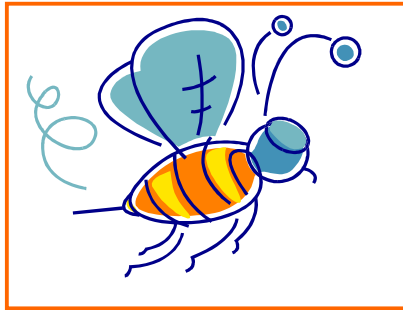


## THE MAGIC OF BEES - MARVEL OF NATURE

Bees have been around for 110 million years, but we humans have only recently started to grasp their full potential for helping us.

Surprisingly intelligent (they can count to five), disciplined and organised, their increasing contribution goes way beyond the honey we all love.



As pollinators, they are essential to the health and propagation of the majority of the 235 000 species of flowering plants on the planet.

Beyond agriculture, the new field of apitherapy uses the anti-inflammatory properties present in bee venom to bring relief to sufferers of multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and other debilitating diseases.

Increasingly bees are being used in the security industry and the fight against terrorism, and in humanitarian roles e.g. locating land mines.

**John Hamer** is an acknowledged expert apiarist with decades of experience, and a warm and engaging speaker and teacher. A number of East Clandon residents (now bee keepers) have attended his courses and can attest to the captivating nature of his talks.

John will be talking at the Village Hall on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

