

SBKA Exmoor Division Newsletter

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EXMOOR DIVISION AGM

The AGM took place on Friday 13 November at the Church Hall, Banks St, Minehead. Thanks to Julian Willford who gave a fascinating update on Kisoro Honey Producers in Uganda.

Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the supper or brought a pot of honey for Helene our auditor.

If you didn't manage to get to the AGM and would like a copy of the new NBU leaflets on Varroa and Foul Brood Diseases, they are available at the divisional apiary.

Congratulations to Julian Willford who was presented with his BBKA basic examination certificate at the AGM

We also welcomed Loraine Stevens to the Exmoor Beekeepers Committee – thanks to Loraine for taking on this role.

POSITION VACANT

Due to work commitments Phil stood down as Secretary at the AGM. The division can only run smoothly if members are prepared to step into roles and play their part in the running of the club.

Phil is remaining on the committee and will support and help the incoming secretary as will the rest of the committee members.

If anyone is able to take on the role of secretary or would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Phil or Gail.

TONY'S APIARY TIPS

Colonies should now be closed down for winter in weather proof hives with mouse guards in place. Through the winter, check your hives to see that roofs and mouse guards remain in place. Varroa monitoring should be carried out and oxalic acid treatments planned if necessary.

2010 LECTURE DAY

SBKA lecture day will be held on Saturday 21 February at Kings of Wessex School, Cheddar. There is a very interesting programme including talks on nest homeostasis and the comb by Jurgen Tautz, pheromones by Ivor Davis and sniffer bee technology by Mathilde Briens. Tickets cost SBKA members £7.50 which covers the cost of refreshments. Please contact Gail for further information. Tickets are available only to SBKA members until 31 December after which they will be available to beekeepers from other counties

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CENTENARY YEAR

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2010 SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's that time of year again and I am attaching the 2010 subscription notice. I am also attaching a gift aid form which need only be completed if you have not completed one in the past. These forms will also be available to download from the website.

Please complete your subscription form and return it to me with your cheque to maintain your membership and insurance.

2010 PROGRAMME

- Sun 10 Jan Oxalic acid treatment with Pat Brooks Seasonal Bee Inspector 2pm divisional apiary
- Fri 15 Jan Preparing honey for show with Tony Richards 7.30 pm
- Fri 22 Jan Products of the hive - making polish with Tony Richards 7.30pm
- Sat 30 Jan Annual dinner, Rest & Be Thankful, Wheddon Cross 7 for 7.30pm
- Fri 5 Feb Products of the hive – Candlemaking with Tony Richards 7.30pm
- Fri 12 Feb Skittles, Rest & Be Thankful, Wheddon Cross
- Sat 20 Feb SBKA lecture day
- Fri 12 Mar First impressions of a seasonal bee inspector with Megan Seymour 7.30pm
- Sat 13 Mar SBKA AGM
- 26 Mar, 1 April, 9 Apr, 16 Apr, 24 Apr, 8 May, Introductory course with Tony Richards and Gail Johnson. No charge will be made for the course. 7.30pm Venue TBA
- Wed 21 Apr SBKA Special Lecture
- Sun 16 May Swarm control 1 with Tony Richards at Aller 2pm
- Sat 22 May Dulverton School Fete
- Sat 29 May Demonstration – Simon Scotting's apiary, Shurton 2pm
- Sun 13 June Extracting Honey 1 with Tony Richards
- Sun 27 June Swarm control 2 with Tony Richards at Aller 2pm
- July Visit to Buckfast – date TBA
- Sat 17 Jul Beekeeping and BBQ with David Colley at Archer House 2pm
- Sat 7 Aug Minehead Flower Show
- Sun 8 Aug Extracting honey 2 with Tony Richards
- Sat 28 Aug Exford Show

Sat 25 Sep Closing down for winter with David Colley at divisional apiary 2pm

Fri 12 Nov AGM

Venues and times TBA where not otherwise specified

If you would like to host a meeting, or have suggestions for the programme, please let me know.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 10 January 2pm- Pat Brooks our seasonal bee inspector will be demonstrating the treatment of varroa with oxalic acid at the divisional apiary.

Friday 15 Jan 7.30pm – award winning beekeeper Tony Richards will show us how to prepare honey for show. Venue TBA

Friday 22 Jan 7.30pm – Tony Richards will demonstrate how to make polish. Venue TBA

Saturday 30 January 7 for 7.30pm annual dinner at the Rest & Be Thankful. Further details will be forwarded soon.

Very best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy beekeeping New Year.

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