

WBKA Spring Convention 2026

Make a date in your new diary, the WBKA Spring Convention is on 28th March 2026. RWAS, Llanelwedd, Builtl Wells, LD2 3SY. The opening address is by Will Van Blyderveen, a project manager for Bees for Development talking about work with stingless bees in the Amazon. There will be workshops during the day on 'Preparing for the Yellow Legged Asian Hornet'.

The list of speakers are:



Professor Robert Pickard- Atoms, Nutrition and Life

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Robert Pickard is Emeritus Professor of Neurobiology at the University of Cardiff, one of his many roles is Patron of the Welsh Beekeepers Association. His talk looks at how over 40 atoms are required to create ourselves and the honeybee and how nutrition plays a role in the outcome of a fertilised female egg in honey bees.

Lynfa Davies -Managing Colony numbers

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Lynfa is a Master Beekeeper and in 2019 was awarded the National Diploma in Beekeeping. Her talk looks at how we can keep colony numbers under control while maintaining healthy colonies. A talk for both the newer beekeeper and those who have more experience and ever expanding numbers of colonies!



Richard Rickitt - Bees and Trees: An Ancient Partnership

Richard Rickitt is co-editor of *BeeCraft* magazine. As beekeeper at Westonbirt, the National Arboretum, and with apiaries in woodlands that are Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's), he is fascinated by how honey bees interact with the landscape, sources of forage and the relationship between bees and trees. His talk will look at how trees have affected the evolution and geographic distribution of honey bees.

Stephen Riley - Varroa Resistance

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Stephen is the author of *The Honey Bee Solution to Varroa* and member of the "Path to Varroa Resistance in the UK" team. His talk will cover how beekeepers can monitor and select for varroa-resistant traits in their colonies, leading to the bees controlling their mite populations without the involvement of the beekeeper.



Convention ticket prices have been kept at £8 in advance or £10 on the door.

Earlybird tickets available online: <https://wbka.sumup.link/>

An ideal stocking filler for the Beekeeper in your life?