

# CBKA Newsletter

## May 2011

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Special summer edition

### Next Meeting

June 19th Sun at 2.00pm  
Apiary visit to Unal Metti's Apiary  
*Please ring host to book and ask for directions.*

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Modern beekeeping have donated one of their first national polystyrene hives to Cleveland Beekeepers, we intend to use this on our stand throughout the year and also in our training sessions, at the end of the show season we will use it to overwinter a colony and give members the chance to see its advantages and disadvantages.

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### Pollination Fortnight

A series of events are taking place throughout the country to promote bees and pollination. These events have the full support of the BBKA. Pollination fortnight runs from 16th—31st July, ending with Honeybee weekend on the 30th/31st July. We have been asked to place a demonstration hive at Peter Barratts garden centre, Stockton. If you would like to help with this or any other of our summer events please contact me, Derek Passmore on 01642724652 or via E mail, address below.

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### Natures World

In the past our association has had an observation hive at Natures World, Stuart, the manager at Natures World would like to see this brought back in to use, if you feel you have the time and commitment to run this hive please contact [robandrews574@gmail.com](mailto:robandrews574@gmail.com)

### Cleveland Beekeepers Association Apiary

The apiary known as Cleveland Beekeepers Association Apiary at Newham Grange Leisure Farm.

Novice beekeepers in their first year, may keep their first colony in the apiary, with help, and guidance of the apiary manager or mentor. Any member wishing to move hives a short distance, may use the apiary as a temporary site in order to allow the bees to be reoriented. Any member needing to move bees in an emergency may use the site for a limited time. All the above uses to be arranged with the apiary manager's consent, providing adequate space is available.

Apiary manager S. Ellerington (Billy) 07516341420

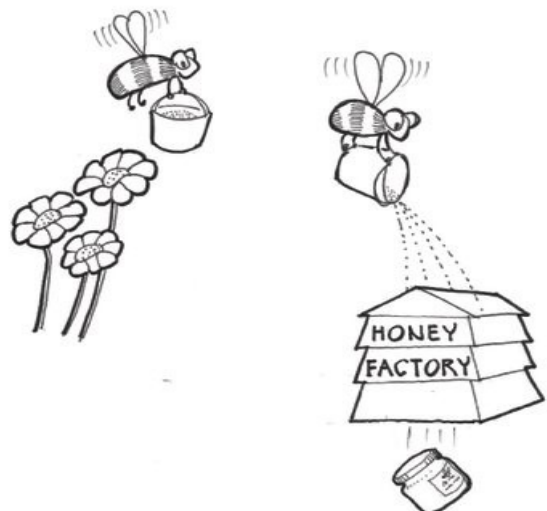
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### Beekeeping Basic Exam

If you feel ready to take your beekeeping basic exam Tom Rettig 't.rettig@btinternet.com' would like to hear from you by the end of May the full exam syllabus is available on the BBKA web site. The prospectus can be found overleaf.

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#### THE HONEY FLOW



# BBKA BASIC ASSESSMENT PROSPECTUS

## AIM

To provide new beekeepers with a goal which will give them a measure of their achievement in the basic skills and knowledge of the craft. It is hoped that it will be a springboard from which to launch into the more demanding assessments. A pass in the Basic Assessment is a prerequisite for entry into the next level of assessments.

### 1. Conditions of Entry

1.1 The Candidate shall have managed at least one colony of bees for a minimum of 12 months.

1.2 The entry form and fee shall have been received by the Local Examination Secretary, or the Secretary of the BBKA Examinations Board.

### 2. The Assessment

2.1 An Assessor, approved by the Board, is required to conduct the Assessment at any suitable apiary. Normally only the Assessor and Candidate shall be present at the Assessment. The Board may wish a trainee Assessor or member of the Board to be present as an observer, but prior written agreement of the Candidate shall be obtained.

2.2 The Assessment shall consist of three parts and the Candidate must achieve the pass mark in all three parts individually in order to pass the Assessment as a whole. The pass mark is 50% in each part. The parts are:

2.2.1 Manipulation. Practical Assessment of the Candidate's ability to handle bees and beekeeping equipment and the ability to interpret what is observed. The requirements for this part of the Assessment are set out in Part 1 of the Syllabus.

2.2.2 Oral questioning and Assessment of the Candidate's knowledge of Equipment (Section 2), the Natural History of the Honeybee (Section 3) and Beekeeping (Section 4) as required in the Syllabus. This part of the Assessment includes the assembly of a frame and fitting it with foundation.

2.2.3 Oral questioning on Diseases, Pests and Poisoning, as required in Section 5 of the Syllabus.

2.3 Scientific names, although useful, are not required.

2.4 The length of the Assessment should not normally exceed one hour.



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

TS3 0HG on the third Monday of the month from September to April at 7:15pm. Visitors and new members welcome.

#### BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES

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

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Honey bought and sold

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