



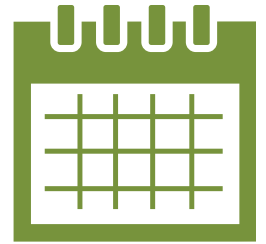
Harlow Bees-letter

October 2018



Upcoming HBKD Meetings for your diary:

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
AGM meeting	10 th January 2019 at 08:00 pm – 10.00 pm



Treasurer/Membership Notice:

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Subscriptions:

We will be sending out next year's subscription forms at the end of November, for payment either by cheque or by BACS and paid in January 2019. 2019 subscription fees will be confirmed shortly.

The quicker the Subs are paid, the easier it is for the Team to organise all the various schedules and notifications that must to be sent out in February.

Pauline will not be in a position to chase members in the new year; if Subs/ Membership payment is not received, You will not be insured! Simple!!

December 6th - Xmas Meeting:

Everybody please come along! It's a great occasion and You'll be able to meet everyone and have a chat. We have a good raffle and Quiz with prizes and we have Xmas food too! What's not to love?! Please help to make this a successful event.



January 10th 2019 - AGM:

This is the occasion to vote in our committee - without them the division will possibly have to fold. **We are in desperate need of volunteers for the following posts as regrettably, both Nick & Pauline are standing down (!!);** they are more than willing to train anyone taking over.



Secretary: Divisional Contact & Setup of Divisional Program

Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Accounts & Membership Liaison

Show Rep: Organise and Setup Division Shows with volunteers

Admin for Course: Register applicants & email instructions. Book in applicants at sessions.

The positions above will need to be voted on at the AGM. A full list and description of each post is now on our website. Please put your name forward if you are willing to have a go at any of the posts:

Email Nick wwwcight@gmail.com or Pauline pauletidmasbees@gmail.com



Essex Honey Show:

Well done, Harlow! - Absolute brilliant turn out! HBKA are one of the smallest divisions yet we had 20 members join in the honey show that was quarter of the entrants. Not only that, but most people put in multiple entries! What's even better is we all gained points for the Divisions Grand Total towards winning the **Presidents Cup!**

Come along to the Essex Conference and be part of the presentation for the award - It would be fantastic to have lots of Harlow faces in the Essex Beekeeper - showing them how we did it. Forms will be available at the next meeting or go to: braintreebka.wordpress.com -

BIBBA Conference – *Bee Improvement and Bee Breeders Association*:

The BIBBA conference was held at the *Royal Agricultural University, Gloucestershire*, from 6th – 9th September 2018. The conference is an International Event arranged within the UK every two years to encourage Commercial Beekeepers, Scientists, Academics and Hobbyists to attend the conference and swap their knowledge and experience.

The next BIBBA Conference will be held in 2020 and it is rumoured to be held in the East Anglia area, but this is still to be decided and I would encourage as many people as possible to book to attend the event, once the details are published.

The conference is made up of a variety of lectures held over each of the three days, or you can choose to attend just one of the days, if preferred. The lectures are presented by a variety of authorities and on a variety of subjects ranging from Queen rearing to the latest Scientific developments in tracking bees using AI and Drone technology.

There are plenty of opportunities to network with Commercial Beekeepers and Beekeepers from other Beekeeping Associations between lectures, over lunch, dinner and even over a few pints at the bar at the end of the day!

The event can be as full-on or as relaxed as you want it to be and you will walk away from the conference with more knowledge, some new ideas and new friends!

(<https://bibba.com/general/>)

Beekeeping notes for October:

Forage:

Bees will be still be hunting out flowering plants in October as they continue to build up their pollen reserves and fat stores, whilst the weather is still clement. Cosmos, Catmint, Choisa, Autumn Crocus, Rudbeckia, Penstemon, Abelia, Aster Daisy, English Lavender (still a little around) and Goldenrod are still providing food for the bees.

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.



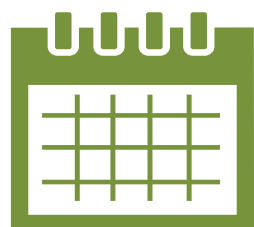
Apiary Jobs for October: Feed, feed and feed sum-more!

- Amalgamate weak colonies of bees and feed to build them up for winter
- Feeding the bees with sugar syrup should be well under way now until the bees have had enough! Heavy syrup mix: 1 kg/ 650 ml water. Yum!
- Complete final hive inspections – look out for wax moth larvae!
- Mouse guards should be going on soon and if required insulate/ protect/ strap hives for the winter
- Clean, repair and store away equipment for next year! Melt and clean up old wax etc etc!

Garden Jobs for October

- Order Spring bulbs such as Winter Aconites, Bluebells, Snowdrops and Crocus; plant up whilst the soil is still warm. These will provide the bees with much needed food in the Spring.
- 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
- Organise, clean and repair Bee-Shed/ Storage area.

Other dates for your diary:



Thursday 25th – Saturday 27th October: *National Honey Show* Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ

Thursday 25th October: CABK Social Evening 6.30 pm, Esher Place, 30 Esher Place Avenue, Esher, Surrey, KT10 8PZ www.cabk.org.uk

Saturday 3rd November: *EBKA Conference* 10-5pm, Chelmsford City Racecourse, Great Leighs, CM3 1QP

Friday 16th – Sunday 18th November: Central Association of Beekeepers Autumn Conference,

Did you know?

Folklore

The phrase 'tell the bees' or 'telling of the bees' is a traditional European custom. Bees would be told of important events in their keeper's lives, such as births, marriages, or departures and returns in the household. If the custom was ignored or forgotten and the bees were not "put into mourning" then it was believed a penalty would be paid i.e. the bees leaving their hive, not producing honey or dying.



Curious Corner

Any ideas on what the photo to the left is showing? I shall reveal the answer in the next newsletter!



Bee humour...What did the Bee say to the other Bee in summer? *Swarm here isn't it?*

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 Copley 01992 626668

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