

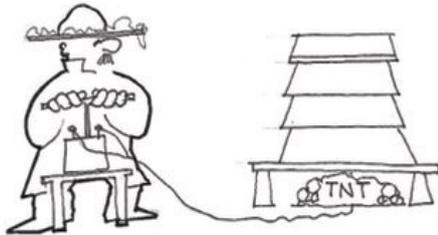


CBKA Newsletter

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TREATMENT FOR VARROA



Treatment Time

Treatment for varroa needs to be completed as soon as possible, treatment being much more effective when outside temperatures are above 15c. Complete feeding of your hives to allow the colony to go in to winter with a good store, let's hope this year we don't have such a severe winter!

Bee Bay

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

The association has 2 Nuc's for sale at £50.00 each
Please contact Bill Ellerington

Ada Newman has a hive of bees, contact her on
thunderbird.one@ntlworld.com

Gavin Morrigan has bees for sale at
gavin.Morrigan@ntlworld.com

Two complete hives with bees for sale. Each hive complete with two supers, queen excluder, roof, floor, hive stand etc. One hive has a standard National brood box. The other has a 14 x 12 brood box which has space for more bees which should lead to more honey and less swarming, all other parts are National hive size.
Call Sal Mancina on 01642 701621.

Premier Foods Charity Day

On Sunday 22nd August we were asked to attend Premier foods charity gala in aid of cancer research, myself, Sal, Tricia and Rob took along an observation hive, some donated honey (thanks Ada) and some bees wax lip balm. Through sales, donations and glorious sunshine we were able to raise over £125.00 with money still coming in! Thanks anyone who visited us for all of your support.

Show Support

Throughout the year we are asked to attend various events, these events help to raise the profile of beekeeping, and provide an opportunity for members of the public to see our bees 'close up' through our observation hives. Many of our members first found out about Cleveland Bee Keepers through these shows. This year we have attended Cleveland Show, Stokesley Show and Premier Foods charity gala. Sadly through lack of support we have had to cancel our attendance at Hartlepool Heritage Festival. When they can our members give up their time freely to support these events, we need more members to come forward and help. If you would like to become involved please contact any committee member.

Low Priced Sugar

Members of beekeepers' associations are now welcome to shop at Bookers cash and carry stores. Bookers is a trade only wholesaler, and each member should register individually with their local store. When registering each member should present their current BBKA membership card. They will be registered and able to shop straight away. A membership card will be sent within 14-21 days. Payment is by cash or debit card when leaving the store. Please visit www.bookers.co.uk to find your nearest store.

Social Evening

This years social evening will be held at **Casey's Brasserie**, Great Ayton, on the 20th December. Price will be £20.00 per person, further details to follow.

The following interesting article appeared in the Daily Mail, August 25th, 2010. Written by Chris Brooke.



A beekeeper has made a breakthrough that could halt the rapid decline in the global bee population. Ron Hoskins has found a

breed of the insect that protects itself against the parasite blamed for the alarming fall in numbers. The 79-year-old made the discovery after realising that one of his hives had far fewer deaths from the varroa mite than others. He found that the insects in that hive 'groomed' each other to get rid of the mites before they had the chance to do any harm. Now he is attempting to spread his mite-resistant breed of bees by cross-breeding them with queens from other hives. The staggering fall in bee colony numbers has led to warnings about mass starvation. Without bees, crops and plants would not be pollinated and much of what we eat wouldn't survive, experts say. The worldwide economic value of their pollination is estimated to be £130 billion a year. Mr Hoskins, who developed an interest in beekeeping at the age of 12 after he was evacuated to live with a beekeeper in Oxfordshire at the start of the Second World War, has spent 18 years researching a mite-resistant breed of bee. The former heating engineer from Swindon has lost tens of thousands of bees to the parasitic varroa mite over the years. During his research he found one of his 80 hives had suffered far fewer mite deaths than the others, he examined the insects and found tiny marks on the bees where the mites had been. He realised this was because they had begun to 'groom' one another to remove the parasites. He has now cross-bred his hives so they all contain the 'Swindon honeybee', as he has named it. He said "We are hoping that drones from my grooming bees will mate with wandering female virgin queens and spread the footprint across Britain"

STEP BY STEP, HOW HE DID IT

1 Varroa mites that carry a virus attach themselves to bees at the larva stage or as adults, resulting in insects with deformed wings and the destruction of hives.

2 Ron Hoskins noticed that one of his 80 hives infected by mites had a much higher survival rate. He used a microscope to spot marks where the mites had been removed by the bees.

3 The beekeeper spread this 'superbee' strain by extracting the sperm from mite-beating drones and inseminating other queens.

4 The hope is for these mite-resistant bees to spread throughout the country and help boost the bee population.

Cleveland Show

Once again a beautiful day drew large crowds, our stand was kept busy with two observation hives and a large entry of honey for people to discuss. The interest in our displays is reflected in our membership which is now rapidly approaching one hundred!

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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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