

**ABKA Summer Day School**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 10.00 am – 5.00 pm**  
**The Old School Room** (OS ref ST576631)  
**South Parade, Chew Magna BS40 8SH**  
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**PROGRAMME**

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9.45	Registration: tea/coffee & biscuits	
10.00	Welcome and introductions	by ABKA President
10.15	Nectar robbing an interesting method of foraging by bees	by Nic Charlton
11.15	Comfort break	
11.30	A Bee Inspector at large	by Megan Seymour
12.30	Lunch break: Bring a packed lunch or lunch in one of several pubs in locality	
14.00	The enemies of honey	Robin Lewis
15.15	Comfort break	
15.30	Searching for varroa tolerant honey bees	by Ron Hoskins
16.45	Closing remarks	

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**There is no charge for this event**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL – Please Book your place before the day**

*All beekeepers are welcome, subject to booking. Attendance is limited*

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

**Résumés of presenters**

**Nic Charlton** is now a third year PHD student at the University of Bristol but was previously a science teacher. He decided to return to university to pursue a career in research. He has studied a variety of interactions between plants and animals, and is now investigating the foraging behaviour of bees, in particular nectar robbing.

**Megan Seymour** has been keeping bees herself for about 15 years, but her interest goes right back to childhood when her father kept 3 WBC hives at the end of the garden. The main interest at the time was in eating the honey – scooping it out of the old storage tins for Sunday tea was the easy option in that days chores.

These days most of Megan's own hives are in 4 out apiaries as she only has a small garden in the middle of town. Megan over-winters 20 colonies, and combines the work of a seasonal bee inspector with her 'day job' as a consultant engineer.

**Robin Lewis** is from Brecon and he has been involved in the honey packaging industry for many years. He is a well established commercial beekeeper and vice-chairman of the Bee Farmers Association in the UK.

**Ron Hoskins** has 67 years of beekeeping behind him and he is well known as a beekeeping lecturer and demonstrator. He has recently become famous in the media for his work in the Swindon area developing strains of honey bees that show resistance to the varroa mite.