

# Bradford BKA

Our website is the best place to find out what is going on in the association and should be your first 'port-of-call' if you want to contact anybody.

<https://bradfordbeekeepers.co.uk>

Our website has information on:-

*Upcoming Events*

*Latest Bradford BKA News*

*Maps for Our Apiary & Bradford University*

*Training Opportunities*

*Equipment available for Loan*

*Swarm Contact Information*

*Facts and Figures About Bees*

*Minutes of Committee Meetings*

*Archive Materials*

*A Dedicated Members' Section - (Login Required)*

Members are also required to register with the National Bee Unit and are encouraged to regularly visit their website which is packed with useful information and advice.

<http://www.nationalbeeunit.com>

Your Bradford BKA membership also includes affiliate membership of the following beekeeping organisations.

British Beekeepers Association  
<https://www.bbka.org.uk>

Yorkshire Beekeepers Association  
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# Bradford Beekeepers Association



## Events & Contacts

2017 / 2018

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### Website

<https://bradfordbeekeepers.co.uk>

## Winter / Spring Programme 2018

All winter evening meetings start 7.00pm at the ReCentre Bright Building, Bradford University.

### Thursday 11th January

John Varker - Leeds Geology Society

**The History of Bees** - Bees have been around for 140 million years - and so know a lot more than most beekeepers. Explore the evolution of the Honey Bee (*Apis mellifera*) over millions of years. **Heighley Recommended!**

### Thursday 8th February

Charles Austin

**Reading the hive** - What messages are you getting about the state of your colony? Learn from Charles how to interpret these messages from your bees (they are talking to you).

### Saturday 3rd March

**Bee Tradex** - UK's biggest beekeeping show, all major beekeeping suppliers. Whilst enjoying seminars from the leading speakers. <http://www.beetradex.co.uk/>

### Thursday 8th March

Gerry Collins

**Queens and things** - Listen to one of the experts

### Saturday 24th March

YBKA Conference - <http://ybka.org.uk>

### Thursday 12th April

Bill Cadmore

**Swarm Management** - Be ready!

### 13th - 15th April

**BBKA Spring Convention** - Harper Adams University College  
<https://www.bbka.org.uk>

## Summer Programme 2018

### Thursday 19th April

Our summer meetings at the Knowles Park Apiary begin. We meet every Thursday at 6.30pm.

### Saturday 26th May 10.00 - 4.00pm

**Hive Products Day** - A day of talks and workshops in the ReCentre Bradford University

### Sunday 3rd June 1pm

**Bee Safari** - Visit 3 different apiaries and find out what members do with their bees. **New Event This Year!**

### Sunday 1st July 1pm

Prepare your bees for Heather and locate them in the associations Heather sites around Bradford.

### Sunday 1st August 1pm

**Microscopy for Beekeepers** Bring a sample (around 20 bees taken live and made dead) to check for Nosema. Learn the techniques to enable the art of keeping healthy bees.

### Thursday 16th August 6.30pm

**Annual Summer Association BBQ:** We supply the grill food, you supply everything else, **it's tradition!**

### Sunday 1st September 1pm

**Extraction Day:** Extract some honey whilst learning how all the equipment works. Enjoy all the fun without all the clean up work by yourself. Perfect if you've only a couple of supers or just a few frames.

## New Beekeepers 2018

### Winter Long Course

1st & 3rd Thursday 7.00pm at the University - Re-Centre Building  
Starts 4th January 2018

### Taster sessions

6th May 12.00 - 2.00pm  
3rd June 12.00 - 2.00pm

### Weekend Courses

12/13th May 10.00 - 4.00pm  
9/10th June 10.00 - 4.00pm

### Apiary Days

1st Sunday of the Month for apiary maintenance  
**10.00 - 13.00 Everybody welcome!**

### Boring Old Beekeepers

Last Thursday of the Month, do some work & then a leisurely lunch at the pub  
**10.00am Everybody welcome!**

### Equipment Loans / Extracting Room Hire

Contact Fred Dockerill as these are booked on an individual basis, a small fee may apply.  
**See website for details.**

### Equipment Supplies

Every Thursday during the summer, once a month during the winter - See website for details.  
**Open Every Apiary Day.**