



CBKA Newsletter

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April meeting Bring and Swap Meet

Swap, buy and sell unwanted equipment, there will also be a plant stall in aid of club funds. If you have a spring glut why not donate them to our stall.

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Summer programme

May 16th, Sun 14.00 **CBKA Apiary**
Preparing for the new season

June 20th, Sun 14.00 **Apiary Visit**
A visit to Tony Jefferson's Apiary

July 18th, Sun 14.00 **CBKA Apiary**
Will there be honey for tea?

July 24th, Sat, **Cleveland Show**
Not shown before, enter the novice section!

Aug 15th, Sun 14.00, **Apiary Visit**
A visit to Mark and Gill Hodgson's Apiary

Sept 18th, Sat, **Stokesley Show**
Submit your entry forms 3 weeks before show

For Apiary visits please ring hosts to book and for directions

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Please try and support our open days, they are an excellent opportunity to meet fellow beekeepers and work with their hives.

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Apology

Following last month's newsletter regarding Bill Wilkinson's life membership award, I have since found out that Bill was honey secretary for ten years and he has continued to mentor his successors, he is also an invaluable member of the CBKA committee.

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Beekeepers Quarterly

To those members who subscribe to this magazine please note that their subscriptions are now due.

For members who do not know of this publication, it is a glossy full colour magazine with approx. 56 A4 pages. The contents usually cover all aspects of beekeeping from around the world. Typical contents include ventilation of beehives, advantage of a swarm, ethics in beekeeping, a DIY feeder made from plastic bottles.

Following the article on ethics and beekeeping, a reader from Canada sent in some photographs of hives damaged by bears and a mobile trap which captures bears alive and allows them to be driven far away from the apiary.

You can see from the above that there is a diverse number of contributors making a very interesting read.

Subscription for this magazine is £25 but only £16 if purchased through our secretary Ian Brown.

The magazine will be posted to the home address of subscribers

Cheques to be made out to Ian Brown who will send the total out to Northern Bee Books.

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CBKA Apiary News

At the March meeting of the CBKA Stephen Ellerington was appointed apiary manager, he has a budget of £300.00 for any equipment required.

Open mornings are being planned for the apiary during the summer to work on the hives etc. So far four volunteers have offered to help.

Please note there will be no open mornings on June 5-6/12-13 as Rob Andrews will be holding his beginners course.

THE BEEKEEPING YEAR

March



Wake-up time for bees

If feeding bees make sure the food is in contact with the cluster as bees may starve and not find food even though it is on the hive, also check that the hive entrance is not blocked with dead bees.

Gareth Wilson of the National Trust, along with the BBC are doing a joint programme of placing beehives on trust sites. We have been asked for volunteers from CBKA to help. The site that has been chosen for us is land round Roseberry Topping. If any member wishes to Join in this project will they ring Gareth on 07825 114063. for more information. This will be an individuals choice and not CBKA

Bee Bay

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

For sale, stainless steel hand operated honey extractor. £60.00

Contact Derek on 01642724652

Essential books for new beekeepers

“Guide to bees and honey” 2008 edition
List price £12.99 available to members who joined after 1st October 2008 @ £5.00 per copy (five available)

Also two copies of Winston’s “Biology of the honey bee” @ £16.00 per copy

Contact Phil Staniland on 01287 660919

Summer Shows

During the summer we are involved in various shows throughout the Cleveland area, our main show is Cleveland show, we are also at Stokesley show. This year we have been asked to attend Hartlepool show.

As a new beekeeper I attended both Cleveland and Stokesley last year and both were excellent days out with typical glorious summer sun shine!
With such an interest in beekeeping at the moment (our membership is now very close to 100) these shows are an ideal platform to meet interested people and talk to them about the mysteries of beekeeping!

If you would like to help please contact our honey secretary Ada Newman on 01642 326624

You can also enter your honey, wax, etc in the shows by contacting Ada, this year there will also be a photography section, more in next months newsletter.

Please note new tel/E mail for Stonlea Apiaries below

Secretary: Ian Brown, 48 Thames Ave, Guisborough,

TS14 8AF, Tel 01287 632851

Meetings are held in the Wellburn Room, Newham Grange Leisure Farm, Wykenham Way, Coulby Newham,

Middlesbrough, TS8 0TG 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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