

# WEST SUSSEX BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION



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## County News – June 2010

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### Around the Divisions

**Chichester Division** will meet on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30pm in **The Bader Arms, Tangmere**, when Diane Steel, Seasonal Bee Inspector will talk on Bee Brood Diseases. **Contact Emma O'Driscoll. Email [emma@leo-works.co.uk](mailto:emma@leo-works.co.uk)**

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

**Wed 02** Apiary meeting 6.30 p.m. - BBQ!

**Fri 04** 3 pm and 6.30 pm. **Preliminary Group only**

**Tue 08** 3 pm and 6.30 pm. **Preliminary Group only.**

**Sat 12** Apiary Meeting - Beginners/Intermediate at 12:00 - Advanced at 2:30 p.m.

**Mon 14** 3 pm and 6.30 pm. **Preliminary Group only**

**Fri 18** 3 pm and 6.30 pm. **Preliminary Group only.**

**Wed 23** Apiary meeting 6.30 p.m. - BBQ!

**Thu 24** 3 pm and 6.30 pm. **Preliminary Group only.**

**Sat 26** **BBKA Basic Assessment**

**Wed 30** 3 pm and 6.30 pm. **Preliminary Group only.**

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

Further details from **John Glover**

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**Worthing Division** will hold an out apiary meeting on **5<sup>th</sup> June** and discuss "Simple Bee Biology". On **16<sup>th</sup> June** there will be a social meeting at the out apiary. Final out apiary meeting of the month will be on **20<sup>th</sup> June** with a discussion on Bee Friendly Plants and How Bees make Honey. The Sompting Festival also takes place on **4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
More information, contact **Sarah Rose on 01903 262446**

### Intermediate County Lectures

The dates for the next Intermediate County Lecture is **28th July at 7.30pm.** Please note that this differs from the earlier date published in some newsletters. Christine Stevens will speak on all aspects of honey handling. Full details in the next issue!

### **South of England Show**

The show runs from 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June at Ardingly and assistance with stewarding is being requested in the Bees and Honey Section. Stewards are provided with free admission and car parking on all working days, together with tea and a packed lunch.

For further information, please contact the Chief Steward, David Staples, 14 Northfield Road, Worthing, BN13 1QW. Telephone 01903 539205.

### **Small Hive Beetle – A Warning**

I have just heard that Small Hive Beetle has been found in Hawaii

<http://www.khon2.com/news/local/story/Serious-bee-pest-found-on-Big-Island/pdIBJNC2nUGiOWThiSHs6Q.csp>

There should be more information on the NBU website.

There are large numbers of queens imported from Hawaii each year (4500 in 2009) and despite regular warnings about the dangers of buying imported bees and queens beekeepers continue to do so.

All five national BKAs have a policy of advising against the use of imported bees and queens and this is for the simple reason they are likely to bring in pests and diseases we don't have.

If SHB has only just been found in Hawaii it's fairly certain it has been there some time, and therefore a possibility it may have been passed on to other countries. For that reason can I ask everyone who has used bees and queens that have come from Hawaii in the last two years to contact Regional Bee Inspector Alan Byham 01306 611 016 to ask for an inspection as quickly as possible.

Not only is it queens that are the problem, but nuclei that have been sold with Hawaii queens in them. Not all suppliers mention where the queens come from, so if you have bought a nucleus in the last couple of years please contact the seller and ask.

Small Hive Beetle spreads very quickly and the sooner bees are inspected the better, so any outbreak has a better chance of being controlled.

Roger Patterson.

### **Land at Cowfold**

Members are offered use of 1.5 acres of land at Cowfold on which to place hives. For more information, contact Mike Clarke-Smith - 01444 473853. Mob 07793216442

### **Nucs for sale**

Worthing member, Luciano Scandian, has a number of 4 frame nucs available. These are on Commercial (16x10) frames. For more information, please contact Luciano on 01273 454041