Ardingly Show-ground near Haywards Heath. See lead article in this newsletter.

**Saturday 10th June** - Loxwood Village Fete. Come and see the Wisborough Green bees on display. North Hall, Loxwood 11am - 4pm.

**Sunday 2nd July** - The Cranleigh Show. The Showground on the B2127. **THE** fun day out for all the family in the heart of the Surrey countryside. Full details on the Show's website: [www.cranleighshow.co.uk](http://www.cranleighshow.co.uk)



# Melvyn's Missive

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Chairman, Melvyn Essen, writes for the County News



I must congratulate Chrissy Blakeman for the photo report of the Auction volunteers in the May newsletter, a very refreshing view. The Auction and our spring Convention are our flagship events and I think very much appreciated by West Sussex BKA members and our neighbours. The Auction requires a lot of volunteers to make it work and Graham has found it increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers in the planning stages rather than a week before the event. Your committee has been discussing this and hope to come up with a way to make Graham's life a little easier next April.

I expect that all the Division apiaries are in full swing now, I know Central Sussex's is. We are going to have to buy some more suits to keep up with the demand. I would like to visit your apiaries in the near future to meet you, can you please let me have some dates when it would be best to come along?

I had a message on Central Sussex's Facebook page yesterday and read 'we have a Bumble bees nest in our garden, what should I do'. The mind boggles! Talking about Facebook; I know a lot of people wouldn't entertain this type of media because of the negative side but it does have a very positive side too, and our page is read by from 40 – 280 people and is a good publicity tool for us. West Sussex BKA does have a Facebook page, mainly for the events. Do our other Divisions run their own pages? Please let me know.

## Melvyn

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## Dave Goulson Lecture

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The brilliant and important talk by Prof. Dave Goulson on '*Bees, Pesticides and the Future of Farming*' at the beginning of May is now available to watch on YouTube : [www.youtube.com/watch?v=16Y33t9VCEE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16Y33t9VCEE)

## Peter Deadman

Chair of Trustees of Brighton Natural Health Centre

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Those of you who attended this year's Convention in February will remember that Prof. Goulson gave a very similar lecture during the day. Ed.

## Bees for Sale

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Full colonies of bees for sale including National floor, brood chamber, crown board, roof and clipped and marked laying queen.

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[wellingtondays@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wellingtondays@hotmail.co.uk)

£200 each

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## Asian Hornet Trap

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Take a look at the new video published by the National Bee Unit on You Tube:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CR6MUekAjMo&t=2s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CR6MUekAjMo&t=2s)

**We're on the web:**

**[www.westsussexbeekeepers.org.uk](http://www.westsussexbeekeepers.org.uk)**

### MEMBERS' COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all this month's contributors. If you don't have access to the internet and want further details of anything in this newsletter, please contact the Editor & County Secretary. Likewise, if you would like to contribute to future newsletters or our facebook page please send articles and photographs to:

Graham Elliott, Editor & County Secretary, *no later than the 20th of the preceding month.*

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