

Jersey vs Vespa velutina – a talk by Bob Hogge, The Accidental Expert, 19th March

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Being the developer of the 'Jersey Method', Bob Hogge has a lot to answer for. His talk will look at how it is that being inquisitive and "bloody minded," has given him the opportunity to get up close and personal with Europe's latest serious threat to pollinators, AS IF THEY NEEDED ANYMORE.

Having kept live nests in his living room and been involved with all the nests dissected in Jersey, he hopes he can encourage others to study this fearsome insect, Although, he would be the first to say they are not quite as fearsome as they are made out to be.

As a beekeeper he will, of course, offer his opinion and recommends that everyone that comes brings a pinch of salt.

Slowing the tide: Jersey vs Vespa velutina

Bob will look at the progression of Vespa velutina nigrithorax and Jersey's attempts to slow its progress, the methods used and what's involved in organising against this serious predator of honey bees and other pollinators. As author of the '[Jersey Method](#)' that has been adopted by many AHATs (*Asian Hornet Action Teams*) in the UK as their m.o. Bob will describe the method and the improvements added in 2018.

He will also consider the enemy; it's nests and their development from the size of a ping pong ball to a that of a traffic island bollard; how to identify males and queens; and anything else that comes to mind.

Date: Tuesday 19th March 2019

Time: 19:00 hrs for a 19:30 hrs start.

Refreshments: After Q&A's, Tea/coffee & biscuits with informal discussion.

Close of meeting: by 21:30 hrs.

Venue: Reigate Beekeepers Henfold Copse Pavilion – South of Dorking, Surrey.
(Detailed location provided with acknowledgement of attendance)

RESERVATION: Please contact [Geoff Blay](#) to indicate your intention to attend what should be a very interesting talk. Acceptance of reservations subject to demand, with priority given to Reigate Members if necessary.

Attendance fee payable at the door: £2 per head for Reigate Division Members.
£3 per head for other Surrey Division Members.

Bob Hogge

Is a former President of the Jersey Beekeepers' Association and while he has done many things in his life he is happy to admit to having few talents. He is, he says, like a duck: always dabbling with his bum in the air and a little quackers.

