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EPSOM DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Dates of Events for Your Diary

Tuesdays evenings **Apiary Open from 6.30pm**

Sat 16th Oct **Apiary Working party 11am – 3pm**

Tue 12th Oct **Making Sweets with Mollie 6.30pm at the Apiary**

Sat 16th Oct **Final date for receiving nominations to the Committee (nomination paper was sent to you in September)**

Tue 19th Oct **Queen Rearing Project with Dave Jones 6.30pm at the Apiary**

28th -30th Oct **National Honey Show at Weybridge**.

Sat 6th NovSussex BKA annual Conference – Rural Business Centre Plumpton wwww.sussexbee.org.uk phone H. Cloutt 01424 838302

Sat 13th Nov **Our AGM at the Apiary 5pm**

Sat 20th Nov **Surrey AGM hosted by Epsom**

MEMBERSHIP

Have you renewed your membership?.
Membership runs from 1st October to 30th September each year.
All subscriptions are **due by 31st October 10**.
.Please return the form with your cheque (payable to 'SBKA (Epsom Division)' to
Membership Secretary: Kimberley Gimenes, **ASAP**

Epsom Beekeepers' 2010Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF

THE EPSOM DIVISION OF THE SURREY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT 5.00 PM AT THE APIARY

FOLLOWED BY A SOCIAL EVENING

Nominations to the Committee
Completed Nomination forms for election to the committee should be sent to the Secretary, Jill Forbes by Sat 16th Oct.
We look forward to a greater interest in membership of the committee than in previous years. Epsom is your Bee club and you can have a greater involvement in the running of the club by being on the committee. So get yourself nominated or nominate another member who you think will be willing to give the time and enthusiasm to the management of our club**.**

SURREY BEEKEEPERS AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Beekeepers

Association will be held on the 20th November 2010 at St Martins C of E Junior School,

Ashley Rd. Epsom at 2pm.'

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As we, Epsom division, are hosting the Surrey AGM, we have to supply refreshments and bites.
Any members who are willing to provide the following
Sponge cakes, Sausage Rolls, Cheese Rolls and Cocktail Sausages, contact Mollie Bonard. Expenses can be claimed.

Apiary News

NOTE: Change of e-mail address for Mollie Bonard. It is now : moleandbee@gmail.com

Bee Clinic
As a result of the test carried out at the bee Clinic there is quite a lot of Noseama in the hives in the apiary.

The Extraction room (kitchen)
Please leave the extraction room clean and tidy – as you would wish to find it.
When you are the last one out please ensure that the electric water heater is switched off.
And all doors and the gate locked.
There is no caretaker of the Apiary, it is the responsibility of every member that all is kept in order.

Preparing honey bee colonies for winter

The importance of preparing colonies to enter the winter in a healthy state, with an adequate supply of young healthy bees and stores, cannot be over-emphasised. The beekeeping year starts here, so a colony overwintered in good condition ensures that it is fit for purpose in the following spring. Recent winter colony loss investigations, both in the UK and across Europe, have clearly shown links between dead colonies and the viruses, particularly deformed wing virus, which are associated with varroa infestations. This highlights the importance of effective and timely varroa control. Guidance to help beekeepers overwinter colonies successfully can be found at www.nationalbeeunit.com

See October Beecraft for more advice on what needs to be done for your bees this month

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From Weybridge Div.

European foul brood (EFB) in Hersham

On an invited inspection a few days ago, David Rudland, our Seasonal Bee Inspector, found EFB in 3 nucs in Hersham. All beekeepers within 3 km of the site will be contacted for inspection of their colonies in the spring, but meanwhile - be vigilant, everybody, and take extra care with your hygiene

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Epsom Honey Show

Our honey show on Sat 11th Sept was a success. There was a big increase in the number of entries. Congratulations to the following Cup winners.
Bonard Cup for Frame for Extraction - Sue Ickeymeyer and Sue LLoyd
Borough Cup for the Best Exhibit in all Honey Classes – Sue Ickeymeyer and Sue LLoyd
Streeter Challenge Cup for Beeswax – Tom Jowett
Streeter Channenge Cup for Mead. – Elio Zentilin
Novice Streeter Challenge Cup - Peter Smith
Cheam Cup – Eunice Martin

Banstead Woods Day 12th Sept.
Robin and Julia Lynch would like to thank Gillian Prior and Phil Shepherd for helping them out on the stall. Not much honey was sold due to competition

Octoberfest at Ewell Court on 3rd Oct.
Mollie and company had to deal with a rather damp start to their day, but things picked up later in the day. They had good sales of honey.

BBKA's Honey Survey

We have been asked by Brian Ripley, BBKA chairman to draw your attention to the Honey Questionnaire in this month's BBKA News. They want to get a fairly accurate view of the honey crop this year.
It is best to do the survey online at www.britishbee.org.uk. All replies to be sent by 15th Oct.

The National Honey Show

The show is at St Georges College, Woburn Hill, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey, KT15 2QS
Opening times: Thursday 28th October 1.45pm to 6pm Friday 29th October 9.00am to 6pm
Saturday 30st October 9.00am to 4.30pm

The 79th National Honey Show, the U.K's 'gold standard' honey show, is just weeks away.
There are almost 250 classes and beekeepers come from all over the world to enter so it is truly an international show. Apart from the world class honey show there will be a full programme of workshops and lectures throughout the event and a wide selection of trade stands with lots of equipment and books to buy.
Speakers include Kim Flottum, Editor of Bee Culture, from U.S.A. and Dr Mark Goodwin whose research team carries out most of the honey bee research in New Zealand. Workshops (which should be booked in advance by 23rd October) cover a wide range of subjects including wax modelling, skep making and tips on passing the BBKA Basic Exam.
You can see the line-up and download the show schedule on the NHS website **www.honeyshow.co.uk**
The official closing date for show entries is 1st October but late entries will be accepted until 22nd October on payment of a £5 late entry fee.
How do I get my entries to the show?
Exhibitors must bring their entries on Wednesday 27th October between 2.30pm and 6pm. You hand them over to a steward who will stage them for you. Don't forget someone will also need to collect them at 4.30pm on Saturday 31st October, immediately after the show closes.
Admission cost?
Admission for non-members is £12 per day. Accompanied children up to 16 years are free and additional family members over 16 years living at the same address can come in for £5 each. On Saturday admission for non-members after 12 noon is £5. Advance tickets are available now. You can also pay on the door
You can become a member of the National Honey Show for £10 (or £11 via PayPal) and then entry for the duration of the show is free.
You can join by contacting the membership secretary, Mrs Sandra Rickwood, 19 Kenwood Drive, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 5AU. email srhoneyshow@googlemail.com or telephone 020 33 55 8716 and leave a message.

Volunteer Stewards for the National Honey Show Information Stand are wanted

Volunteers who are not yet members of the National Honey Show will be given a day pass to attend the exhibition.
SKILLS REQUIRED: To be able to talk about bees nonstop for short periods of time!!

Slots available are as follows: **Thursday**: **28th** 1.30pm to 3.15pm -- 3.00pm to 6.00pm
Friday: **29th** 8.45am to 11.10am -- 11.00am to 1.45pm -- 1.30pm to 3.30pm -- 3.15pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 30th: 8.45am to 11.10am --- 11.am to 12.40pm -- 12.30pm to 2.15pm -- 2.00pm to 3.40pm -- 3.40pm to Close Down
Please email Serena, at serena@thefrasers8.plus.com or telephone 01372 464885 to volunteer

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

Items for future Newsletters to be sent to:
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