

# WORKSHOPS

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**There will be on-going demonstrations and practical guidance on Skep-making (Geoff Pearson) and Asian Hornet trap construction (members of the committee and NBU) in the main concourse throughout the day.**

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Tony Jefferson(Session A):Main Hall [1A]	Tony Jefferson(Session B):Main Hall [1B]
Jim Pearson (Session A): Balcony [2A]	Jim Pearson (Session B): Balcony [2B]
Dave Shannon (Session A): Studio [3A]	Dave Shannon (Session B): Studio [3B]
Chris Coulson (Session A):Activity [4A]	Chris Coulson (Session B): Activity [4B]

*Please note that delegates will this year be able to book the workshops they wish to attend in advance but these will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis so early booking is advised. Delegates should choose a reserve workshop for each session.*

## Workshop Notes

**Tony Jefferson.** Tony has many years of experience keeping bees in the Whitby area. He has always specialised in the production of Heather Honey being surrounded by the moors over on the East coast. Year on year he produces tons of honey which is always in very high demand. Tony has written several books on this topic and regularly wins prestigious competitions with this high-quality honey and has recently qualified as a Senior Honey Show Judge. This is a workshop not to be missed and all beekeepers are sure to pick up numerous valuable tips which will help improve their honey production.

**Dave Shannon.** Dave is an extremely experienced beekeeper (Doncaster BKA) who has excelled in the art of producing honey products to the highest possible standards. He has held the role of Chief Honey Steward for the YBKA for many years and is a fully qualified Chief Honey Judge officiating in the various Honey Shows throughout the year. If you are keen to hear the strategy you need to adopt to stand a chance of getting the top accolades and the tips from one of the top judges in the country then you won't be disappointed.

**Jim Pearson.** Jim is an experienced bee-man and a master beekeeper. He has dedicated a great deal of time to the art of improving his bees (he claims to be in search of the 'perfect bee') and does this by precise selective breeding. His aim is to help other beekeepers breed good-natured and productive colonies and he will go in to minute detail looking at all the pros and cons. This is a practical workshop which will benefit all beekeepers.

**Chris Coulson.** For over 40 years Chris has been a 'DIY beekeeper' and has written and talked extensively on the subject and has recently made a couple of videos on DIY techniques. Initially, he confesses, the DIY angle was for economic reasons but then environmental ones took over. He now uses as much reclaimed and recyclable material as possible, ranging from food tins to church pews and cooker parts to old pans! He has made his own foundation since he started beekeeping, hence his interest in reclaiming and recycling bees wax. His session will deal with these matters and he'll discuss the methods he has adopted, some successful others not! He has recently built a steam wax extractor which needs more thought. Over the years he has tried to improve his wax recycling but considers this an ongoing process. Feel free to bring your ideas and comments to the workshop.

**Geoff Pearson.** Geoff needs very little introduction. He is well known for his humour and his relaxed style and this workshop, which demonstrates mainly the skills needed to make your own skeps, is also gives further incite in to other uses the skill of basket weaving can bring to assist the beekeeper.