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Saturday 3 September - HBKA Craft Workshop -
Bartestree Village Hall, HR1 4BY

Saturday 17 September
Herefordshire Festival of Bees and Honey
(incorporating the HBKA Honey Show)
Sutton St Nicholas Village Hall, HR1 3SZ

Tue-Thurs 20-22 September - BIBBA Confer-
ence - Isle of Man

Fri-Sun 14-16 October - MSWCC - Rey-
noldstown, Gower

Thursday 20 October - Talk by Professor Robert
Pickard - "Wonderful Things about Bees" -
Three Counties Hotel, Hereford, HR2 7BP

Thursday 27 October - Talk by Dave Goulson -
"Saving Our Bumble Bees".- Herefordshire Sixth
Form College Performing Arts Centre

Thurs-Sat 27-29 October - National Honey Show
- Sandown Park Racecourse

Saturday 29 October - East LAN Dinner - The
Falcon Hotel, Bromyard

Thursday 24 November - President's Choice
evening - Three Counties Hotel, Hereford, HR2
7BP

**"While the weather's nice and sunny
Why not photograph your honey?"**

*... and then enter the result in class 25 of the Honey Show at the
HBKA Festival of Bees & Honey in two weeks time.*

(see pages 2 and 3 inside)



THE HEREFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF BEES AND HONEY

Sutton St. Nicholas Village Hall
Bayley Way, Sutton St. Nicholas , HR1 3SZ

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016
10.00 am - 4.00 pm





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THE HEREFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL OF BEES & HONEY

Our Chairman, Mary Walter, writes...

This is a new venture for us, so we need as many members and friends as possible to come along and support it. We are combining the Honey Show and Sales with other bee-related stalls and activities and the resulting Festival will take place at Sutton St Nicholas Village and School Hall, HR1 3SZ. There will be cider, hand-made chocolates, plants, books, jams and chutneys and soaps for sale. Beehive Bits are coming with their good value equipment, and light refreshments will be available all day. Colin Pavey, Dave Sutton and David Vaughan will be giving short talks during the day, and there will be activities for children such as candle rolling and colouring. *PLEASE DO YOUR UTMOST TO PERSUADE FRIENDS, RELATIVES OR ANYONE ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF TO COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US IN THIS NEW VENTURE* - there is plenty of free parking!

Anyone bringing entries for the Honey Show should allow plenty of time to book them in with the Show Secretary and stage them. You can do this on the Friday evening between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm or on the Saturday morning between 8.30 am and 9.45 am. Judging will start at 10 am. To ensure anonymity, labels will be supplied and should be fixed to your entries according to the guidance in the Schedule.

If you enter at least one class in the Show you will be able to bring honey (correctly labelled according to the legal requirements please!) and other items to be sold on the HBKA trade stall. We will sell honey for £6/lb and pro rata for smaller jars. A sample jar should be provided as a taster. A commission of 10% will be deducted to help cover the Association expenses. Please make sure that all items you bring for sale can be identified as yours (e.g. scratch your initials under a wax block) and bring a list with suggested prices with you. Unsold goods can be collected at the end of the day (after 4pm and before 5pm) or on Sunday morning between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm. If you have difficulty organising delivery or collection please contact a member of the committee.

It's not too late to prepare entries for the show. Please do consider bringing along some entries of honey or wax. Everyone can make a cake, take some photos or pick some bee friendly flowers. If we have more than 100 entries we are able to award the prestigious Blue Ribbon for the best entry in the Show. This allows the winner free entry to the National Honey Show in October.

Finally, we need your help with stall-minding, stewarding and the children's activities. Please give us some of your time for this one day - just the morning (10.00 am until 1.00 pm) or afternoon (1.00 pm until 4.00 pm) would be fine. The person to contact is Chris Stowell, [\(\) who will explain what's needed.](#)



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LAN REPORTS

NORTH LAN APIARY MEETING - FRIDAY 8 JULY



Trapped ...

On the sunny evening of Friday, 8th July members of the North LAN met at Millcroft Farm to inspect three of the four colonies there under the expert guidance of Mary Walter and Bob Cross. The first hive to be opened was one in which brood had been found both in the brood box and above the queen excluder in one of the supers. The super had therefore been placed under the brood box in the hope that, whether there were two queens present or just a faulty queen excluder or a one queen small enough to pass through it, the bees would restore order. The verdict was that now at any rate there was only one queen and she was duly found, marked and confined to the brood box by queen excluders both above and below it. The super underneath was left in place to allow the drone brood in it to hatch and have access to the outside world.

The second hive was home to a weak colony left behind after the departure of a swarm about a month earlier. (The swarm had been recovered, but had absconded again before it could be re-housed). The colony was making progress with brood in all stages and once again the queen was found and marked. However, as Bob and Mary pointed out, there were several lessons to be learnt. Some of the brood frames were showing their age and needed to be replaced, with the new frames of foundation being placed between the edge of the brood and its stores to encourage the colony to build them out. At the same time the brood should be moved away from the front of the hive so that this building process could take place on both sides of it, rather than just one. Bob also drew attention to the way in which in hives with open mesh floors the bees will often not build out the bottom inch or so of each frame – a significant loss of capacity when eleven frames are added together. The obvious answer, which he advocated, would be to use solid floors instead. Although the first hive inspected had had plenty of stores, this one was being given syrup in a bulk feeder above its super. It needed more and Bob felt that this should be placed directly on the queen excluder, once the bees in the super had been cleared down. (And this was duly done the following day).



Marked ...



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Moving on to the third of the four hives we found swarm preparations in full swing. The first task was therefore to find the queen. She was not in a cooperative mood and so Mary demonstrated the technique of putting the brood frames in pairs across the brood box to encourage the queen to hide in the bee space between one of the pairs where she could be more easily found. This worked well and Mary duly completed her hat trick by trapping and marking the queen. As it was rather late in the season to attempt an artificial swarm we transferred the queen into a nuc. with some brood, stores and extra bees to keep her company. The entrance was blocked with grass to give time for the new embryo colony to settle down. Meanwhile, in the main colony Bob found the best queen cell and marked its position in traditional manner with a drawing pin on the top of the frame. The discovery in the hive of the first wasp of the season completed the day's excitements and everyone returned to the patio for Pimms, refreshments and post-Brexit chat.



Freed ...

Many thanks to... wait a minute! I'm not sure who wrote this as there's no name at the top or the bottom. Ah well - many thanks to Anon. I suppose - and thanks for the photos too! (Ed.)

NORTH LAN APIARY MEETING - THURSDAY 28 JULY

The North LAN enjoyed a fine evening on July 28th visiting two apiaries in a short space of time. Peter Howard in Dilwyn now has three colonies which all seemed to be thriving. He had come back from holiday in May to find one hive had swarmed and was very depleted with no sign of a laying queen. He was lucky to pick up a swarm from the neighbouring orchards, and unite them with the original bees over a sheet of newspaper. This seemed to have been successful and he was hopeful that they would be strong enough to come through the winter. We went on to Shirlheath to visit David Bull and his bees. He had three colonies in Langstroth hives. The first colony we looked at had originally started on National frames. David was gradually removing the National frames fixed under the top bars of the Langstroths. He was well on the way to completing the job, and would be able to replace the final two frames next spring. Another colony had swarmed into a nuc. box nearby earlier in the year. David had moved them into a full size box soon afterwards. These bees were doing well, but instead of moving into the super had packed the brood box with stores. We suggested that next year he opened up the bridge of honey above the brood nest to encourage them to move up, possibly leaving the queen excluder off for a short while. The colony which had swarmed had failed to raise a viable queen, and there was a preponderance of drone rather than normal brood. It seemed to be a drone laying queen rather than laying workers, as the brood pattern was normal, although she must have squeezed through into the super at some point. We failed to find the queen so advised David to shake the bees out, the workers would return to their neighbours to boost the other two colonies. It is best to destroy the brood in these circumstances as the drone larvae are liable to harbour a lot of varroa mites. A chat in David's garden with tea (and delicious cake) surrounded by swooping swallows made a pleasant end to a successful evening.

Many thanks to Mary Walter for this one. Hope the swallows didn't swoop so low they swallowed the cake (Ed.)



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EAST LAN APIARY MEETING – TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

Peter Poole opened the meeting by explaining that he appeared to have lost most of his bees earlier in the summer! Bob Cross had supplied him with a nucleus and a second hive definitely had signs of activity. We began with Bob examining the first colony: as always, he found the queen, who was quite small, and marked her.

The second colony also had eggs, larvae and capped brood. Feeding was suggested. The queen was spotted and Dave Sutton marked her. Remember that the queen has a longer abdomen than worker bees. We were given various tips by both Bob and Dave for successful marking of a queen as follows:

1. Pick the queen up by her wings. Then take hold of a pair of her legs.
2. Use a quick dry acrylic marker. Mark her thorax. Some Beekeepers favour using the end of a match-stick to apply the paint to the queen's thorax.
3. Hold the queen long enough for the colour to dry.
4. Return her to the same frame you found her on. If you simply drop her onto a random frame, she may not be recognised and could be attacked or killed.
5. Practise marking on drones. They are unable to sting!

There then followed an amusing and very interesting chat about drones. Apparently, marked drones have been found forty miles from their original colonies. Virgin queens and drones fly to drone congregation areas which are determined by the topography of the landscape. These areas remain the same over the years. Avid Beekeepers hold fishing nets with extended poles and a feather, extended up from each net in order to attract the drones. Quite a few chuckles ensued from this followed by a suggestion that we should organise an outing!

We were reminded of the importance of replacing frames. If you hold a frame to the light and cannot see through: it is finished. If the frame is old and black then it is best burnt. Start replacing frames by placing new frames at outer ends of box.

Dave pointed out that the more times that eggs are laid in the cell and pupae develop, the tighter the cell becomes. Strangely, this does not affect the size of the adult bee.

Evidence of chalk brood was spotted in the second hive. Again, some helpful tips and advice given as follows:

1. Chalk brood is caused by a fungus which kills the larva after the cell has been sealed.
2. The name derives from the larva's chalky white appearance as the fungus develops. Later on it may turn black.
3. We saw and looked at, these "mummies" on the floor of the hive.
4. Chalk brood is spread by spores sticking to combs and adult bees. They can remain infectious for three years or more but it is rarely a serious disease.

Later on, Dave Sutton talked to us about American Foul Brood (AFB).

Most importantly, it is ~~very serious~~ and is ~~notifiable~~. Inspectors ensure that the hive and its contents, including the hapless colony, are all burnt. Surrounding hives are carefully inspected and monitored.



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Apparently, AFB is often present in jars of imported honey. These are thrown away and our unsuspecting bees feed on the remains in the jar and unwittingly bring the disease to the hive! AFB is caused by a bacterium which develops in the bee's gut and kills it after the cell has been capped. Millions of spores are produced, which are ingested by the house bees as they clean the cells. They then pass them on to new larvae in the brood food. The spores are very tough and can lie dormant for years and will eventually kill the colony.

What does AFB look like?

1. Sunken, perforated cappings which can look greasy. There can be a bad smell.
2. A pepper pot appearance where cells have been uncapped randomly.
3. Use a matchstick to open a cell and stir up the remains. Remove the matchstick and the cell contents will form a mucous like rope.

Finally, we looked at a box of frames with old brood. There were dwarf drone cells (there was more to learn!). How do you know the difference between a drone laying queen and a drone laying worker? Laying workers often lay multiple eggs in one cell and do not lay in the consistent pattern of the queen. They also tend to lay in worker comb, and the cells become distorted as they expand to accommodate the larger drone. Phew! This meeting was full of interesting information. A real learning curve. Maybe at each meeting we should be tested on what we learnt at the previous meeting? Only joking!!!

We were then treated to a beautiful tea of sandwiches, scones, cakes and biscuits. Thank you so much, Peter and Diane for making us all feel so welcome. And thanks yet again, to Bob and Dave for such a fascinating meeting.

Many thanks to Ginny Holly for giving us such a comprehensive and detailed report of the meeting. If there really was a test at the next meeting, Ginny, you'd definitely pass it with flying colours! (Ed.)

IMPORTANT - MISSING IN ACTION....!

Lester Martin, our Membership Secretary, writes:

There are some very generous people out there who have paid HBKA some money but unfortunately forgot to let us have their contact details!

Would...

- Fleur Callanan
- Dominic Callanan
- Andrew Macdonald
- Rosaleen Smith
- Rebecca Ameko

...please contact the Membership Secretary, Lester Martin by the end of this month or your payments will have to be accepted as a charitable donation rather than as a membership subscription.



EVENTS

BOB'S HONEY HARVESTING WORKSHOPS - SATURDAY 13 & 20 AUGUST

Mike Healey writes:

I attended the morning session given by Bob Cross on Saturday 13th August and found it offered a wealth of interesting techniques that Bob has perfected over the years.

The session was extremely well organised and broken down into logical stages. At each stage, after Bob had demonstrated the best technique that he had found to harvest the honey, we were able to have a go ourselves. As you all know, watching an expert who makes it all look so easy is a very different thing to doing it yourself.

When you have a go you realise that all of these skills are only achieved with a large investment of time and effort.

We covered all aspects of the honey harvest including uncapping, the use of the extractor, storage and cleaning of frames, the use of insulated boxes to melt the stored honey, techniques for pouring into jars and a wealth of other things while listening to Bobs stories and anecdotes. We were entertained

with refresh-

ments and enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of Bob and Kath. I am amazed that there were any spaces left on this course and would urge anyone to take part in these sessions. I have extracted honey for a number of years but learnt a lot from both Bob and the other participants.

A big thank you to Bob and Kath and shame on anyone who did not make the most of a fantastic opportunity. If you find extracting honey is tricky and messy and didn't attend the course then perhaps you have only yourself to blame.....

Demonstrating.....



Having a go



A relaxing break





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.... COMING SOON

‘WONDERFUL THINGS ABOUT BEES’ - a talk by Professor Robert Pickard

Three Counties Hotel, Hereford - Thursday 20th October 2016



Robert Pickard is an international authority on the biology of honeybees and President of the Cardiff Beekeepers Association and the UK Central Association of Beekeepers. Formerly, he was Editor of the *Journal of Apicultural Research*. He has been described in *Bee World* as “an original research scientist and a gifted teacher” and his public lectures on energy, environment, agriculture, honeybees, nutrition, brains, social evolution and Shakespeare have been popular throughout the world, from North America to New Zealand.

This talk considers the origins of plants, honeybees and humans and their interdependence in the maintenance of a sustainable environment. Honeybees

share 60% of their genes with humans and are the only creatures apart from humans that can communicate complex navigational instructions. Some basic practices in beekeeping will be illustrated along with some discussion on pollen identification, *Varroa* management, viruses and queen rearing. A short look at the bee’s brain and sensory system will take us into the evolution of societies and the lessons that humans have yet to learn about running an economy. Honeybee biology also gives us an insight into the reasons behind the growing sexual polymorphism that we can see in the modern human population. There was a time when humans were either male or female but that time is now long gone.

.... AND THEN

‘SAVING OUR BUMBLE BEES’ - a talk by Professor Dave Goulson

Herefordshire Sixth Form College - Thursday 27th October 2016

Doors open 7pm, talk starts 7.45pm

Bumblebees are amongst the most clever and remarkable of insects. Dave Goulson, Professor of Biology at Sussex University, founder of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and author of bestsellers *A Sting in the Tale* and *A Buzz in the Meadow*, will outline some of their fascinating behaviours, including how they use their smelly feet to avoid empty flowers.

David developed an obsession with wildlife from early childhood but he began to study bumblebees in earnest whilst lecturing in biology at the University of Southampton during the 1990s. Named number 8 in BBC Wildlife Magazine’s list of the top 50 most influential people in conservation, he continues to be a leading expert and champion for bumblebees today. Through his talk, he will discuss the various causes of bee declines and the controversy over the effects of neonicotinoid pesticides. He will offer practical solutions to helping these vital insects, from planting bee-friendly flowers in our gardens and parks to taking part in nationwide citizen science surveys.



Booking is essential. Book online at www.herefordshirewt.org or call 01432 356872. Tickets cost £10.50.

This is a fundraising event organised by the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust with all profits going to support the work of the Trust

NEWS & FEATURES

IN (DOUBTFUL?) PRAISE OF 'LEAVE ALONE' BEEKEEPING (or, FOUR COLONIES, FIVE QUEENS!)

Me, writing in praise of leave-alone beekeeping? That must be a surprise to people who have been to our courses in recent years. I have always advocated pro-active beekeeping, meaning knowing what your bees might be up to and planning and preparing ahead so that one is ready both for the expected and the unexpected. But that doesn't mean constantly interfering with them; and I still think it's up to every beekeeper to do their best to prevent swarming if at all possible. But there are times when leaving alone is indeed the best, or even only option. One of those is when you think a colony is possibly queenless or, as has happened not infrequently in recent years, become a drone layer.

As far as I'm concerned, in recent times, regular checks on my bees have simply been impossible, partly because of the weather, and partly because of personal problems. For me, there have been other major priorities rather than bees and beekeeping, so I have had to practice what up to now I haven't advocated – largely, leave them alone. This year in particular has been especially difficult. But I've just recently had a pleasant surprise.

I know I've lost a couple of swarms this year. But it seemed that all my colonies got themselves sorted out – or so I thought. I managed to cope with at least one artificial swarm, which at first seemed successful. The new young queen began to lay but after a month or so – oh dear, a drone layer! The colony began to dwindle and I mentally wrote it off. I noticed a queen cell (not a particularly good one) and thought, well at least they're trying. But a few weeks later, no queen cell and still only feeble, scattered drone brood.

I ended up with nominally three colonies turned into four. One was a nuc. created back in May. (It did too well, out grew the nuc. box, just when I couldn't do anything about it, and accordingly swarmed.) One was a long-standing colony which, somewhat to my surprise, just didn't seem to want to swarm, bless them. The other doubled, as a result of that artificial swarm.

I was away from home just at the critical point in the season (late May) and again just recently. I did manage to check them just before each of the occasions, but as far as I could see there was no change. A while ago (it's now the end of August) I looked at them a day or so before I went off to Canada for a few weeks. Definitely a drone layer; the nuc. appeared to have a very young queen (small and very active) but no brood at all; the 'old' part of the artificial swarm seemed to have lost that queen and looked rather miserable – only a scattering of sealed brood. And one good colony, still with its original queen. So, this week, after getting home again, and having sort of got my brain round to normal everyday living, as it were, I thought, well, I really must see what the bees are doing, naturally expecting the worst. But what a surprise!

First the drone laying colony – five frames of healthy BIAS! I was astonished. And there was the queen, doing what she ought. Those that were in a nuc. box had already been moved into a full hive – now doing very well too, thank you. Two queens spotted! Then a look at the 'original' portion of that swarm, once looking so sad. Bingo! A new queen, and eight frames of BIAS! Three queens found!



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Then the 'long standing' colony. On opening up, eight frames of BIAS. I was beginning to feel pretty cheerful. And then I saw a new, unmarked lovely queen (now also marked). Four queens found! However, I decided to check the rest of the brood nest just to get a full picture. On the last frame, there she was again. 'Wow', I thought, 'She moved fast!' But then I took a second look. This queen was a different colour! (I don't mean the mark - all my queens are marked white!) This queen was already marked, and was much darker than the one I found a minute or two earlier. A supersedure! Not only had they not wanted to swarm, but they were perfectly happy with two queens.

Five queens in four colonies!

So if there is a case for leaving alone, this year seems to have proved to be it!

Many thanks to Len Dixon for baring his soul to us all in this entirely unsolicited contribution! It only goes to prove that there's still hope for beekeepers like me who always try to start each season on a really positive note but then gradually lose it due to the distractions and pressure of everyday living! (Ed.)

TRAWLING THE NET (special International Edition!)

- Fears of immigration abound with reports of American Foul Brood arriving in Northern Ireland <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-36600972> and Asian hornets arriving in Alderney <https://www.pestcontrolnews.com/asian-hornet-identified-first-time-alderney-channel-islands/> and in Jersey: <http://www.gov.je/News/2016/Pages/AsianHornet.aspx>
- As well as giving us AFB, the Americans have also given us some fascinating filmed photography of the first 21 days of a bee: https://www.ted.com/talks/anand_varma_a_thrilling_look_at_the_first_21_days_of_a_bee_s_life?language=en
Pliny the Elder claimed he was quoting the Greeks when he said "...there is always something new out of Africa". In the last few weeks we have seen a report of teaching beekeeping in Tunisia as a route to escape poverty: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36702997> and problems in Zambia where low water levels have reduced hydroelectricity, leading people to chop down more trees for charcoal resulting in a forage shortage for bees and thus problems for beekeepers: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-37128951>
- Despite these problems Zambian honey is now available here in Herefordshire (and Malvern) at Waitrose, priced at about one tenth of the price of 15+ Manuka: <http://www.waitrose.com/shop/ProductView-10317-10001-28321-Tropical+forest+Organic+honey> . It tastes very, very different from Herefordshire honey and is worth a try if only out of curiosity.
- Finally for the Francophones amongst you, there have been two programmes about bees on Swiss radio recently. One addresses the neonicotinoids issue <http://www.rts.ch/la-1ere/programmes/cqfd/7843693-cqfd-du-18-08-2016.html> - (BTW the latest research on the impact of neonics on wild, rather than domesticated, bees has been published in Nature Communications in the last few days: <http://www.nature.com/articles/ncomms12459> and the Governor of Minnesota has just brought in a new ban on neonics: https://mn.gov/governor/assets/2016_08_25_EO_16-07_tcm1055-253931.pdf). The other programme is a more reflective and philosophical appreciation of bees: <http://www.rts.ch/play/radio/-/audio/labeille-animal-philosophique?id=7836601>

Thanks once again to boy-reporter Roger Gill for another excellent net trawl. I don't know how he finds this stuff but it's certainly international and seems to keep him off the streets. A bit worrying that Asian hornets are now in the Channel Islands though - I guess it's only a matter of time before we'll be seeing them at first hand over here. (Ed.)



BEECONNECTED – AN IMPORTANT NEW...





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BIBBA CONFERENCE 2016

BIBBA Conference 2016 will be held on 20-22 September on the Isle of Man. Three full days of quality international speakers with lectures on many aspects of beekeeping: from beginner to expert there will be excellent content for all of us to improve our beekeeping.

Disease occurrence and spread and future threats to our bees are high profile; now is the time to focus on breeding from the best, locally, for less defensive, robust stocks of honey bees. Where better than a conference with like-minded beekeepers?

Speaker profiles, lecture content summaries and booking are all now available online, links below. Large choice of accommodation, conference dinner, lots to see, so why not extend your visit?

bit.ly/ConferenceLinks for direct interactive links.

bit.ly/Conf01 for the website, also with full details.

A MESSAGE FROM BEECRAFT MAGAZINE...

During the holiday period, height of the beekeeping season and middle of the Olympics, we unfortunately had to cancel our August hangout. So, I thought it an ideal time to let you know that James, who hosts the hangouts, is working to start the Winter season off with a bang in our **next Hangout on Wednesday, 14th September**. I will email further when I have more information on this.

I am sure you know that The National Honey Show is taking place from Thursday 27th October to Saturday, 29th October, and is moving to a new venue at Sandown Park Racecourse. They always need help with stewarding, so if you are going and could volunteer for a few hours as a steward, please contact the chief steward, Bill Fisher, at chiefsteward@honeyshow.co.uk. Taking advantage of more space in the new venue, involving children and providing interest and activities for them are high on the list.

Bee Craft is supporting this initiative and our BKids Club has its own stand, alongside the **Bee Craft** main stand in the trade hall. Pam Todd, who looks after "all things BKids" for **Bee Craft**, is organising some fun things for children to do and will be there for all three days of the Show. I'm sure you will have guessed this will be no mean feat!

I know many associations are very keen to encourage children into our wonderful hobby, so I wondered whether anyone from your group is going along and would be willing to help Pam for an hour or two on one of the days. In order that this can be sensibly organised, could interested parties please email her at b.kids@bee-craft.com with an indication of when they can help.



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