



photo (c) 2009 Dave Magnter

# north staffordshire beekeepers association

## August 2009 Bulletin

---

### Apiguard

Colonies should be checked for varroa levels and unless they are insignificant, should be treated as soon as the honey is taken off at the end of July.

The efficacy of Apiguard is dependant of correct use:

- varroa floor inserts should be in place, and any gaps sealed with tape
- the entrance should be reduced
- any holes in the crown board must be sealed
- there needs to be space above the apiguard for it to evaporate, either by use of an eke or empty super
- some people recommened spreading the gel over a wider area, such as a 15x20cm piece of plastic, placed directly above the brood nest
- the temperature must be over 15C to be effective
- after 2 weeks, add the contents of a second pack and leave for another 4 weeks

The colony will need a more effective treatment, to ensure low varroa numbers in spring. Most beekeepers seem to be using oxalic acid during the brood free period in December. We will include details on using oxalic acid in a newsletter later in the year.

---

### Country Fayre - August 31st Bank Holiday Monday

This is a great day out for the family, at [Heaton House Farm, Rushton Spencer SK11 0RD](#)

We hope to have a beekeeping display again this year. If you would like to take part, please get in touch, email me at [info@northstaffsbees.org.uk](mailto:info@northstaffsbees.org.uk) or phone David Teasdale on 07971 013787

---

### Start thinking about the Honey Show

Why not put an entry into the Honey Show, to be held on Wed 7th October?

If you have managed to get a couple of jars of honey, there is an article on our [website](#) on preparing hive products for show. However even if you have no honey, there is a photographic class and one for home made equipment. There is also a cookery section. The full schedule should be on the website in the near future.

---

**Celia Davis** Wednesday 2nd September 7.00 for 7.30 at the Friends Meeting House

Just a reminder to check that this is in your diary; further details in the next newsletter.

---

**Newsletters** - if you were a member on 28th June, you should have received the July newsletter in the post, in full colour. Please let us know if you did not receive it. We will aim to send out a communication each month; some months it will be a short email bulletin (like this one), which will only be posted to those without an email address.

If you have anything that may be of interest to others, such as photographs or articles about your own experiences, please email to [editor@northstaffsbees.org.uk](mailto:editor@northstaffsbees.org.uk)

**Nick Mawby**