

Teaching Apiary at Quarr Abbey. The bee manipulations held during the year at the Teaching Apiary will be dependent on the weather and the current situation of the bee colonies at the time of the apiary meeting. During the year it is anticipated the subjects covered will include shook swarming, splitting colonies, queen marking and bee health monitoring.

Members' Apiary Visit. In order to assist the Beekeepers hosting private apiary meetings to ease any parking issues please notify them that you will be attending.

EpiPen users: please always bring it with you to apiary meetings and always inform the beekeeper in charge.

Beekeeping hygiene. Kindly observe basic bee-keeping hygiene avoid transmitting disease during visits, by ensuring that:

1. Bee suits are cleaned both before and after apiary visits.
2. If bees or frames are to be handled, clean disposable gloves must be worn. If leather gloves are worn, please do not handle bees, frames or equipment. However disposable gloves may be worn over leather gloves
3. Hive tools must be washed and disinfected before and after use at each apiary. Please check with the apiary beekeeper to ensure personal hive tools may be used at their site.
4. For safety the correct footwear must be worn, e.g. boots that cover the ankles.

Please do not be offended if the beekeeper in charge of the meeting asks you not to participate if you fail to observe these requirements.

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2025 Queen marking colour is BLUE

ISLE OF WIGHT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION



2025 PROGRAMME

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Details will be in the **IWBKA website** and **IWBKA Facebook** page, as well as in the monthly e-newsletter.

Please direct queries to events@iwbka.org.uk

2025 EVENTS

JANUARY 16	WINTER CLUSTER 10:00-12:00 Quarr Abbey Tea Room, PO33 4ES
FEBRUARY 8	ANNUAL DINNER 19:00-22:00 The Blacksmiths, Newport, PO30 5SS <i>Booking and pre-order required by 20th January</i>
FEBRUARY 13	WINTER CLUSTER 10:00-12:00 Quarr Abbey Tea Room, PO33 4ES
MARCH 1	SEMINAR 09:30-16:00. £10 entry fee. Arreton Community Hall, PO30 5ET <i>Refreshments and lunch provided</i> <i>Open to non-members</i>
MARCH 20	WINTER CLUSTER 10:00-12:00 Quarr Abbey Tea Room, PO33 4ES
APRIL 4-6	BBKA SPRING CONVENTION Harper Adams University, Shropshire, TF10 8NB <i>Booking via British Beekeepers Association</i>
APRIL 26	ANNUAL AUCTION 9:00-14:00 Quarr Abbey, Teaching Apiary, PO33 4ES <i>Set up: 9:00, Viewing: 12:00, Auction: 13:00</i>
MAY 9	ASSOCIATION APIARY VISIT 10:30-12:30 Quarr Abbey, Teaching Apiary, PO33 4ES
MAY TBC	MEMBERS APIARY VISIT Cowes - See monthly e-newsletter for details. <i>Booking required</i>
JUNE 7	ASSOCIATION APIARY VISIT 10:30-12:30 Quarr Abbey, Teaching Apiary, PO33 4ES
JUNE TBC	MEMBERS APIARY VISIT Newchurch - See monthly e-newsletter for details. <i>Booking required</i>
JULY 5	ASSOCIATION APIARY VISIT 10:30-12:30 Quarr Abbey, Teaching Apiary, PO33 4ES
JULY TBC	MEMBERS APIARY VISIT Sandford - See monthly e-newsletter for details. <i>Booking required</i>

JULY 12-13	THE ROYAL COUNTY SHOW 10:00-17:00 County Showground, Northwood, PO30 5TP
AUGUST 2-3	CHALE SHOW 10:00-17:00 Chale Recreation Ground, PO38 2JE
AUGUST 23	ASSOCIATION APIARY VISIT 10:30-14:30 Quarr Abbey, Teaching Apiary, PO33 4ES
AUGUST TBC	MEMBERS APIARY VISIT Wootton - See monthly e-newsletter for details. <i>Booking required</i>
SEPTEMBER TBC	ANNUAL BBQ/PIZZA 15:00 See monthly e-newsletter for details. <i>BYO Bring your own food/drinks</i>
OCTOBER 17	HONEY SHOW <u>SET UP ONLY</u> 17:00-20:00 Cowes Community Club, PO31 7NP <i>Entries taken from 18:00</i>
OCTOBER 18	ISLE OF WIGHT HONEY SHOW 14:00-16:45 Cowes Community Club, PO31 7NP <i>Open to non-members.</i>
OCTOBER 23-25	NATIONAL HONEY SHOW Sandown Park, Esher, KT10 9AJ
NOVEMBER 13	WINTER CLUSTER 10:00-12:00 Quarr Abbey Tea Room, PO33 4ES
NOVEMBER 29	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13:00 Arreton Community Hall, PO30 5ET <i>Refreshments provided</i>
DECEMBER 11	CHRISTMAS CLUSTER 10:00-12:00 Quarr Abbey Tea Room, PO33 4ES

For further details, please see the Calendar on the [IWBKA website](#) or [IWBKA Facebook page](#) and check the monthly e-newsletter.

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