



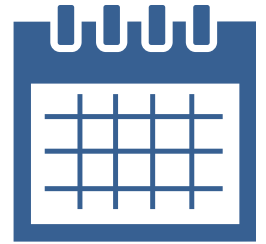
Harlow Bees-letter

November 2018



Upcoming HBKD Meetings for your diary:

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



Secretary Notices:

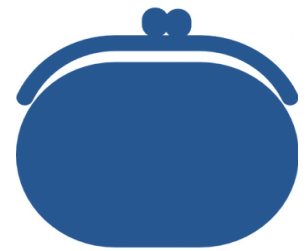


Thanks to **Andrew Durham** for his very informative talk last month on the infamous Asian Hornet, *Vespa Velutina*. Since then, further sightings of the insect have been seen in Dungeness, Kent and in Guildford, Surrey. To remind yourselves of what the Asian Hornet looks like and what action you need to take if you do see one, please view <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/asian-hornet-uk-sightings-in-2018> or <http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?sectionid=117>

Treasurer/Membership Notices:

Subscriptions:

We will be sending out next year's subscription forms shortly. Payment can be made either by cheque or by BACS and paid in January 2019. *Those who do not pay the subscription by the end of January WILL NOT BE INSURED.*



December 6th - Xmas Meeting:

Go on – you know you want to come along! It's the last meeting of the year and it's a great occasion – we'll have a raffle and Quiz with prizes and Xmas food too! What's not to love? Don't be a 'Bah-Humbug'!!

January 10th 2019 - AGM: This is the occasion to vote in our committee. We are in desperate need of volunteers for the following posts, as regrettably, both Nick & Pauline are standing down. There has been some interest so far but if you are interested, please email Nick wwwcight@gmail.com or Pauline paulinetidmasbees@gmail.com

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.

Beekeeping notes for November:



Forage:

Bees will be pretty much hunkering down now for the winter, but you may see the odd bee brave the outside climate on warmer, sunny days to have a nose around. Ivy will be in abundance and Borage, Heather, Catmint and Autumn crocus will also be a source of food. Sunflowers, Rudbeckia and Sedum may provide further forage if the weather has been good.

Apiary Jobs for November: tidy, clean and store!

- Hives should be prepared for winter now – plenty of stores in the beehives, entrance bars turned upside down with the gap at the top, mouse-guards on, chicken-wire wrapped around the hives if in a Woodpecker zone and also hives weighed down with a brick or securely strapped down to protect the hives from being blown over by winter winds.
- Clean, repair and store away equipment for next year! Melt and clean up old wax to deter Wax Moth!
- Start thinking about what equipment needs to be ordered for the new year.
- Join BeeBase <http://www.nationalbeeunit.com> and have access to interesting editorials and reports.

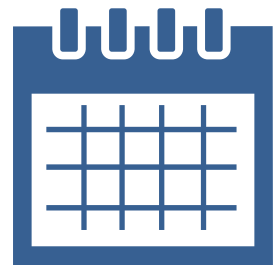
Garden Jobs for November

- Order Spring bulbs 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
- Organise, clean and repair Bee-Shed/ Storage area and equipment
- Trim back shrubs, bushes and grass in the apiary area
- Watch out for the Asian Hornet and their nests....

Other dates for your diary:

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, Woodside, Kenilworth.*



Did you know?



Folklore:

According to superstition, if a bee lands on your hand it is a sure sign that money is on its way to you! If a bee lands on your head, you are going to have great success! If a bee flies into your home it is considered very good luck but if you force the bee out, your luck will disappear!

Last month's Curious Corner answer...

So, did you have any ideas on what the photo to the right is showing? These are replicas of early Egyptian beehives: the bees would fly in one end of the tube and the honey and wax would be extracted from the other end.... Very brave!!



Curious Corner:

From the 'Book of Judges', what Woman/ Girls' name means 'Queen Bee' in Hebrew? Who was this woman? The feast day of November 1st is celebrated in Her honour...



...What is a baby bee - A Humbug...!

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 browse 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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Chair/Librarian: David Tyler

Vice Chair: Mike Barke

Secretary/Web/Trustee: Nick Holmes

Treasurer: Pauline Tidmas

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Training: David McCorkindale

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