

Clive de Bruyn

National Speaker from Essex

will give a talk on

What can the Hobby Beekeeper learn from the Commercial and Professional Beekeepers?

Pam Hunter

National Speaker from West Sussex

will give a talk on

Plants to Improve your Bee Forage

Sunday 7th November, 2pm

Lenham Community Hall

Groom Way, Lenham ME17 2QT (just off A20/M20)

Doors open at 1.00pm first lecture 2.00pm

Also:

Entry fee includes prize draw

Bookstall

Equipment stand

Tickets £4 in advance £5 on the day

Details from Terry Hardy 01622 832066

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COUNTY NEWSLETTER

October 2010

National Honey Show

The National Honey Show will be held at St. Georges College, Weybridge, Surrey from 28 - 30 October. How about visiting the event and attending the lectures or one of the twenty workshops being held this year? The NHS AGM will be held on Thursday and the prize giving on Saturday. For the lectures you can just turn up and listen, space permitting, but for the Workshops advance booking is necessary. Please see the schedule for details.
<http://www.honeyshow.co.uk/files/2010/NATIONAL-HONEY-SHOW-2010-Schedule.pdf>

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due on 1st October. For many of you it feels as if it was only a couple of months ago you paid last time, but it will be nearly a year, doesn't time fly! The Ordinary subscription is £40 and includes BBKA membership as well as BeeCraft magazine. Please note the twelve issues included in the subscription are February 2011 to January 2012. If you don't have bees and don't require the BBKA part then a Friend membership at £6 might be just what you want. In this case BeeCraft is optional for an extra £18. For new members extra BeeCraft magazines up to February may be purchased at £1.50 each copy. Please pay promptly. It is such a lot of work for Treasurer's if they keep having to send reminders. Late payers may miss a copy of BeeCraft too as these are paid for in advance.

Annual General Meetings

Most Branch AGM's are held in November so please attend and support your Officers. It is amazing how much work is done in the background and when there is a good attendance at meetings all the work seems worthwhile. The interest in bees and beekeeping has meant nearly two hundred new members have enrolled during the year in Kent BKA so we should see record attendances at meetings over the winter.

BBKA Partner Members

Associate Membership is available to others living in the same residence as an Ordinary Member or a Friend and costs £1.00. The cost is low because there are no additional newsletters or publications. It is possible to upgrade to BBKA Partner Membership for a total of £10.50 where the main member is an Ordinary Member, hence is a BBKA Registered member. The BBKA Partner member has the Public Liability Insurance.

CALENDAR October – December 2009

Branch Events

Ashford

- Fri 1st Oct 7:30 pm Nick Gammans will talk about ‘Bumblebees’.
Fri 5th Nov 7:30 pm To be confirmed.
Fri 12th Nov 7:30 pm Annual Dinner at the Half-Way on the A251 near Challock.
Fri 3rd Dec 7:30 pm Annual General Meeting.
Meetings at St. Mary’s Community Centre, Rylands Road, Kennington, TN24 9LN.

Bromley

- Sun 3rd Oct 11:30 am Apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.
Sun 7th Nov 11:30 am Apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.
Tues 16th Nov 7:30 pm Annual General Meeting. Refreshments provided.
Sun 5th Dec 11:30 am Apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.
Meetings at the Branch Clubhouse, Kent House Road allotments.

Canterbury

- Wed 6th Oct 7:30 pm Extraction and Preparation of Honey for Sale and Show.
Wed 3rd Nov 7:30 pm Greg Hitchcock (Kent Trust Entomologist on ‘Social Insects’
Wed 1st Dec 7:30 pm Annual General Meeting and social evening.
at [Stelling Minnis Village Hall, Bossingham Rd, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AG](#)

Dartford

No meetings notified

Gravesend

- Sat 16th Oct 2:30 pm Peter Allen from Maidstone will give a talk.
Sat 20th Nov 2:30 pm Annual General Meeting.
St. Mary’s Church Hall, Sole Street, Meopham.

Mid Kent

- Thurs 18th Nov 7:30 pm Annual General Meeting.
Meeting at the Bull Public House, East Farleigh.

Orpington

- Wed 13th Oct 8:00 pm Alan Byham will talk on ‘Bee Health and Problem Recognition’
At Atomwide Offices 2 Ravensquay Business Centre, Cray Avenue, Orpington
Sun 17th Oct Apple day at High Elms.

Sevenoaks & Tunbridge Wells

- Tues 19th Oct 7:30 pm St Edith’s Hall Kemsing - John Hendrie on ‘Communications in bees’.
Tues 16th Nov 7:30 pm St Edith’s Hall Kemsing - Annual General Meeting & Prize giving.

Sidcup

- All Saturdays Afternoon meetings at Ruxley Apiary, Honeydale Farm or Baldwyns.

Weald

- Sat 16th Oct 3:00 pm Meeting to be confirmed.
Sat 20th Nov 3:00 pm AGM followed by Round up of the year.
Sat 11th Dec Christmas Lunch.
For details and venues contact Nick Mengham 01233 840660 or 07884 231514

Westerham

- Wed 17th Nov 8:00 pm Annual General Meeting and honey competition.

Meeting at Westerham Hall, Quebec Avenue, Westerham.

Whitstable

No meetings notified - Please contact Julie Coleman for details - 01227 751719.

County and Other Events

- Sat 9th Oct 10:00 am Council Meeting at Detling Village Hall, Detling.
28 - 30 Oct National Honey Show at St. Georges College, Weybridge.
Sun 7th Nov Lecture day at Lenham. Speakers: Pam Hunter and Clive de Bruyn.
26 - 28 Nov Central Association of Beekeepers weekend course at Stratford on Avon.
Sat 4th Dec 10:00 am Council Meeting at Margaret Calder Pavilion, Detling.
Sat 15th Jan 2011 10:00 am BBKA ADM at Stoneleigh.
11 - 12 Mar Ulster BKA Conference at Greenmount Campus, Co. Antrim.
Sat 19th Mar BBKA Module Examinations. £18 per module.
16 - 18 April BBKA Spring Convention at Stoneleigh.
15 - 17 July Kent Show at Detling
26 - 31 July Irish Summer School at Gormanston near Dublin

Compensation rates for Bee Diseases Insurance in 2011 are:-

British Standard Brood Frame	£2.05	Polycarbonate Quilt	£15.10
All other Brood Frame sizes	£2.80	Wire Queen Excluder	£15.15
British Standard Shallow Frame	£1.40	Slotted Steel Queen Excluder	£6.20
All other Shallow Frame sizes	£2.05	Plastic Queen Excluder	£4.10
Saleable Honey (30lb max per colony)	£2.50/lb	Open Mesh Floors	£10.00

Subject to Condition - Excellent/As New, Good, Poor. No other property is covered.

If claims have been made in both the previous two years compensation will be reduced by 25%.
If claims have been made in all the previous three years compensation will be reduced by 50%.
If claims have been made in all the previous four years compensation will be reduced by 75%.
The maximum compensation payable to an individual is £2,500 in any one year of insurance.

Congratulations

We have had more success for the **BBKA Basic Assessment**

Ashford Branch: Roland Thomas.

Bromley Branch: Mick Coen, Mike Elliott, Elizabeth Forte, Andre Grover, Jenny Spon-Smith.

Sidcup Branch: Bob Kent.

Westerham Branch: Andrew Long.

Congratulations to all these successful candidates making it a bumper year for Kent with 39 passes.

This year has been the best for Basic Assessments Nationwide with about 600 candidates altogether.

You should now be thinking about the modules next March. The BBKA run correspondence courses for all of the modules. Applications for the modules on 19th March 2011 should be sent to John Hendrie before the end of January.

Visit the Kent Beekeepers web site: www.kentbee.com

Meetings in the next issue of the Calendar will cover December - February and please note that all details should be sent to John Hendrie, KBKA General Secretary, 26 Coldharbour Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9JT or email: bibba26@talktalk.net or tel: 01732 833894, by 20th Nov. with items for inclusion in the next issue. Many thanks.