



CBKA Newsletter

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End of Season

All feeding and disease treatment should be completed by now, although bees are quit active during the day the nights are rapidly turning colder. Once the air temperature drops to between 12—14c the bees will form a well defined cluster on the comb. The temperature inside the cluster will remain remarkably warm, with the bees moving from the centre to the outside to maintain temperature. The cluster will move within the hive during the winter to reach available stores. The bees will try to maintain a temperature between 34.5—36.7c, if the temperature falls to low the bees will die, this is called chilled brood.

CHECKING FOR DISEASE



The Association Heather Press

It was with some trepidation that I first used our 'economy press'. It had some very adverse publicity even from Alan Jefferson who described it as a 'load of rubbish'. Sal was the first to have a go with it and found it worked well. Four of us have now used the press successfully, I would say it is ideal for up to ten frames or so and it can be used to recover honey from the margins of frames from which sections have been cut. Also to deal with frames, as described by Unal, which are not fully capped.

I recommend that potential users acquire their own filter bags which can be obtained from Thornes for £6.82 (see economy press bag) because they are not particularly easy to clean. Alternatively it should be possible to use a piece of net curtain or similar about 2ft square; the association does possess two bags however.

Philip Staniland

Honey Secretary's Report

As with the Cleveland Show it was another lovely sunny day which brought in the crowds. We had a very busy day on our stand. People tasting honey and asking questions. The observation hive was once again a big attraction helping the layman to identify and learn about the honey bee. I thought that there were less entries than there were at the Cleveland Show, which for me was a bit disappointing, but our stand certainly did its bit to promote Beekeeping.

Next year at the shows we will be without Sal and Tricia, we will miss their entries and their hard work on the stands. Who is going to step in to fill the big gap that they will leave? We wish them well and Happy Beekeeping in New Zealand.

Ada Newman

P.S. The shows may be over for this year but soon I will be chasing you all for entries into next years shows!!

Apiary Site

James ,Liz & Dave Addison don't want to keep bees but wouldn't mind beekeepers putting hives (with bees) on their land.

They described the area as very favourable for bees, with wild flowers, hedge rows, trees and farmers crops all with lots of blossom.

Their address is

Thornton Low Moor Farm, Seamer Road, Maltby Middlesbrough. TS8 0AV

Addisons_liveries@hotmail.com

The way they described the area it seemed like a garden of Eden

Next Months Meeting

Ivor Flatman regional bee inspector will host next months meeting.

Cleveland Bee Keepers At Marlow Foods Charity Day



Our stand

This event has gone on to raise in excess of £8000.00 for Cancer Research, well done everyone who supported the day!



Rob Sal and Tricia with the observation hive

Farewell

Sadly Sal & Tricia seen in the above photo will shortly be leaving us to start a new life in New Zealand. Their contribution to our club has been tremendous and I know we will all miss them. I do expect Sal to now become our overseas correspondent, and if Tricia could post us over some of her excellent scones and olive bread occasionally, it would be much appreciated. From us all, good luck and farewell.

Subscriptions

As another season comes to an end and as we were back to indoor meetings it would seem to be a good time to look at our yearly subs, Following a committee meeting held at Coulby Newham Leisure Farm on the 4th October it was decided to leave the subs unchanged at £20.00 for next year.

So just what happens to your hard earned cash.

1. £14 goes to the BBKA, this covers your public liability insurance, your hives and your bi-monthly newsletter, you also get access to the members only area of the BBKA website.
2. Access to our apiary at Coulby Newham Leisure Farm, with the possibility for beginners to keep their first hive here for their first year.
3. Indoor meetings throughout the winter months, now to be held at Southlands Centre, hosted by both experts and amateurs, but always with plenty of good advice and even a cup of tea!
4. Outdoor meetings throughout the summer at both members and guest apiaries, giving good practical hands on advice.
5. Loan of society equipment, we have honey extractors presses and much more available for free hire to members.
6. A regular news letter supported by our web site and web archives.
7. A library of bee keeping books available for free hire.
8. Free mentoring service for beginners.
9. New for 2011, half hour beginners lessons before our regular evening meetings.
10. Most of all the support and friendship of over 100 fellow bee keepers!

Don't forget to contact me with your bookings for our Christmas meal, either through the web site or on 01642724652, Derek Passmore

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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.

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