



CBKA Newsletter

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In The Apiary

Now we have past the winter solstice, days will begin to lengthen. Although spring seems a long way away, preparation should begin in earnest. Clean and treat spare brood box's and super's. Prepare both brood and super frames, give tools and equipment a good clean and service. I was caught out this summer when a stranger turned up at my house with a swarm that he had 'picked up' and did not want! This year I will have a couple of spare nuc box's prepared



Beekeeping Exams

Congratulations on passing the Basic Beekeepers Exam to Martin Hutchinson from Eaglescliffe, if you would like to take your basic beekeeping exam two of our members are examiners and although they cannot exam you they will help you prepare. Contact any committee member for details.



Bee Bay

A place for you to buy and sell beekeeping and all related equipment

FOR SALE

5' x 4' box trailer, suitable for beehives - garden rubbish etc. recent new tyres £65.00 o.n.o.

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January Meeting

Januarie's topic is a first year in beekeeping, presented by Derek Passmore, with a lot of help from fellow beekeepers! I hope to have one of the first polystyrene national hives to demonstrate, there will be help with setting up your apiary, obtaining your first bees, right through to your first harvest and honey show.

Question Time

This year there is no formal 'question time' meeting, all of the people involved in the January talk will be available after the talk to answer your questions. There is tea and coffee following all of our meetings, another ideal opportunity to meet and ask questions. It has been pointed out that new members find it difficult to find out who's who, possibly in the new year the committee will start to wear name badges! If you have any questions please feel free to E mail me (my E mail is at the bottom of the page) and I will include them in future newsletters for our readers to answer. New beekeepers often think that there is some kind of mystery to beekeeping, and are worried about asking what seems like a simple question. We were all beginners once, and no question is to trivial.

Newsletter

If you find any bits of information or news that may interest our members please E mail me with details for inclusion in our future newsletters.



For everyone unable to join us for our Christmas social may I take this opportunity of wishing you all seasons greetings and a very happy and healthy new year

CBKA Programme 2011

Meetings are held in the Southlands Leisure Centre Endeston Road, Middlesbrough, TS3 OHG

Start at 19.15

Jan.17th-1st.Years Beekeeping

D.Passmore & Billy Ellerington

Preparation & showing honey-including judges comments

Ada Newman & U.Metti

Feb.21st-50 years in Beekeeping-

Phil Cunningham.

Mar.21st. Queen Rearing-

Bill Cadmore

Apr.2nd. North of England Symposium,

Trinity Centre Gosforth.

Apr.9th. YBKA Conference –

Bishop Burton

Apr.15/17th.BBKA Spring Convention

Stoneleigh

Apr.18th. Trekking in Nepal

Barrie Bloom

May.15th. Sun.2pm Spring Inspection,

CBKA Apiary Meeting.

May/June Beginners Courses

aimed towards Basic Beekeeping Examination

Jun.19th.Sun.2pm Apiary Meeting

Unal Metti, Road allotments.

July 17th.Sun.2pm CBKA Apiary meeting.

July 23rd. Sat. Cleveland Show

Entries to Ada Newman Honey Show Secretary.

Aug 21st. Visit to Alan & Tony Jefferson's Apiary.

Sep 17th Sat. Stokesley Show

Entries to Stokesley Show Secretary.

Sept 19th. Preparations for Winter,

John Alan.

Oct 16th.AGM

Nov 19th. Bee management

Tom Retting.

Dec 7th. Bee Quiz Finchale College Durham

Joint meeting with local Associations.

Dec. X'mas Social

Date to be arranged.

*For Apiary Visits please
ring hosts to book and /or
directions.*



Apiary Visits

Each year apart from visiting our own apiary at Coulby Newham, we are lucky enough to be invited to members apiaries throughout the season. If you would like to host a visit please contact any committee member, the club will provide someone to give the talk on the day or you may even want to do this yourself. Help is given with any catering costs, and you will get the advantage of some possibly very useful advice.



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Meetings are held in the Southlands Leisure Centre, Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough,

TS3 OHG on the third Monday of the month from September to April at 7:15pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES

Allan, Tony & Richard Jefferson

Stonlea Apiaries, 1 Dalehouse Bank, Staithes, Cleveland, TS13 5AN

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Honey bought and sold

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