



The London Beekeepers' Association

IPM day

Sunday May 8th at 10:30am
Roots and Shoots (Fitzalan Street entrance), SE11

Everyone is welcome, and encouraged to attend this Integrated Pest Management day. It's **free**, and with resistant varroa on our doorstep, it's essential that we do all we can to give our bees a fighting chance!

To organize the group sessions, we'd like an idea of numbers in advance, **so please let Simon know if you plan to attend** by phone on 0207 611 6407 (day), 0208 693 0473 (eve), or by email at simon.wilks@lbka.org.uk. You'll still be welcome if you don't, but it'll help us if you do.

Limited numbers of Bee suits and gloves are at Roots and Shoots, but please bring your own if you have them. We'll be outside for most of the time, so bring stout shoes and a coat/umbrella if it looks like rain.

There is a short break for lunch, so please bring sandwiches. Tea and coffee will be provided.

PROGRAMME

- 10:30 **Arrive at Roots and Shoots**
- tea & coffee
- 10:50 **Welcome; general outline of the day**
J Chapple LBKA
- 11:00 **Lecture - "A New Approach to Varroa Control"**
Nick Withers - Seasonal Bee Inspector
- 11:35 **Apiary - Sampling Bees, Drone Brood Culling and Resistance Testing (Part 1)**
In small groups, look at resistance testing, use of open mesh floors and using drone brood culling
- 12:30 **LUNCH** - please be ready to re-start promptly at 1:15
- 1:15 **Practical Workshops (Part 1)**
We'll split into groups for three 20-minute workshops, which are:
Use of Queen Trapping with Alan Byham
Open Mesh Floors with Charlie Millar
Use of Apiguard with John Chapple
Shook Swarming with Nick Withers
- 2:30 **Resistance Testing (Part 2)**
Completion of the NBU resistance test - Alan Byham
- 2:45 **BREAK FOR TEA**
- 3:15 **Practical Workshops (Part 2)**
Back into groups for the fourth and final workshop
- 3:40 **Final Lecture & Summary - "A Plan for Integrated Varroa Management"**
Alan Byham - Regional Bee Inspector, S E Region
- 4:15 **Final Q&A, closure of meeting.**