

ABKA Summer Day School

Saturday 5th June 2010

10.00 am – 5.00 pm

will be held at

The Old School Room

South Parade, Chew Magna BS40 8SH

Situated on B3130 (OS ref ST576631)

PROGRAMME

9.45	Registration: tea/coffee & biscuits	
10.00	Welcome and introductions	by ABKA President
10.10	Work at Sussex University	by Norman Carreck
11.25	Comfort break	
11.35	Making a living from beekeeping	by John Home
12.45	Lunch break: Bring a packed lunch or lunch in one of several pubs in locality	
14.15	CCD and bee health problems	Norman Carreck
15.20	Comfort break	
15.30	Pheromones	by Ivor Davis
16.35	Question and discussion session	
17.00	Close of meeting and dispersal	

There is no charge for this event

Soft drinks, coffee & teas will be available; with donations to 'Bees for Development'

BOOKING ESSENTIAL – Please Book your place before the day

All visitors are welcome, subject to booking Attendance is limited to 60

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Résumés of presenters

Norman Carreck is: a member of the Technical Committee of BBKA and the Central Association of Bee-Keepers Committee, a Trustee of the C.B. Dennis Beekeepers Research Trust, Secretary of the Examinations Board of the National Diploma in Beekeeping, and Senior Editor of the Journal of Apicultural Research. He has kept bees since the age of 15 and read Agricultural Science at Nottingham University. He obtained the National Diploma in Beekeeping in 1996, and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society in 2004.

He joined Rothamsted Research in 1987 as an agronomist working on nutrient uptake in cereal crops. Between 1991 and 2006 he was apiculturalist in the Plant and Invertebrate Ecology Division, with responsibility for maintaining about 80 colonies of honey bees. He was also fully involved in the research group into pollination ecology, and the bee pathology group. He is now working as a research scientist with Professor Ratnieks at the Sussex University and is also the Scientific Director of the International Bee Research Association (IBRA).

John Home is chairman of the Bee Farmers Association and also chairman of the charity 'Bees Abroad'. He is now semi retired from commercial beekeeping, having been a commercial bee farmer for some 33 years. Initially he was taught his beekeeping as a student at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire, by a well respected beekeeper and tutor Harrison Ashforth of Ashforth feeder fame. He started with bees at the family home in Clifton and joined Bristol branch, soon to become a junior member on the branch committee. He left Bristol in the seventies and now lives in Deppers Bridge in Southam, Warwickshire.

Dr Ivor Davis has been keeping bees with his wife Jan for over 20 years and currently has 16 colonies in apiaries in Congresbury and Wrington. He is very keen on education and runs a number of courses for new and not so new beekeepers. He is presently the Project Manager responsible for the development of the new education material for the BBKA. He obtained the National Diploma in Beekeeping in 2008 after becoming a Master Beekeeper in 2006. In the past he has been President of Blagdon, Clevedon and District BKA, President of Avon BKA and Chairman and President of the BBKA. He is also the Secretary of the All Parliamentary Party Group on honey bees. He is a physicist by training but has spent most of his career in IT. Currently he runs his own management consultancy business when he can find time away from beekeeping business.

Directions to the venue in Chew Magna

The Old School Rooms are in South Parade, next to the church just off the B3130 road: on the left immediately you come into Chew Magna down the hill; on the B3130 from the A37 and the right coming from the A38

Directions from Bath: A4/A36

A39 to Wells approx.4miles; **Right** to **A368** - 2.7 miles: **Right** 3rd roundabout exit for **A37** -2 miles; **Left** onto **B3130** for Chew Magna -4.7 miles.

Directions from South on M5 at J21

A370 to Bristol approx.8 miles; **Right** at Traffic Lights (Brockley) for Bristol Airport -3 miles; **Left** onto **A38**; first **Right** for Winford/Chew Magna leading to **B3130** for Chew Magna.

Directions from North on M5 at J18

A4 to Bristol -6 miles; Follow **A370** signs to Weston-s-Mare -6 miles then filter **Left** then **Right** for **B3130**; **Right** at Traffic Lights to **A38** and next **Left** onto **B3130** for Chew Magna for 4.1 miles.

Directions from end of M32 or Bristol

Follow signs for Bristol Airport to **A38**. Continue towards Taunton at the traffic lights where **B3130** joins **A38** to next **Left** onto **B3130** for Chew Magna as above.

Parking

There is a public car park behind the pub opposite the venue and along the side of the local road turning to the left of the B3130 immediately as you enter the village near the church and Old School Room venue.