

BRADFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESIDENT – DORCAS WARD

Monday 28th September 2026 – 7:30pm

(Doors open from 7:00pm with drinks available)

BRADFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Southend Road, Bradfield Southend, RG7 6EY

(Car Parking Available)

THE HISTORY OF BEEKEEPING

Speaker: ADRIAN DOYLE



My interest in beekeeping was sparked by the legendary broadcaster Bill Turnbull. What started as a hobby moved on to a couple of hundred hives and a passion for beekeeping that is as strong today as when I first picked up a bee suit.

We run a beekeeping company (Hillside House Honey) that we believe shows the diversity of honey and beeswax and we keep using our platform to discuss the plight of the pollinator. We are proud to say that we have received several national awards and, until recently, I was the Chair of Newbury District Beekeepers, for which I have served in different capacities for a decade or so.

Adrian will be bringing an actual beehive & bee suit clothing to the event, along with honey for sale.

There is no entry fee, but a donation of £4 per person towards expenses would be appreciated; a card payment facility is available. No advance booking required.

Organised by Professor Martin Parsons, Bob Lyon, Chris Curry, Barnaby Bucknall, Wynne Frankum and Gordon Patterson. For further information, contact Gordon on 07764 476361 or gordonpatterson195@gmail.com.

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