SBKA Epsom Division NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

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Apiary News

EPSOM AGM The Annual General Meeting of this club will take place on Saturday 12th November at 5pm. Our AGMs are always well attended and it is an ideal opportunity to get together with other club members as a social event, and as a way to share your views and ideas for the future direction of the club. Please remember that only current members may vote at this meeting – but there is still time to renew before Saturday contact Peter Smith mailto:peter@pfhc.co.uk

We are urgently seeking a member of the club to be a Trustee – Please contact Jill Forbes if you would like more information regarding this post.

Refreshments will be provided but please bring a dish - sweet or savoury that we can share after the meeting. We will also have a raffle…….. so please bring any raffle prize donations with you on Saturday.

BEES FOR DEVELOPMENT: A collection for 'Bees for Development' was held following Ivor Davis' talk, and the sum of £88 was raised. Ivor sent us the following message:

"Thank you for your kind words and the gifts to me and Bees for Development. We are sending off the money to them today so you should hear from them soon.

I enjoyed meeting your group and seeing old friends like David Jones again. I hope the talk was as expected and that your members were happy with it.

Good luck for the future and I look forward to meeting you all again sometime soon.

All best wishes"

For more information and a current newsletter on 'Bees for Development please follow the link www.beesfordevelopment.org

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If you would like to visit the site or are interested in keeping your bees there please contact Liz on 0208 786 8170 or by email liz.knee@googlemail.com. Room for a couple more hives only.
Sites are available in the Ashtead/Leatherhead area - please contact Catherine Delehanty: camdel36@yahoo.co.uk /tel: 01372 277107.

Forthcoming Events at the Apiary

Please note our full programme of talks and demonstrations over the next two months – hopefully there is something for everyone.....

New Talk: Mike Hill of Reigate Division has accepted our invitation to speak on Tuesday November 22nd about Management of the Hives regarding Swarming. 7pm at the Apiary.

DATES FOR DIARY

Nov 1st	Microscopy & Diseases 7- 9pm at the Apiary
Nov 8th	Beekeepers ' Question Time' 7- 9pm at the Apiary
Nov 12th	**EBKA AGM 5 pm at the Apiary**
Nov 15th	SWEET MAKING: 7- 9pm at the Apiary
Nov 22nd	**NEW: HIVE MANAGEMENT-regarding Swarming – Mike Hill, 7pm at the Apiary**
Nov 29th	HIVE PHOTOS FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER 7- 9pm at the Apiary
Dec 3rd	SBKA AGM at the Tilford institute, Tilford, Nr Farnham 2pm
Feb 18th	Advance notice: SURREY BEE DAY – more info to follow.

Christmas shopping ideas.....Magazine subscriptions, books, DVDs, Apiary Guides, & gifts all available online from the Beecraft shop **http://www.bee-craft.com/shop/**

Thorneson-line Sale: Starts 9am Monday 21st December. More details on their website: http://www.thorne.co.uk

Bee Health workshop in conjunction with the National Bee Unit.
At: Roots & Shoots Ltd. Walnut Tree Walk, Lambeth, SE11 6DN (Phone 020 7587 1131 Email office@rootsandshoots.org.uk)
Date: Saturday 19th November 2011, Time: Starting at 10:15 am
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Cost: £3 for Capital Bee (trainees, other community members and trainers) £5 for non Capital Bee people
http://www.capitalgrowth.org/bees/bee_health_workshop/

Notice is hereby given that the
133rd Annual General Meeting
of the
Surrey Beekeepers Association
will be held on
Saturday 3rd December 2011
at the
Tilford Institute
Tilford
Farnham, GU10 2BU
At 2pm.

The meeting will be followed by refreshments
and a talk by Beulah Cullen and her husband John Gamble on Mead

Apimondia International Bee Health Symposium, Dublin, Ireland, 24th March

The first Apimondia International Bee Health Symposium will take place in Dublin, Ireland, on Saturday, 24th March in the Citywest Hotel and Convention Centre, and is expected to attract 250 delegates from the beekeeping and scientific community. Bee Health 2012 is the only Apimondia endorsed meeting this year that will focus entirely on the crucial area of bee health.

The Symposium, the first of its kind, will feature roundtable discussions between beekeepers and leading scientists with the aim of transferring knowledge between the two groups to create practical solutions to dramatically reduce colony loss. If you need any further information, please contact the conference organisers at this e-mail address or visit the conference website at www.beehealth2012.ie.

Letter to the editor:
From Mike Madgewick…….

'I went to a talk by Ron Hoskins from Swindon who gave many good tips – three of which stuck:

1) Foundation – cut the two top corners off (about an inch) apparently makes it much easier for the queen to move between frames.
2) If one has a failing queen – snuff her out on a post or tree that one wants to use as the swarming location/attractor – Ron reckons it works and shows pictures of a post that he uses and every time the emerging swarm use the exact same spot.
3) If the bees are getting ready to swarm – let them, rather than suppress the urge – they are doing it for a good reason – if it's only to give them a new hive, do a Bailey type swarm so they have new foundation and clean housing – he said this seems to work better than just killing queen cells in the vague hope it will suppress the urge'

The Farnham Beekeeping Association will again be running a Theory Course in February 2012 on beekeeping, which will be held at The Tilford Institute.

Course Tutors

Alastair Welch
Master Beekeeper with the British Beekeeping Association

Hazel Sharples
Holder of the Advanced Theory Certificate
With the British Beekeeping Association

Mike Dorricott
Farnham Committee Member
And Co-Manager of the Farnham Apiary

The Course is held over eight consecutive weeks, starting on Saturday 4th February 2012 commencing at 9.30 am and each session will run for approximately 2½ hours,with a break midway for tea or coffee.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.
Apply by email to AWelch1944@aol.com

The lectures are as follows :

Session 1	Bee Castes & Life Cycle. Basic beekeeping equipment to enable you to start with bees.
Session 2	The Beekeeping year. Hive mechanics/frames and boxes.
Session 3	How to get started with bees. Where to get equipment from.
Session 4	How bees work and Setting up an Apiary.
Session 5	Diseases and Parasites. Hive hygiene.
Session 6	Swarming and swarm management. Collecting and hiving swarms.
Session 7	The Honey Crop. Storage, jars and labelling.
Session 8	Going in to Winter. Feeding and what to feed.

Information hand-outs are provided for each session.

Course Fee £70, Cheques payable to Farnham Beekeeping

FUTURE BEEKEEPERS: Beginners Course Jan 2012.
Our beginners Beekeeping Course starts on Tuesday 10th January 2012. An application form can be downloaded from our website: http://epsombeekeepers.co.uk, or contact Jill Forbes on either 0208 647 7963 or jill.forbes1@btinternet.com

Bees in the news:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-15246780

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2058190/EU-orders-pollen-warning-honey-jars.html

http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2011/oct/28/carol-ann-duffy-bee-poetry?newsfeed=true

(An up-dated list of Officers, Committee members and contacts will be sent out following the AGM.)

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