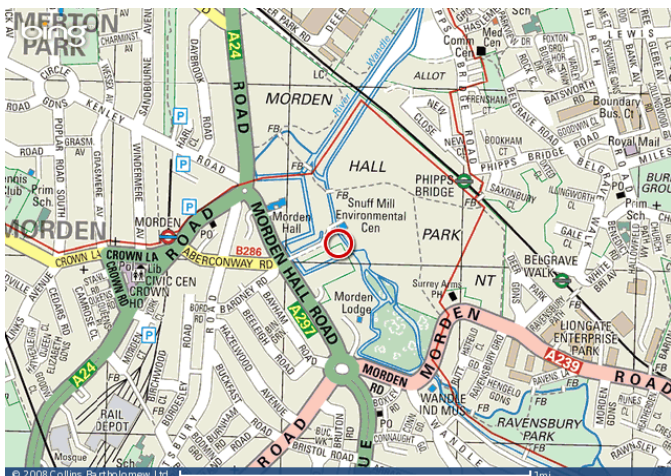


WHERE TO FIND US:

Wimbledon Beekeepers meet on Monday evenings,
once a month at:
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Wimbledon Beekeepers' Association



If you would like to know more about beekeeping or
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The Wimbledon Division of the Surrey
Beekeepers' Association is an organisation of
Beekeepers that operates in the Merton area.
Every year we organise beginners' courses and
a variety of educational and social events for
our members.

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Interested in Bees?

The joy of keeping bees is that they never fail to surprise you. Observing them working in their hive and organising their lives around the changing year is simply fascinating. One of the rewards for the beekeeper, of course, is honey. Honey produced by your own bees undoubtedly tastes far superior to almost any that can be found in the supermarket.



At some point humans began to domesticate wild bees in artificial hives made from hollow logs, wooden boxes, pottery vessels and woven straw baskets or 'skeps'. This domestication was well developed in Egypt. Even sealed pots of honey were found in the grave goods of Pharaohs, such as Tutankhamun, which was still edible when it was excavated.



Globally, there are more than 20,000 species of wild bee but only four produce honey. Many are solitary, like mason bees and bumblebees; these rear their young in burrows and small colonies.

Beekeeping, or apiculture, is concerned with the practical management of the social species of honeybee, mainly the European Honey Bee (*Apis Mellifera*), that live in large colonies of up to 100,000 per hive; which, in turn, may produce many pounds of honey.

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There are four divisional apiaries in secluded places where members can keep their bees, although many prefer to use their own gardens.

New members and beginners are always welcome to attend:

- *Meetings*
- *Lectures*
- *Garden parties*
- *Diagnostic bee disease checks*

Members may also demonstrate their skills by exhibiting high quality honey, mead, beeswax and cakes at competitions and shows.

The season ends with our own honey show, where members can exhibit their bee products and compete for awards and prizes.

