



Harlow Bees

June 2019

Newsletter



Upcoming HBKD Meetings for your diary:

June meeting:	6 th June 2019 at 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm - Bee Stings – Carol Sissons
July meeting:	4 th July 2019 at 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm – Preparations for Honey Shows



Secretary Notices:



Mike Barke gave a very interesting talk about preparing honey for the jar. He had some innovative ideas to share on the equipment he has devised to make it easy to uncap the super frames. I like the fact that he filters the same honey for sale as he does for exhibition. So, his customers can genuinely say they have prize-winning quality honey!

Our first show is on the 23rd June at Hatfield Heath. Then, we have a very busy July – 7th – Matching Green Classic Car Show, 21st – Hallingbury Flower Show, 28th – Parndon Wood Bee Day. ***If you would like to come along and help and sell your honey, please let me know.***

News from the CEC

From January 2020, we will not be getting the Essex Beekeeper centrally printed. The capitation that was used for this by Essex centrally will be now kept locally in Harlow (equating to about £5 per member) rather than going to Essex funds. We will have to decide what we wish to do locally relating to printing and posting. The Essex beekeeper editor is also looking to run more frequent bulletins which will be online only - more on this as the idea is developed.

Membership details with the BBKA will now be electronically processed using a new system called ER2 - to most of the membership this will have little effect, short of having some data protection statements realigned on the membership form, and the fact we will be on the BBKA swarm map again - this won't be enacted for a few months yet; but there is agreement that this moves forward for all of Essex and Harlow is one of the pilot groups, while this will be some work it does give us first 'bite of the cherry' about how we want parts of it to work across Essex.

We will be looking for an association member to help with an Asian Hornet related function in the division - this is related to the Asian Hornet Action team - <https://ahat.org.uk/> - if you are interested please contact Nick - wwwcight@gmail.com

Beekeeping notes for June:

Swarming season is still upon us – so *bee-ware*!! Regular inspections should now be underway. Keep your eyes peeled for the infamous **Asian Hornet** – and set up your Asian Hornet traps!

Apiary Jobs for June:

- Monitor disease and Varroa drop
- Remove and extract ripened rape honey asap – order honey jars now!!
- Make up lots of spare brood and super frames
- Swap out old frames and start storing up wax for a mega wax melting session!

June Forage:

- Angelica, Borage, California Lilac, Cotoneaster, Dead Nettle, Foxglove, Hebe, Honeywort, Lavender, Lime, Lupin, Meadowsweet, Mint, Oil Seed Rape, Poppy, Thyme, Wallflower, Wild Marjoram.



Did you know?

Famous Beekeepers: Jon Bon Jovi the lead singer from the '80's rock band Bon Jovi, keeps beehives of honey bees on his farm in New Jersey.

Folklore and Superstition: In Egyptian mythology, it was believed that the Sun God Ra, produced the first working bees from the tears that he produced, as they landed on the desert sand.

Curious Corner: Honey is Hydroscopic - it attracts and retain moisture and was used by Cleopatra as part of her daily beauty regime. Honey and products from the Hive are still used in beauty products today.



Bad Bee joke of the month: What kind of bee cannot be understood? A Mumble-Bee!

Dates for your diary:



Bee Health Day:	20th June 2019 , 09.30 – 16.00 hrs, The Millennium Centre, Dagenham Road, Romford, RM7 0SS
Hatfield Heath Festival:	23rd June 2019 , Hatfield Heath, Hertfordshire
Parndon Wood Education Day:	28th June 2019 , Parndon Wood, Harlow, CM19
Annual Classic & Sports Car Show:	7th July 2019 , Matching Green, Herts, CM17 0PZ
Hallingbury Flower Show	21st July 2019 , 12.00 – 16.00 hrs Gaston House, Bishops Stortford, CM22 7QS

Divisional Library:

David Tyler is the Library Monitor for the ever-growing library. David brings the books to every meeting and 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 for Sale:



Bulk Honey Jar Orders:

Orders can only be made annually, so **orders can be made from May 2019.**



For sale:

New feature to the HBKA monthly newsletter: if you have any Beekeeping related equipment to sell with a value of £50.00 or more, you can advertise it here to other HBKA members: please contact Pamela Chambers.

- **Plastic 2-framed, tangential, manual honey extractor with honey gate. £60.** For more information, please contact Carol Sissons.



Items Always For Sale

Items for sale:	Price:	Contact:	Telephone no.
Honey Buckets:	£ 2.00 each	David Tyler	01279 730228
Wax:	Various	Roy Cropley	01992 626668

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