



BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

OUR FINAL 2018/2019 EVENING TALK ABOUT BEE VENOM ALLERGY

ON 26TH APRIL 2019 AT SHERBORNE ST. JOHN VILLAGE HALL, RG24 9HR

We are delighted to announce that Dr Patrick Yong who works as a consultant in the Allergy and Clinical Immunology Departments in the Royal Surrey County and Frimley Park Hospitals will be coming to Basingstoke on Friday 26th April to talk to us about bee venom allergy - how it can affect beekeepers, what symptoms it causes, how it is diagnosed, and what treatments are available for it



Stings are inevitable when handling honeybee colonies, so this is another “not to be missed” talk about a subject we beekeepers really should know about as a severe reaction could affect any one of us (or our families and guests) without warning.

We believe its essential that we provide our members with information about all aspects of beekeeping, so please don't be put off by the title of this talk; as they say, “Knowledge is Power”.

We don't know what level of interest there will be for this talk, as we are also inviting members of other local associations to join us on the 26th April. The hall has a seating capacity of 120, but rather than ask you to book tickets, we have created a simple email template for you to use to tell us if you are coming.

[Click here to tell us if you are coming to Patrick Yong's talk on the 26th April](#)

All attendees are asked to donate £2 each, which should be paid on arrival. Your donation will be put towards the cost of the event. If you can avoid paying with large denomination notes it will help the organisers.

Coffee, Tea, Cakes and Biscuits will be available on arrival and after the talk, so if you could let us know if you are attending by 23rd April, it will help us ensure that there is enough cake for everyone.

The event is being held at our usual venue, Sherborne St. John Village Hall, Kiln Rd, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke RG24 9HR (Opposite “The Swan” Pub). The hall will be open from 19:00 and Dr Yong's talk is scheduled to start at 19:30. Because car parking is limited, if you are able to share cars it would be appreciated, and please let us know if you have any mobility or dietary issues?

BDBKA would like to invite beekeepers from other associations to join us as Associate Members, which will qualify them for reduced pricing for future all ticket events. Nigel Semmence (APHA's Contingency Planning and Science Officer), has already been booked to give his only local region talk for 2020 on 20th March 2020, and we are already seeking to book other high-profile speakers for our 2019/2020 evening meetings, one of whom will be invited to give the “John Furzey Memorial Lecture”, which we intend will be an annual event.

Associate Membership of Basingstoke and District Beekeeping Association can be taken out online:

[Click here to join Basingstoke and District Beekeeping Association](#)

We look forward to seeing you at Dr Patrick Yong's Talk and wish you a successful 2019 Beekeeping Season.

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Full details of future events as they are announced can be found on our website at www.basingstokebees.co.uk

We will also shortly be announcing alternative ways by which you can keep in touch with BDBKA; these will be announced on our website in due course.