

# BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



## A Talk on "PERSONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY"

By Jeff Sawyer – Retired Metropolitan Police Officer

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at SHERBORNE ST. JOHN VILLAGE HALL, RG24 9HR at 19:30

I'm pleased to announce that Jeff Sawyer, a retired Metropolitan Police Officer will be coming to talk to us on April 21<sup>st</sup> about "Personal Safety and Security". I hope this talk will be of interest to members and their partners.

In his talk Jeff will cover the following three main topics, as well as taking questions after his talk.

- The law as it pertains to the use of force in a self-defence context (exactly what you can and *cannot* do in a confrontation under current legislation)
- How to identify and - as a result - avoid predatory behaviour (the signs that you are being selected as a 'victim' and how to counter that perception)
- How to elicit assistance from bystanders and passers-by (e.g., breaking the 'stranger apathy bond')

In Jeff's words "**My commitment to the audience, is that they'll be engaged, educated and, above all, reassured by the material I deliver. This presentation won't be alarmist in any way; it's designed to bolster confidence, not steal it.**"

Jeff has been teaching personal/corporate security and self-protection for 40 years. He has taught internationally throughout Europe, Africa, and the United States. He's a 7th Dan Professor of Jiu-Jitsu and is qualified to teach other martial arts.

This talk is a departure from our normal beekeeping related evening meetings as I'm conscious that most of our talks are specific to beekeepers and are of limited interest to their partners. I hope this talk will be of general interest in the context of the reported level of crime in Hampshire being 13% higher than the UK average, with 39 out of 1000 residents affected by violent and sexual crime.

**Coffee, Tea, Cakes, and Biscuits will be available on arrival and after the talk, so please let me know by 19<sup>th</sup> April by emailing [events@basingstokebees.co.uk](mailto:events@basingstokebees.co.uk) if you are attending and have any dietary issues.**

This is so we can plan for enough cake for everyone.

Attendees are asked to donate £2, which can be paid when signing in on arrival. Your donation goes towards the cost of the venue. If you can avoid paying with large denomination notes it would be helpful.

The event is being held at our usual venue, Sherborne St. John Village Hall, Kiln Rd, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke RG24 9HR (Opposite "The Swan" Pub). The hall will be open from 19:00 and Steve's talk is scheduled to start at 19:30. Because car parking is limited, if you are able to share cars it would be appreciated, and make sure you let us know if you have any mobility or dietary issues? Members are welcome to bring their partner and a guest and are asked to make the same donation for them

BDBKA would like to invite beekeepers from other associations to join as Associate Members, which will qualify them for reduced pricing for future all ticket events and to take advantage of our other Member Benefits. Contact our Membership Secretary, Sharon Woodman ( [membership@basingstokebees.co.uk](mailto:membership@basingstokebees.co.uk) ) for further details.

This is the final evening meeting in our 2022/2023 series. Watch our website for future announcements.

I look forward to seeing you at Jeff's talk and wish you a Happy Easter and a successful 2023 Beekeeping Season.

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