

**A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE – THE BEEKEEPING CONFERENCE
 PROVIDED BY THE MIDLANDS AND SOUTH-WESTERN COUNTIES
 CONVENTION (MSWCC) AT THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
 CIRENCESTER 15th to 17th SEPTEMBER 2017**



Now is the time to book your place at this interesting, informative and entertaining event.

You can book for the whole weekend (Friday late afternoon through to Sunday lunchtime – which includes food and accommodation). You can book for individual days if you prefer. All together there will be 8 formal lectures and the opportunity to attend three workshops from a list of seven.

There will be a honey show open to members of associations which are part of the Midland and South Western Counties Convention.

Make friends, learn new things, enjoy yourself. N.B. Anybody can attend the conference.

Book now on line at <http://www.mswcc.org.uk/products-page/>

Friday 15th September

16:30	Lecture 1: Bee Husbandry <i>[Exact title to follow]</i>	Anne Rowberry
17:40	Lecture 2: Virus Work <i>[Exact title to follow]</i>	Stephen Martin
20:30	Q&A Session: .. “There is no such thing as a stupid question”	Colin Pavey

Saturday 16th September

09:15	Lecture 3: Pheromones. “The chemical ecology of honey bees and how it is exploited by varroa”	Stephen Martin
11:00	Lecture 4: Pollen and Nutrition. "Pollen - super-food for honey bees"	Bob Smith
12:10	Lecture 5: Swarm Control. “Reactive Swarm Control”	Wally Shaw
14:30	Three workshops to be chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W1. Exams. “Introduction to new BBKA exams” • W2. Disease Management. <i>[Exact title to follow]</i> • W3. Apiary Hygiene. “How clean is your kit?” • W4. Colony environment. “DIY hive monitoring” • W5. Swarm control. “Practical swarm control” • W6. Microscopy. “Preparing pollen slides for the microscope”. • W7. Preparing for winter. <i>[Exact title to follow]</i> 	Marin Anastassov Colin Pavey Liz Gardener Nick Lambert Wally Shaw Bob Smith Margaret Murdin
19:00	Gala Dinner	
20:30	After-dinner lecture: “Stray thoughts from an aspiring bee master”	Dave Maslen

Sunday 17th September

08:30	Inter-denominational service (optional)	
09:30	Lecture 6: Selection and Breeding. <i>[Exact title to follow]</i>	Jo Widdicombe
11:00	Lecture 7: Forensic pollen..... <i>[Exact title to follow]</i>	Dr Michael Keith-Lucas
12:10	Lecture 8: Neonicotinoids..... <i>[Exact title to follow]</i>	Margaret Murdin
13:30	Lunch followed by honey show results, prizes and raffle draw	
15:30	Depart	