

Harlow Bees-letter

June 2018

Upcoming Meetings for your diary:

7th June: 'The Importance of Drones' with Chad Colby Blake

5th July: To be Confirmed...



Secretary Notices:

At last month's meeting on the 3rd May, Ted Gradosielski gave a great power point presentation on Queen grafting, rearing and how to produce calm, steady and 'User friendly' bees! Very informative.

Ted also discussed the importance of 'record keeping' and monitoring the health and progress of the bee colonies. If you would like a sample record sheet, please contact Ted after June 8th and he will be happy to send over a sample copy.

Sunday 20th May was **World Bee Day** and was celebrated all over the World to raise awareness about the challenges facing Honeybees and other pollinating insects. For further information, please refer to <https://www.worldbeeday.org/en/>. Our American cousins are following suit with their celebrations on 18th August 2018.

Treasurer/Membership Notice:

Membership is still stable: there are 72 Full members (63 Registered members, 8 Partner members and 1 Honorary Divisional member (Eric Fenner)). Also, 11 Associates and 23 Honorary Associates (Lisa our Mailing Officer, and this year's course students).

Introduction to Beekeeping Course: now complete with 22 students. We hope some of the students will obtain bee colonies and stay with us and join as full members.

Divisional Events:

Please note: our events start very soon. They can only go ahead if we get volunteers to help...If you can help at any of our division events, please let Pauline know as soon as possible

Sunday 24th June: 10am Hatfield Heath Festival

Sunday 8th July: 1am–5pm Celebration Event @ the Newly Created Wildflower Meadow, Harlow Town Park, Stort Valley Meadows.

Sunday 15th July: Hallingbury Flower Show - Harps Farm

August: Weekend Education Event (*date to follow*) @ Parndon Wood Nature Reserve, Harlow

Essex Association Dates:

Essex Honey Show: Saturday 1st September, Orsett Show, Orsett Showground.

EBKA Conference: Saturday 3rd November, Chelmsford City Racecourse.

Beekeeping notes for June:

June Forage: there is a variety of trees, shrubs, flowers and veg plants in bloom this month that will provide the bees plenty of forage. Plants include the Rowan tree, Medlar, Cotoneaster, Mallow, Lavender and White Clover.

Beware Swarms!

- Have equipment for artificial swarming ready
- Have equipment and nucs ready for receiving swarms!

June tasks:

- Complete regular, weekly inspections specifically looking for queen cells and disease
- Monitor and treat for Varroa (if Supers are on, non-chemical treatments)
- Remove and extract rape honey as soon as it is ripe
- Be mindful of food shortages after removing honey stores
- Make up spare frames

Divisional Library:

We have gradually been adding books to our reading library. David Tyler is responsible for the library and he brings them to every meeting. Why don't you have a look? All EBKA members can borrow the books.

Honey Jars:

Bulk Buy Honey Jar Orders: Don't forget to collect your jar orders!!

Local Collection: Stonards Farm, Fryars Lane, Sawbridgeworth CM21 0LB: Saturday 23rd June - 10am to 2pm

Collect from main venue: Forest Lodge Turkey Farm, Stock Road, Stock CM4 9QY: Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd June - 10am to 4.30pm

Items Always For Sale

Honey Buckets £2.00
David Tyler 01279 730228

Wax
Roy Copley 01992 626668

Division Committee

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Chair/Librarian: David Tyler

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Secretary/Web/Trustee: Nick Holmes

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