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Centenary Year

2006

# SBKA Exmoor Division

March/April 2011

## Dates for your diary

### Friday 4th March

Queen rearing—Adam Vevers,  
Regional Bee Inspector

### Friday 25th March

Introduction to Beekeeping (1)  
An overview-Gail Johnson

### Saturday 26th March

Welsh Beekeepers Convention

### Sunday 27th March

Auction of 2nd hand beekeeping equipment,  
Ruishton Village Hall

### Friday 1st April

Introduction to beekeeping (2)  
Beekeeping equipment—David Pearce

### Friday 8th April

Introduction to Beekeeping (3)  
The beekeeping year and apiary management—an overview, Change of speaker

### 15th-17th April

Stoneleigh Convention

### Saturday 16th April 2pm

Commencement beginners apiary visits X3  
Precise dates to be agreed by participants

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John Newcombe



**Hornet**

AGONY AUNT

for beginners

Lorraine has sadly had to step down as newsletter editor but remains available to answer any questions or queries about beekeeping, however trivial and she will do her best to advise asap.

Please contact her by e-mail

**[lorainestevens@btinternet.com](mailto:lorainestevens@btinternet.com)**

**Telephone 01398 351344**

In the meantime, thank you very much Lorraine for all your very hard work which has been and is very much appreciated.

## Swarm contact

Peter Curtis 01643 822299

If you would either like to be a swarm collector or would like to obtain a swarm during the season, please contact Peter as soon as possible and he will add your name to the list.

If you collect a swarm it is strongly recommended not to take it to your own apiary until the colony's health has been checked.

This year we have the use of a quarantine apiary. Swarms can be taken there.

Peter Curtis, David Colley and Tricia Nelson can all provide you with details of all the whys and wherefores of this facility

It is hoped that this process will help to reduce the spread of any disease in our area

### LIBRARY

We have a full and comprehensive library for use by members. For a complete list of books and further details please contact Gail Johnson

[gail.johnson@virgin.net](mailto:gail.johnson@virgin.net)

## Calling all new beekeepers!

So you've done the Beginners Course and you have your bees and the season is fast approaching when you will be opening your hives for the first time!

### HELP!?!

Please contact Chris Adams on 01984 640809 who is in the same situation so that you can meet and talk about what you would find beneficial in the way of further support/teaching this year.



Another photograph by John Newcombe, this time showing the hornet walking out of a wasp trap. Note the number of wasps!

## Beebase

Adam Vevers, Regional Bee Inspector urges all new members to register with Beebase or to contact him to allow him to register you.

Check out the website and find out what it's all about

**E-mail address:**

[adam.vevers@fera.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:adam.vevers@fera.gsi.gov.uk)

**tel. 01364 653474**

## From an Egg to an Elephant

This section is free to all members to advertise anything (at the discretion of the editor) for sale or for exchange. Beekeeping items will be given priority and other items added if there is room.

Veil repairs –ring Jenny on 07788407497 or 01823 270465

Electric woodburner effect fire fan assisted—almost new £25.00 Mr P Langley  
01643 862017 (Porlock)

Wanted: shelving (any sort) to store my jars of honey in my utility room Tel.  
Karin 01643 822452

Clay Pigeon Shooting.

One to one tuition or groups. Contact Phil Llewelyn (25 years experience)  
01398 351338

Wanted to hire: Boer billy goat as stud for my lovely nanny. Please contact Liz  
passmore 01643 821442

And finally.....

If you enjoy the newsletter and think you can help in anyway,

be it writing an article,

Computer wizardry

Photography

actually editing the newsletter

Or simply putting things in envelopes

please contact Tricia Nelson email: meadowstreamhouse@hotmail.co.uk or telephone  
01984 641388