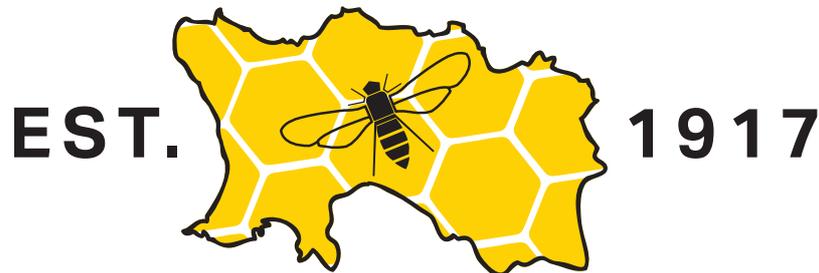


JERSEY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER September 2016

Thanks

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at the Summer Fair at Samares Manor, either by supplying and/or selling honey, baking cakes/biscuits, rolling candles etc. It was a very enjoyable day.

Though we did have one problem - our stand was between Vincent's hives and some bee-friendly flowers. Consequently by the afternoon our table of honey was surrounded by bees, which did deter some potential customers.

Beekeeping Forum

During the meeting at Tim's Apiary, Peter Mitchell gave a good tip: When examining the brood box, rather than loosening a frame lifting it out for examination then doing the same with the next one and so on, loosen all the frames first with the hive tool, then lift them out one by one for inspection.

And

A tip from the Council: Wait until the temperature drops before using either Apiguard or MAQS Strips. Otherwise the bees have a tendency to fly away because of the strong fumes.

Forthcoming Events

The Honey Tasting Evening

This is on Friday 23rd September at 7pm at the Poplars. Various types of honey, bread and cheeses, (honey goes well with cheese) and honey- flavoured drinks will be available to taste.

This is a social evening rather than a competition and there will be tea, coffee and cakes .

Honey Show

You should have received all your information (show schedules, entry forms, labels, **dinner menus** etc) by now so I hope you are busy preparing your entries. (More labels will be available on the day if I didn't send you enough).

Even if you haven't got bees you can enter several of the Classes (25-28) and (17-21) as you can use any honey in the recipes, it doesn't have to come from your bees.

I hope you will support your association by entering the Show and/or attending the Annual Dinner and Prize Giving.

Remember that menu choices and payment for the Annual Dinner should be sent to me by 30th September.

and

If you won a cup last year, please ensure that it is engraved and cleaned before returning it on or preferably before 8th October. Cups can be dropped of at:-

Rowan House, Clos St Sampson, St Brelade, JE3 8FR. They can be left in the porch if I am not in.

If you want to sell your honey, please bring it along to the Show, together with a 'taster jar'. We will however have to ask for a £5 donation to cover the cost of being at Hamptonne

The selling prices (suggested by the Council) will be: Liquid/Set Honey 1lb jars - £8, ½ lb jars - £5, Cut Comb - £5.

We also need helpers to set up and pack away on Friday and Sunday respectively, and throughout the weekend. So if you can spare an hour or more to help roll candles (last year we rolled over 200) and sell honey etc, please let me know.

National Diploma in Beekeeping Short Courses

The NDB is offering a course in 'Teaching Beekeeping' in Manchester on 25th and 26th November. JBKA thinks they can get funding from Howard Davis Farm for members to attend.

If you are interested or need more information contact Bob Hogge at rnhogge@gmail.com

Best Wishes

JBKA Council