



SURREY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

Saturday, 6th December at 2.00 p.m.

**Trinity School
Addiscombe Rd, Shirley Park, Croydon CR0 7LB**

Tram: Take the tram to the Sandilands Tramlink stop, then walk along Addiscombe Road, past Shirley Park Golf club on your right. Trinity School is on your right.

Bus: 119, 194, 198 and 466. All stop directly outside the school on the Addiscombe Road.

Train: East Croydon Station is two miles away. Catch a bus (reference above) all these buses stop outside the school.

Car: There is a large car park. Use postcode for your Satnav CR0 7LB Addiscombe Road. Car park signposted, to join meeting follow signage to main reception.

Guest Speaker: Dr Lars Chittka presents "The Mind of a Bee"



Most of us are aware of the hive mind - the power of bees as an amazing collective. But do we know how uniquely intelligent bees are as individuals? Lars Chittka draws from decades of research, including his own pioneering work, to argue that bees have remarkable cognitive abilities. He shows that they are profoundly smart, have distinct personalities, can recognize flowers and human faces, exhibit basic emotions, count, use simple tools, solve problems, and learn by observing others. They may even possess consciousness. Chittka illustrates how bee brains are unparalleled in the animal kingdom in terms of how much sophisticated material is packed into their tiny nervous systems. He looks at their innate behaviours and the ways their evolution as foragers may have contributed to their keen spatial memory. Chittka also examines the psychological differences between bees and the ethical dilemmas that arise in conservation and laboratory settings because bees might feel and think.

Buffet Tea will be provided
We look forward to seeing you!