



# Harlow Bees February 2020 Newsletter



## Upcoming HBKD Meetings for your diary:

February 2020 meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> February – Queen Rearing for All– Khalil Attan

March 2020 meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> March – EFB and the Hive Spring Clean – Salma Attan



## Secretary Notices:



Thank you to all those who were able to make the AGM in January and agree to serve yet another year on the committee. We have a busy year ahead with the planning and delivering of our new course and beginning to think of the 2021 Essex Conference to be hosted by Harlow division. We will need a sub-committee to organise this so would appreciate some support, however little.

The Parndon Wood Bees seemed to be ok when we fed them just after Christmas as were the colonies that have been moved to our divisional apiary. Maybe we have the mild winter to thank for that.

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:

### Membership Secretary:

Your subscription for this year, 2020, is now due. If you have not paid, please do so now as a matter of priority. All subscriptions must be received by **Friday 14th February 2020**. You can either renew your subscription:

- online via the 'Essex Beekeeper' invitation email you have received which has a link to our secure online database (it's basically filling your form in online) and then pay either by BACS or send a cheque to 'Membership Secretary, 83 Greygoose Park, Harlow, Essex CM19 4JR'.
- or by printing, completing & sending the subscription form, attached to that email, to 'Membership Secretary, 83 Greygoose Park, Harlow, Essex CM19 4JR' together with a cheque - or pay by BACS



### Magazines & Newsletters

For all our members with email addresses you will have received an email on 29th December 2019 from the Editor of Essex Beekeepers Magazine, Robert Silver, with the link to the January issue of the magazine. Look out for other emails during the month with updates or reminders, from Robert as well.

Nick will send out the monthly link to our Harlow Newsletter - you will have already received his email with the January 2020 News-Letter link on 27th December 2019.

### AGM

Many thanks to all those members who turned out to this year's AGM, on 9th January 2020.

We are extremely pleased to announce the agreement to make Danny Nicoll an Honorary Divisional Life Member of Harlow Beekeepers in recognition of all his effects and contribution to the Harlow Beekeeping Division & all our Beekeepers. Full minutes will be circulated in due course.

Finally, we would all like to say a big '**Thank You**' to **Lisa McCorkindale**, for all her hard work and patience as the former HBKA Mailing Officer. Now that we are paperless/ free (well, nearly!) there is no requirement to collate and mail out newsletters and other material. Thank you again to Lisa!

## Beekeeping notes for February: Apiary Jobs for February:



- Ensure entrances to hives are clear of dead bees or any debris
- Heft hives and check that the colonies of bees still have plenty of food
- Give bees packets of fondant, if stores are light
- Complete any repairs to hives or stock
- Order new equipment and/ or nucs of bees – before spring
- Install insect and bird boxes to encourage wildlife into your garden!

**February 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:** Oprah Winfrey, the American media executive, talk show host, actress, philanthropist and television presenter, keeps beehives on her estate but has a personal beekeeper who manages the beehives on her behalf. Ms Winfrey regularly has her beekeeper as a guest on her show and promotes the work and importance of the bees and other pollinating insects.

**Curious Corner:** What do the girls names; Pamela, Melissa, Missy, Mischa and Deborah all have in common? The ancient Greek and Roman names all have associations with Honeybees and beekeeping!

**Folklore, Superstition, Religion and Mythology:** In the Christian faith, bees were often directly linked to the Holy Spirit and to the Virgin Mary. When Jesus Christ's body disappeared from the cave after his crucifixion but before his resurrection, bees were found in the cave as symbols of the holy spirit.



### Bad Bee joke of the month:

What's a bee's favourite sport? *Rug-bee...*!

## Other dates for your diary:

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

**BBKA Spring Convention:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<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!*

## 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.

(Please can the person who owns the pail, confirm with Carol Sissons that they are still happy to advertise the pail for sale? Otherwise it will be advertised monthly until it sells).

### 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:
<b>President:</b>	<i>Danny Nicoll</i>	<b>Spray Liason:</b>	<i>Ben Hart</i>
<b>Chair/ Librarian:</b>	<i>David Tyler</i>	<b>Council Liason:</b>	<i>Ralph Cullen</i>
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	<i>Mike Barke</i>	<b>Training Officer:</b>	<i>To be confirmed...</i>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<i>Carol Sissons</i>	<b>Website:</b>	<i>Nick Holmes</i>
<b>Membership:</b>	<i>Pauline Tidmas</i>	<b>Newsletter:</b>	<i>Pamela Chambers</i>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<i>Sue Frazer</i>	<b>Disease Officer:</b>	<i>To be confirmed...</i>
<b>Swarm Liason:</b>	<i>David Swindale</i>		