

Harlow Bees-letter - July 2017

Upcoming Meetings

July 6 - Propolis and Pollen with Richard Ridler

August 3 - Harlow Honey show



Secretary Notices

Last month we had a number of talks by members. Danny talked to us about extracting honey and David Tyler gave a timely reminder about doing artificial swarms.

This month we are having Richard Ridler, Chairman of Bees Abroad & EBKA module exam teacher coming to talk to us about Propolis and Pollen.

Picture of the month

I'm starting a new feature, picture of the month, just to add some colour and community interest / involvement. Here is a starter for 10, but Nick Holmes showing a nice bee and early brood stages. Submissions by 15th of each month to wwwcight@gmail.com.



Events

Hallingbury Flower Show

16th July 12-4pm - Gaston House, Little Hallingbury, CM22 7QR

Volunteers are still needed to help in this Educational & Sales Event

Its a lovely location with many stalls to browse around and great display from their show entries show and hopefully the sun will be shining so it would be a nice afternoon

We hope to have members to cover the following:

- hand out leaflets and stickers whilst talking and answering questions
- show/talk about the bees in the sealed demonstration hive
- candle rolling mainly with kids (but some big kids too!)
- sales – as we all have an opportunity to sell our products from the hive

It doesn't matter how long you have been beekeeping your experience is invaluable to the general public and hopefully we can encourage more people to take up beekeeping

Please let Nick know if you can come along – **We need at least 6 people** to allow everyone time to have a wander around too.

Either email wwwcight@gmail.com or ring 07730 735752 even if you can only offer an hour or so it all helps

Harlow Honey Show

It's that time again folks! A great opportunity to try your skills at exhibiting within our few classes before the Essex Show in September. No excuses - even if you don't use pound jars - speak to Pauline we have some available from the division you just have to ask. - Get them at the next meeting on the 7th July.

We are hoping in time to increase the amount of classes - but that's only if you join in

See our leaflet enclosed - let's make this an enjoyable and interesting evening.

There will be feedback on all entries - so you can learn how to improve

130th Essex Show

The Show Schedule and Entry Form for our 130th Essex Show is with this month with the July edition of the Essex Beekeeper Magazine.

The change of venue means that this will be a 1 day event only - on Saturday 2nd September 2017 at the Orsett Showground Near Grays, Thurrock, Essex RM16 3JU.

COME ON HARLOW MEMBERS LET'S SEE IF WE CAN WIN AGAIN THIS YEAR!!!

To do that we need lots of you to enter classes - it's not all about having loads of honey - have a read through the classes and see what you could enter.

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Please note there are 2 new classes

Class 49 Beeswax Polish: Any recipe containing beeswax may be used. Polish must be in a pot/ jar designated for wax. Entry must comply with the legal requirements for polish. The recipe to accompany the entry.

Class 52 Needlework: Any medium may be used, silk, wool, cotton, ribbon, etc. to produce an artistic work depicting any connection with the life of the honeybee. The stitching is to cover at least 1/3rd of the fabric.

The maximum size is A5 -148 x 210mm or 5.8 x 8.3in or, if circular - a maximum diameter of 180mm or 7 inches. The work may be framed or left on the loom/frame as you wish. A Title is permitted. The back of the work must be accessible for inspection. A detailed description of the item may be displayed after judging. Kits are permitted for under 13's. The finished item may be mounted or unmounted.

Additionally we are putting together a Divisional Garden for the first time in many years which will be displayed outside the marquee.

Members involved are Sue & Ash Hoffert, Mike & Sabina Barke, Val Jepps & Pauline Tidmas

For sale

Buckets

- Honey buckets £2
David Tyler (01279
730228)

Wax for sale

- recycle wax with Roy
Roy Cropley (01992
626668)

Division committee

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