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## ONE DAY SEMINAR

# “IS ACTIVE SWARM CONTROL STILL THE BEST POLICY?”

At

Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Road,  
Cambridge

Saturday 10 March 2018

Meeting Co-ordinator:

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**THIS MEETING**, with its four lectures and a discussion session, has a format similar to those of previous years. The ticket price includes lunch (and drinks) and light refreshments.

A **TRADE STAND** will sell appliances, wax and frames. Please call if you have a large, specific or unusual order (01480 217 887). We will have a book stall, with Books from Northern Bee Books.

### OUR SPEAKERS

**Ged Marshall** is a founding Director of British Honey Producers Limited, supplying high quality queen bees, pollination services and jarred honey products. He has served on the Bee Farmers Association committee and on the Bee Health Advisory Panel. His management strategy aims to minimise the risk of swarming, but not checking brood chambers for swarming saves much time and effort.

**Professor Stephen Martin**, of the School of Environment and Life Sciences, The University of Salford, has worked in Japan, at the NBU, and at Sheffield University. He is well known for his work on the Varroa mite and its association with viruses. He will discuss whether bees can “sort themselves out” without help from beekeepers.

**Dr David Aston** is a biologist who has spent his working life in the industrial wood preservation industry. He has kept bees since 1982 in the East Riding of Yorkshire. He has held a number of offices in various beekeeping related organisations. He hopes to promote discussion on the traditional teachings and understanding about swarms and swarming, and whether we currently need a new approach.

**Richard Ridler**, Richard Ridler is a regular contributor to the BBKA News and to Bee Craft. He is Chairman of Bees Abroad, which works to relieve poverty through beekeeping. He has been both Chairman and Treasurer of the Essex BKA. He and his wife (who are Master Beekeepers) manage 20 hives around Saffron Walden. He will explore the differences between beekeeping practice in UK and in Africa, explain why top bar hives are preferred, discuss swarm control and absconding and consider the future for beekeeping in Africa.

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#### PROGRAMME

- 9.15 a.m. REGISTRATION AND FREE TEA/COFFEE; TRADE STANDS OPEN
- 10.00 a.m. MEETING BEGINS: Welcome and introduction from CBKA’s Chairman
- 10.05 a.m. "Swarm control without nine day checks"  
**Ged Marshall**
- 11.05 a.m. “Will letting colonies swarm help to solve the Varroa-problem, and increase genetic diversity?”  
**Professor Stephen Martin**
- 11.50 a.m. LUNCH; TRADE STANDS OPEN (UNTIL 1.30 p.m.)
- 1.30 p.m. “Swarming - Time for a re-think?”  
**Dr David Aston**
- 2.20 p.m. “Beekeeping practices in Africa”  
**Richard Ridler**
- 3.10 p.m. Discussion/Question time
- 4.00 p.m. Vote of thanks, and end of meeting

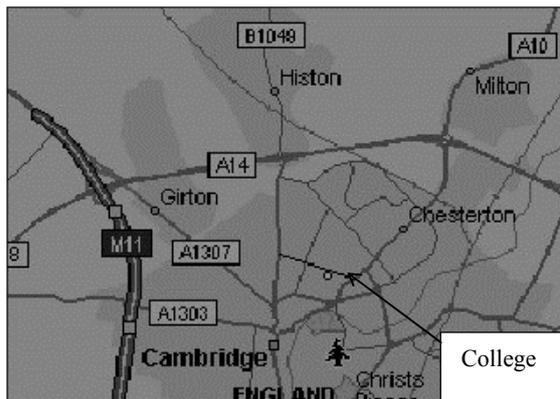
CBKA reserves the right to change the programme, if circumstances necessitate this.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKING** is Friday 2 March; please book early (preferably by 1 March) to avoid disappointment.

**HOW TO GET THERE**

**From the north**, take the A1307. At the bottom of Castle Hill, turn left at the traffic lights on to Chesterton Lane and Chesterton Road. At Mitcham’s Corner, take Milton Road, and turn left at the first set of traffic lights, into Gilbert Road. Alternatively, from the A14, take the B1049 south towards Cambridge for approximately 0.8 mile; turn left at the Gilbert Road traffic lights. Proceed down Gilbert Road (passing through the first set of traffic lights) for approximately 0.5 mile; turn right at the pedestrian-controlled traffic lights, and drive through the school gates.

**From the south**, leave the M11 at J13, travelling eastward on the A1303 (Madingley Road). Bear left at the roundabout, on to Northampton Street, Chesterton Lane and Chesterton Road, then continue as above.



**ADDRESS OF THE COLLEGE:**  
Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Road,  
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Please return, **by 2 March 2018**, to Dr. D. J. Abson, 6, Ascham Lane, Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4NT. (SAE **OR** electronic mail address appreciated.)

**PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: Cambridgeshire Beekeepers’ Association**

**Please print:-**

Name.....**Local Association (if any)**  
Address.....  
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Post code.....Telephone number.....  
Electronic mail address [Please write clearly].....

Number of tickets:- at £25 each.....(adult) (price includes lunch and lunch-time drinks)  
at £9 each..... (age 14 to 18, inclusive).....Amount enclosed.....  
[Lunch is a salad plate, with meats & bread rolls, and a dessert.] Number of vegetarian options? ....