

SBKA Exmoor Division Newsletter

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Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a very good Christmas.

Firstly some reminders -

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

If you would like to attend lecture day please let me know as soon as possible as tickets usually sell very quickly when they become available to beekeepers from outside Somerset.

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.

2010 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2010 are now due. The 2010 subscription form was sent with the December newsletter and can also be downloaded from the Somerset beekeepers website.

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

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 at Minehead Community College.

Friday 22 Jan 7.30pm – Tony Richards will demonstrate how to make polish at Minehead Community College.

Saturday 30 January 7 for 7.30pm annual dinner at the Rest & Be Thankful, Wheddon Cross. I am attaching the menu. If you would like to attend, please let Gail have your menu choices and cheque made payable to G Johnson by 23 January.