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EPSOM DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Annual BBQ on Saturday 26th June '10

at The Apiary from 5.00pm

bring all the family.

Adults £5. Children £2.50 to cover cost of hot food and drinks.

Bring and share salads and deserts.

To facilitate catering needs, please let Mollie know numbers comming before Wed..23rdh June.
Mollie Bonard :0208 647 7424 e-mail. moleandbee@hotmail.com

Dates of Events for Your Diary

Tuesdays evenings Apiary Open from 6.30pm

Saturdays 3pm- 5pm beekeeping equipment available.
There is plenty of all equipment in stock except for brood boxes, there will be a delivery of super wax during the week
Please e-mail Steve with your requirements. steveasecker@hotmail.com

Fri – Sun 10/12th June South of England Show at Ardingly.

Sun 13th June Disease Recognition Workshop at Tilford.

Wed	16 th June	“Preparing Honey and Wax for showing “7.00pm at the Apiary
Wed	23 rd June	Chessington World of Adventures are having an evening of Conservation
Sat	26 th June	BBQ at the Apiary from 5pm £5 per person £2.50 for children
Sat	26 th June	Working party 2pm -5 pm at the Apiary – see below
Sat	17 th July	Apiary Open day
26 th – 31 st	July	Irish Beekeepers Summer Course at Gormanstown Co. Meath see http://www.irishbeekeeping.ie/

Apiary News

Nescot Site

The site is ready for occupation; if you want to keep your hives here contact Marysia Owsianka.

The Apiary extractor will be available for use at £10 per day. A deposit of £10 will be required to take the extractor off site

There are now 7 Apiary hives and all are doing well.

All those members who have hives at the Apiary are requested to put their name and contact details on their hive.

Working Party - Building maintenance

The next date for work on the apiary under the guidance of Jules Woodward will be on Saturday 26th June. **from 2pm to 5pm**

Jobs to be done

Laying the remaining gravel at the back of the building. Please bring a wheel barrow.

Window painting: come armed with a paint brush.

Dropping the gutter at the rear of the building

Repairing one of the boards at the rear of the building

Painting the fascia and boarding at the rear of the building

Please come along and help with these jobs. Many hands make light work.

Surrey County Show.

Epsom was represented by ONE exhibitor – Mollie Bonard who had 2 First prizes and 1 Third. Well done Mollie.

Out of nearly 100 members just one entry. Well we hope you will come to the Apiary on the evening of 16th June to see how to present honey and wax.

Preparing Honey and Wax for showing.

A talk at the Apiary on 16th June at 7 pm.

The presenter is Peter Dawson from Guildford Division. He always wins prizes at the National Honey Show for his honey and wax exhibits.

So this is an opportunity to see how you should get your honey and wax ready for shows. We look forward to see an increase in entries from Epsom at future shows

Straw skep-making course

Saturday 12 June at John Hamer's Apiary, Blackhorse Road, St John's, Woking, GU22 0QT. John's one-day course costs just £45 and includes all the materials and equipment needed - plus tea and coffee and a ploughman's lunch.
see www.blackhorseapiaries.org.uk

FARNHAM BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL BEE UNIT
DISEASE RECOGNITION WORKSHOP

at Tilford Institute Hall Sunday 13th June 2010 starting at 9:30am

Subjects covered: Bee Pathogens Practical Comb Examination Practical Microscopy and a Q & A session.

£10.00 for the full day, coffee provided but bring your own lunch

Interested? contact Anne Buckingham on info@farnhambeekeepers.org.uk.

For those brave enough:

Chessington Zoo (part of Chessington World of Adventures) is opening its doors for a fun filled evening of Conservation on **Wednesday 23rd June from 6pm until dusk.**

Conservation Charities (local and worldwide), Local businesses and Local Producers will have stands to display and sell their wares or demonstrate local crafts.

All our money raised on the evening will go directly to Conservation Charities

For those of you into bee breeding

Bee Improvement and Bee Breeders' Assoc. (BIBBA)

Are holding their conference on 3rd to 5th September in the Irish countryside near Cahir (pronounced care) Co. Tipperary. See www.bibba.com for details.

Bee photo competition

Become part of a global bee education resource

The Vita Gallery, a free photo gallery for beekeepers, honeybee health company Vita (Europe) Ltd is launching a photography competition. Anyone can submit up to three photos relating to bees or beekeeping to try to win a cash prize, while at the same time contributing to the enormously popular Gallery (www.vita-europe.com) which is benefitting beekeepers across the globe.

The winner of the competition will receive a 50 euro cash prize, plus Vita anti-varroa products for 10 colonies. There is also a special prize for the winner of the under 16s category.

How To Enter

Just email up to three digital photographs (no larger than 1mb each) relating to bees or beekeeping to vitagallery@vita-europe.com. The theme is broad, with current photographs in the gallery ranging from vintage beekeeping equipment to shots of active colonies and foraging bees.

Please include your name, postcode and country in your email. You may also include captions for your photographs if you wish. Please state if you are under 16 and eligible for the Young Person's Prize.

Terms and Conditions

The deadline for entries to the competition is 1 December 2010.

Entrants must certify that the image/s they are submitting is their own work and that they own the copyright for it. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that any images they submit have been taken with the permission of the subject and do not infringe the copyright of any third party or any laws. In providing images for the competition, each entrant agrees that Vita can put it in the online Vita Gallery for others to use.

**Extracts from the Sunday Times 30.05.10 by Charles Clover.
At the Chelsea Flower Show.**

All around on just about every garden, were buzzing bumblebees and honey bees, guzzling as if they knew all that nectar would be whisked away by the weekend. John Cussans, as ecologist from Rothamsted Research, explained that the distance a bumble bee will usually fly to forage is about 800yds. This means the bumblebees at the Chelsea flower show hadn't come up to town for the day, they were Londoners. There are now more bumblebees in cities, towns and suburbs than there are in the countryside. This is not good news for wildlife.

At some stage in the past 100 years, when more varieties of crops were grown with fewer sprays and fertilisers, we can safely assume it was the other way around. Bees need a continuous succession of flowers with pollen and nectar to support them. They also need suitable nesting sites.

Where there are no flowers it is not just bumblebees lose out, in a study by the Rothamsted Research which placed pots of wild plants favoured by bumble bees in gardens and in the countryside. It was found that the pots placed in gardens were thoroughly pollinated and produced more seed. The wild plants placed in the countryside did less well, which means they are producing fewer wild flowers, fewer insects and animals, fewer birds that feed on the fruit in the hedges. This is not good news for agriculture which depends on wild pollinators. But it is not just farmers who should be listening. The bumblebees' story and its link to plants and animals, it a perfect illustration of what is meant by the term "biological diversity".

More people are planting bee-friendly plants and leaving undisturbed areas for bumble bees in their gardens. Yet there is a group of people who haven't got the message: planners. Why are we building houses with such tiny gardens – and building on gardens, come to that? Why do we tolerate business parks and warehouses with sterile mown grass and tarmac? When will we grasp that garden cities, not unlike Chelsea, may be the best hope left for life on earth.

We would be delighted to receive articles and pictures for both the news letter and website.

If you have changed your e-mail address, or have joined the ranks of internet users please send me an email.

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