



# Harlow Bees

## NOVEMBER 2019

### Newsletter



#### Upcoming HBKD Meetings for your diary:

**November meeting:** 7<sup>th</sup> November – **Abberton Native Bee Project.** Kevin Thorn

**December meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Party!!**



#### Secretary Notices:

Our October meeting was about what can be made from the hive, especially at this time of year for gifts. Carol Sissons explained how she extracted wax and used it to make candles and wax bars for sale and to put in displays for gifts. Val Jepps described how she made rosehip jam with honey and a variety of balms, all festively presented. Nick Holmes described how he made soap the easy way.



These items were made for gifts but if they were being sold there is legislation to adhere to. I am trying to find a speaker who can give us more information about this.

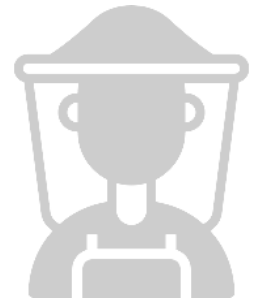
I am preparing a list of speakers for 2020 so if there is anything that you would be interested in hearing more about, please let me know.

#### Membership Secretary Notices:

**Please note: HBKA Newsletters will only be printed in hard copy until December i.e. one more copy! From 2020, a small number of hard copies will be available at the monthly HBKA meetings for those people who cannot access the internet. Alternatively, they are available to view online.**

#### Beekeeping notes for November:

Beekeeping duties should be coming to an end now that the weather is getting colder and the days are shorter. By now, the final hive inspection should have been completed to ensure that the bees are healthy and that they have plenty of food stores for the winter. Mouse-guards should be placed on beehives and hives prepared and secured for winter. This is an ideal time to complete all those apiary jobs and plan for the year ahead...



#### Apiary Jobs for November:

- Clean up, repair, sterilise and store away equipment and frames for winter
- Keep an eye out for Wax Moth and Asian Hornet Queens!
- Melt down wax and make candles and gifts for winter – or give spare wax to Roy Cropley
- Pre-order 2020 nucs of bees and Queens
- Plant up Spring flowering bulbs around the hives to give bees early Spring food and bee-friendly shrubs and trees to provide bees with additional forage for the future.

#### November Forage:

- Blackberry, Dandelion, Michaelmas Daisy, Figwort, Fuchsia, Ling Heather, Himalayan Balsam, Ivy, Mustard, Poppy, Strawberry tree and Thistle.

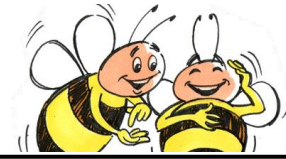
#### Did you know?

**Famous Beekeepers:** **Phill Jupitus** – Podcaster, actor, stand-up comedian and former team captain on 'Never Mind The Buzzcocks'.

**Folklore and Superstition:** A swarm of bees settling on the roof of a house is a sure sign that the building will burn down...



**Curious Corner:** To all our American friends who celebrate Thanksgiving: did you know that without the pollination duties that bees provide, the American Thanksgiving meal would not include Cranberry sauce, Apple Pie, Nuts, Pumpkin Pie, Sweet Potatoes, Squash, Broccoli, brussel sprouts or stuffing! Anyone for a Turkey sandwich??



**Bad Bee joke of the month:** *What does a queen bee do when she burps? She issues a royal pardon...*

**Other dates for your diary:**



**BeeTradeEx:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG

**BBKA Spring Convention:** 3rd – 5<sup>th</sup> 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!*



**Honey Jars for Sale:**

**Bulk Honey Jar Orders:**

Orders can only be made annually, so **orders can be made from May 2020.**



**For Sale:**



1. **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 November meeting.
2. **Used large settling tank with filter and lid.** £50. Contact Louise on 07974 212958, if interested.

**Items for Sale**

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

**Committee Members**

| Position:         | Name:          | Position:        | Name:              |
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| President:        | Danny Nicoll   | Spray Liason:    | Ben Hart           |
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