

WEST SUSSEX BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION



Website www.britishbee.org.uk/local/westsussex

County News – August 2010

If you wish to offer material for inclusion in future editions of "County News", please contact John Glover at glover.fetchingshollow@googlemail.com

Around the Divisions

Chichester Division will not meet during August

Wisborough Green Division will hold apiary meetings at Dounhurst, Skiff lane, Loxwood as follows: -

Wed 04 Apiary meeting 6.30 p.m. - BBQ!
Fri 06 3 pm and 6.30 pm. **Preliminary Group only.**
Wed 11 3 pm and 6.30 pm. **Preliminary Group only.**
Sat 14 Apiary Meeting - Beginners/Intermediate at 12:00 - Advanced at 2:30 p.m.
Wed 28 Apiary meeting 6.30 p.m. - BBQ!

19th February 2011 – Annual Beginners Day at Pulborough Village Hall

Please note Preliminary Groups are only available to prospective members who have made a confirmed booking.

Further details from **John Glover**

glover.fetchingshollow@gmail.com or website www.wgbka.org.uk

Worthing Division

The Division will meet **on Sunday 1st July** at Ferring Village hall to discuss Hygiene in the hive and during honey extraction.

On **Saturday 7th July**, there will be an out apiary visit to Pat Tilney – with nibbles.

Sunday 15th provides an out apiary visit dealing with the annual cycle in the apiary and on **Saturday 28th**, the meeting will concentrate on Varroa Management.

More information, contact **Sarah Rose on 01903 262446**

Beekeepers Quarterly – The Quality Quarterly Scheme

We now have sufficient subscribers and the scheme has been set up.

Now that it is up and running, additional members may join at any time.

Regional Beekeeping Tutor Training Organiser

Job Description - Summary

Following on from the development of the Course in the Case (CiC) which provides high quality teaching materials, the BBKA wishes to recruit a person to help deliver the teaching to beekeepers. This role presents an opportunity for an individual to play a major role in improving access to beekeeping education within the UK.

The funding for this activity includes a payment for the post holder and a budget for payment of educators and presenters providing services, both based on a realistic market rate. Funding is available for an initial six months appointment from September 2010 to March 2011, with a possibility of extension funding beyond this.

Activities envisaged

The successful applicant will have considerable freedom in their role. It is intended that activities delivered will follow the following guidelines:

- The activities are directed at training trainers
- There should be regional delivery of material (approximately five or six regions). Competent persons will be selected to deliver training, either from the beekeeping community, FERA or trained educators
- Appropriate locations should be used: BKA premises and/or lecture rooms/teaching laboratories depending on the material to be presented
- Sessions will be a mixture of full-day (Sat or Sun) @ 2 per region p.a. and
- Weekday evenings (6 : 30 p.m to 9:30 p.m.) @ 3 per region p.a.
- The organisation of the events will be managed by the appointed person (on a 1-2 day per week basis)

Scope

Development of teaching capability within the beekeeping community has many aspects, and could include:

- Course in the Case (CiC) competency model, advice updates / workshops etc.
- FERA disease recognition training
- Practical laboratory disease training
- Teaching techniques in the apiary, classroom & related workshops
- How to give talks to school and adult groups
- Preparation of lecture material
- Delivery of NDB 'short-course' material

Interested individuals should apply to Chris Deaves [by 13th August](mailto:chris.deaves@bbka.org.uk)

Tel: 020 8 568 2869, e-mail chris.deaves@bbka.org.uk.

Land at Midhurst

Richard Norrie in Midhurst is offering space on his land for a small number of hives. If anyone is interested in setting up an out-apiary please contact Richard at richard.norrie@tiscali.co.uk

National Honey Show. St Georges' College, Weybridge.

In 1874 Thomas Cowan and Charles Abbot founded the British Beekeepers Association and in the same year, Abbot (who clearly had a lot of spare time on his hands) was a key person in the development of a honey show at the 'Crystal Palace' in London. Honey shows became regular events there. The Crystal Palace was an amazing building made from cast iron and glass, more than a third of a mile long, over 100 feet high and had a footprint of almost 100,000 square feet. It was originally built in Hyde Park to house the Great Exhibition of 1851. This was one of the first World Fairs, promoting culture and industry. After the exhibition, the whole building was dismantled and moved to Sydenham Hill in south London where it remained until 1936 when it was destroyed by fire.

The National Honey Show we know today began in 1923 when Kent and Surrey BKA's, who had held two joint shows at Crystal Palace in 1921 and 1922, decided to make the show a national event. Unfortunately the 1936 fire destroyed all the show equipment. The organisers had to start from scratch as someone forgot to check the insurance policy and there was no cover! As the show grew, more space was required and in recent times it has moved to a variety of locations in and around London. Every year the show benches are packed with the very best examples of our craft and a walk around them is an instant education. Want to know what chunk honey should look like? Want to see how perfect a block of wax can be? This is the place. Competition is tough. Entries come mainly from UK but many classes are open to the world and the world's best ship in their honey and wax. Anyone who wins an open class can be sure that their work is of the very highest standard.

This year the show will be bigger than ever. The trade stands will all be together in a brightly lit hall and there will be a proper lecture theatre with tiered seating. A full programme of workshops and lectures with world class speakers will run during the show and there will be a wide selection of equipment and books to buy.

If you would like to read more about the National Honey Show and its history have a look at the website www.honeyshow.co.uk