

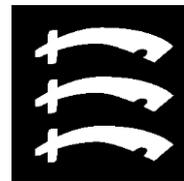


Harlow Bees January 2020 Newsletter



Upcoming HBKD Meetings for your diary:

- January 2020 meeting: **9th January** – AGM meeting.
- February 2020 meeting: **6th February** – details to be confirmed



Secretary Notices:



We did not have a speaker at our December meeting, but we had a good turnout for our Christmas gathering. Pauline gave an overview of the new system for the annual membership renewal which was useful if you are not very good at finding your way around online multiple-choice forms. You should have all received the email to complete the forms.

Nick organised a quiz which was challenging but very interesting, especially for the winning group. Thank you to all who contributed to the refreshments.

I am still preparing a list of speakers for 2020 so if there is anything that you would be interested in hearing more about, please let me know.

Membership Secretary Notices:

Your membership subscription is due and details have now been sent to you with instructions of how to re-join. There are 2 ways to do this:

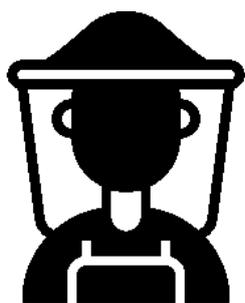
- Online membership renewal via the email link, that was sent to you in December
- or a hard copy Membership Form that was sent with the same email



If you are using the online renewal option, please wait for a confirmation email before making payment. This will be sent to you in January, when Pauline returns from her holiday. You do not need to send in a hard copy subscription form anymore but if you do decide to use the hard copy subscription form, please complete and return this with your payment to Pauline as usual.

BACS transfer payment is NOT TO BE PAID during the Christmas break: cash or cheques received will be banked early in January.

Beekeeping notes for January:



This is a very quiet time in the Beekeepers' calendar, but there are still jobs to do in and around the apiary:

Apiary Jobs for January:

- Ensure entrances to hives are clear and that the hives are in good order
- Complete any repairs of equipment or DIY jobs that need completing
- Heft hives and check that the colonies of bees still have plenty of food
- Treat colonies of bees with Oxalic Acid if this is part of your Varroa Management plan
- Order new equipment or nucs of bees – order early
- Plan to attend all 12 HBKA meetings in 2020! Happy New Year!!

January Forage:

- Aconites, Alder, Evergreen Clematis, Christmas Rose, Crocus, Cyclamen, Heather, winter flowering Honeysuckle, Ivy, Mahonia, Primrose, Snowdrop, Strawberry Tree, Viburnum, Wallflower and Willow.

Did you know?

Famous Beekeepers:

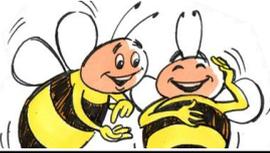
The famous American singer, song writer, music producer and actor, Lionel Richie – former singer of the band Commodores, has hives of honeybees in his garden in the US, thanks to his daughter Nicole Richie, television personality and fashion designer. This follows her concerns about the plight of the honeybee and particularly, Colony Collapse Disorder.

Curious Corner:

Honeybees have been making honey the same way for the past 150 million or so years! The honeybee is the only insect that produces food that is eaten by humans!

Folklore, Superstition and Mythology

The god of beekeeping, according to Greek mythology, is Aristaeus. He accidentally caused the death of **Eurydice**, who had trod upon a snake whilst escaping from him. In revenge, her sisters punished Aristaeus by killing all his bees. When Aristaeus saw the empty hives he consulted **Proteus** who advised him to honour the memory of Eurydice, by sacrificing four bulls and four cows. Aristaeus did so and let them rot. Bees rose from the dead corpses and re-filled the empty hives.



Bad Bee joke of the month:

What's more dangerous than being with a fool? Fooling with a bee!

Other dates for your diary: **BeeTradeEx:** 14th March 2020, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG

BBKA Spring Convention: 4th – 6th April 2020 – Harper Adams University, TF10 8NB

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!*

Jars for Sale:

Bulk Honey Jar Orders: Orders can only be made annually, so *orders can be made from May 2020.*



For Sale:



Used Wax & honey separator pail – a new one from National Bee Supplies is £96.75. Any offers over £50 (extra will go to HBKA funds). Will be brought along to the next meeting.

Items for Sale

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

Committee Members

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