

12th September 2018 - Terry McAuliffe – Beekeeping in the 21st Century

Beekeepers need to know and understand their bees to be able to harness the bees' natural instincts for them to produce a honey crop. Many pests and diseases threaten honey bees and their keepers have to meet various challenges to deal with these pests and diseases and keep their bees healthy. The 21st Century brought in regulations forbidding the use of some antibiotics and many pesticides, leaving beekeepers to find more eco-friendly methods of control. Terry will cover all this and he will include the use of sublimation to deal with a prolific pest (varroa destructor) and the use of a refractometer to check the water content of honey, a crucial process. Also covered will be the requirements to assess a honey's legal fitness for sale.

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