



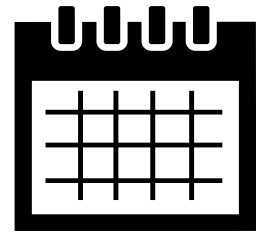
Harlow Bees-letter

September 2018



Upcoming HBKD Meetings for your diary:

Legal Varroicides with David McCorkindale	6th September 2018 at 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Asian Hornet with Andrew Durham	4th October 2018 at 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
BeeBee Wraps	1st November 2018 at 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Christmas Party	6th December 2018 at 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm



Treasurer/ Membership Notice:

Harlow Honey Show: 2nd August 2018 – The Results!



Many thanks for a really good turn-out at the **Harlow Honey Show** monthly meeting. With the majority of tables being locked away, we had to use the small back room to display all exhibits entered using a couple of small tables, wheelie trolleys and any available surface, not ideal but we got there in the end! **Jim McNeil** took it all in his stride and managed to complete judging - just in time for tea.

So, this year saw another increase in the number of members & exhibits entering the competition, but we can do a lot better! 21 members entered 65 exhibits - Well done to everyone!

As a thought maybe we should look at holding the show at the October or November meeting, when members are not so busy or on holiday? - A point for discussion at another meeting perhaps?

So, to the Results:

(The number of entries per class is shown in brackets). A small prize was awarded to all 1st places and certificates given to all 1st - 3rd places:

Harlow Honey Show Winners!

Class 1	(11)	Light Honey	Mike Barke	Christopher Penstone-Smith	Val Jepps
Class 2	(15)	Medium Honey	Sue Fraser	Mike Barke	Frank Harrison
Class 3	(7)	Beeswax	Carol Sissons	Val Jepps	
Class 4	(6)	Cookies	Sean Fowler	John Willett	Ian Barnard
Class 5	(2)	Cake	1st Pauline Tidmas	2nd	3rd
Class 6	(1)	Scones	Pauline Tidmas		
Class 7	(10)	Photo	Pauline Tidmas	Debbie Winter	Benjamin Holmes
Class 8	(8)	Jar with Label	Pauline Tidmas	Mike Barke	Dave Eacott
Class 9	(5)	Vase of Flowers	Debbie Winter	Pauline Tidmas	Sabine Barke

Last of all, a very big thank you to Jim McNeil

Parndon Wood Nature Reserve – Education Day 19th August 2018



Thanks to everyone for their efforts at Parndon Wood Nature Reserve - Education Day which went off without any hitch - even the weather was OK!

The day started with an influx of people as the gates opened; we had kids rolling candles, creating badges and doing lots of colouring in, as well as sampling the honey on the honey tasting table. Not only that the centre had the kids making Bee & Bees for solitary bees outside.

We had 3 live bee demonstrations during the day, but we did not have so many people during the second half of the day...

So again, a **BIG 'Thank you'** to everyone who was involved in all 4 of our educational events this year! Really appreciated!

Divisional Events:

Essex Honey Show: 1st September 2018 Orsett Showground



Come on Folks! we need you to enter the show!!

Every member who enters at least 1 exhibit will gain a point towards the divisions grand total - we are only a small division compared to many of the other Essex Divisions – please help us win the coveted **Presidents Cup** awarded for the Division with most points.

There are many trophies you could win and hold for the year, as well as a few small awards which you can actually keep!

Have a go! 'we have to be in it to win it'!

Beekeeping notes for September:

Forage:

Bees will be foraging on a variety of plants in September that include not only Ivy and Himalayan Balsam, but also Dahlia, Sedum, Goldenrod, Wild Marjoram, Woodland Sage and Penstemon and from some trees.

Wildflowers will also still be in flower such as Knapweed, Scabious and Bird's Foot Trefoil that are found in scrub areas or road verges.

Plants such as the California Lilac, will be enjoying a second flourish of flowers if the weather is good and will provide the bees with a little more variety, in readiness for the winter ahead.



Apiary Jobs for September: It's all about strong colonies!

- Pest Management: protect your hives against wasps and hornets; keep those peepers peeled for the Asian Hornet!
- If you haven't already, treat your colonies against pests and mites such as Varroa, once the honey supers are off
- Amalgamate weak colonies of bees and feed to build them up for winter
- Ensure there are plenty of stores for the bees over winter and order sugar and fondant
- Order Mouse Guards and other equipment needed for winter/ Spring – check when your local Beekeeping Suppliers are having a sale...



Garden Jobs for September: It's all about supporting the bees in the New Year!

- Order Spring bulbs such as Winter Aconites, Bluebells, Snowdrops and Crocus and plant up whilst the soil is still warm
- Plan your outside space for the year ahead and include Bee-friendly plants to help support the bees and other wildlife
- Install small 'beehives' and 'Insect Houses' to attract solitary bees and other insects into your outside space

Divisional Library:



David Tyler is responsible for the ever-growing library and he brings the books to every meeting. All EBKA members can borrow the books – have a look and see what takes your fancy...!

Honey Jars:

Bulk Honey Jar Orders:

2018 orders are now complete. Orders can only be made annually, so next chance to order is May 2019.



Items Always For Sale

Honey Buckets £2.00

David Tyler 01279 730228

Wax

Roy Cropley 01992 626668

Division Committee

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