



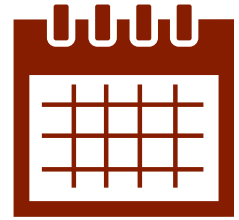
Harlow Bees-letter

January 2019



Upcoming HBKD Meetings for your diary:

AGM meeting	10 th January 2019 at 8:00 pm – 10.00 pm
February meeting (details TBC)	7 th February 2019 at 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm
March meeting (details TBC)	7 th March 2019 at 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm



Secretary Notices:



Happy New Year to One and All!! We all hope that you enjoyed the HBKA Christmas party on the 6th December and after the December festivities you are all looking forward to the New Year – 2019 already!! How did that happen?!

Please remember that the AGM is being held on the 10th January. Please refer to the Agenda details that were forwarded in last month's Newsletter for details.

Treasurer/Membership Notices:

Subscriptions:

You will have now received your new membership form for your subscription for 2019. Please follow the instructions carefully and fully complete the form and note that in section 2, each individual membership now has their contribution broken down and shown.

It is in an A4 format for easy printing. Ideally, Pauline needs all payments by the end of January as there are deadlines to adhere to, notifying BBKA, BDI & BeeCraft, regarding your subscriptions.

Please note: NO BACS payments to be made before the start of January 2019.

Any forms received earlier and including cash or cheques will be registered as date received, but monies will be banked in January 2019.

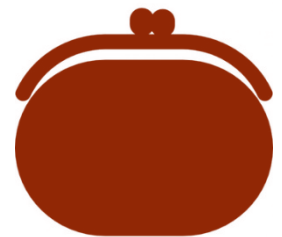
Any questions please contact paulinetidmasbees@gmail.com Mobile 07749 274895

Those who do not pay the subscription by the end of January WILL NOT BE INSURED.

January 10th 2019 - AGM:

Don't forget to come along to the AGM.

We still need members to put their names forward to help share the jobs needed to run the Division. We will assist anyone who takes on a role. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pauline or Nick.



Beekeeping notes for December:



Forage:

If the weather is mild, you may see the bees taking short flying trips and collecting pollen and nectar from Winter Aconites, Snowdrops, Mahonia, Sage and Witch Hazel.

Otherwise, the bees will be in a cluster within the hive, conserving their energy and warmth. Ensure the bees have sufficient stores by hefting the hive. If you are concerned that the hive is light, give the bees some fondant – but be quick so as not to disturb the bees!

Apiary Jobs for January:

- Check beehives are intact; clear hive entrances of hive debris, leaves and snow
- Treat bees with Oxalic acid, if you have a treatment plan in place
- Heft the hives to make sure there is still plenty of stores for the bees
- Check stored frames and boxes for Wax Moth and treat accordingly
- Take advantage of the break and put your feet up with a nice cuppa!



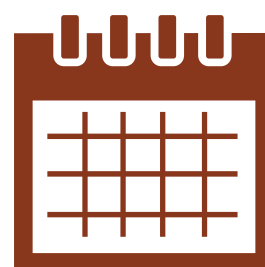
Garden Jobs for January

- Install 'bee-houses' and bird boxes for the Spring, to encourage more wildlife into your garden
- Feed the birds and remove ice from any water feeders or bird baths
- Deadhead and tidy away any old foliage
- Check Dahlia tubers and bulbs



Other dates for your diary:

- Beetradex:** 9th March 2019 – Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
- Cambridge Seminar:** Beekeeping in the 21st Century - 23rd March 2019 www.cbka.org.uk
- The Spring Convention:** 12th – 14th April 2019, Harper Adams University, Shropshire



Did you know?



Folklore and Superstition:

Did you know that the ancient Celts believed that the bees brought their magical nectar to earth from the Goddess Brigid's apple orchard, from the 'Otherworld'? The Christian version of Brigid, is Saint Gobnait who along with the help of bees, protected and healed Her people. It is said that Gobnait let loose a swarm of bees on to a thief who was attempting to steal cattle... She is also said to have used the Honey to aid her healing, saving residents from the Plague.

Famous Beekeepers:

Morgan Freeman! A US Actor who has been in films such as 'Seven'. He converted his 124 acre ranch in Mississippi, USA to support the bees and pollinate the local area – he is a huge advocate of beekeeping and supporting the environment! Such a cool guy!!!

Curious Corner:

The skep beehive is a very old symbol used in Freemasonry and is often surrounded by seven bees: this represents the number of members to form a lodge...or a 'hive of freemasons'...

Bad joke alert...!



How many bees do you need in a bee choir? A HUNDRED....!! Ha ha!



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! But remember not to hang on to the books for too long, as other people may be waiting to read them.

Honey Jars:

Bulk Honey Jar Orders:

Orders can only be made annually, so next chance to order is May 2019.
Now is a good time to take stock and see how many jars you already have.



Items Always For Sale

Honey Buckets £2.00

David Tyler 01279 730228

Wax

Roy Cropley 01992 626668

Division Committee

President: Danny Nicoll

Chair/Librarian: David Tyler

Vice Chair: Mike Barke

Secretary/Web/Trustee: Nick Holmes

Treasurer: Pauline Tidmas

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Swarm Liaison: David Swindale

Spray Liaison: Ben Hart

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