



Newsletter August 2021

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Welcome to this month's newsletter, as ever if you have any items to include in the next issue just drop me an email. Our recipe this month is Jeremy's tried and tested Honey BBQ sauce and although as I write this it is definitely NOT BBQ weather, hopefully we will get some late summer sunshine! We were delighted to take off our first honey recently. Ken, who has been our very patient mentor, had warned us how sticky everything would be and yes, he was right! It was very satisfying to see jars of honey with our labels at long last.

If you are interested in photography, please see the BBKA news at the end for details of their Hornet and Wasp Photo competition.



With best wishes, Anne Collyer, Divisional Secretary SESBKA

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Lionel's August Bee Notes

Is there anyone who still denies the presence of global warming? As a beekeeper I certainly notice the changing weather patterns. From cold, the bees don't fly below 15°C, to long dry periods when the plants don't grow and then ferocious downpours and the bees don't fly in the rain. We then get clear skies with extremely high temperatures when lots of plants are in full flower with loads of nectar only to die in a few days because of the heat.

However, the bees do their best and forage away when conditions allow and usually manage to produce enough honey to keep them going through the winter period and hopefully some spare for me.

For further information please contact Lionel: email lorler934@talktalk.net



Apiary Visit August

We had a really successful and enjoyable visit to Ken Jeanes' Apiary in Templecombe with 16 division members participating. Ken has wide selection of 16 colonies ranging from his demonstration hive to Nucs to colonies with multiple supers. He was able to take new members through many stages of apiary management, allowing them to handle frames in all stages of development from freshly laid eggs to new bees emerging from cells to capped honey. Thanks to Jane, the day was rounded off with a welcome cup of tea and home-made cakes.

2021 Event Programme

Programme Secretary Tony Johnstone tmj67@hotmail.co.uk or 07973341557

Bank Holiday Monday 30th August 2.00pm to 6.00pm

Castle Cary Funday, organised to mark our bouncing back from Lockdown.

Location- Fairfield Castle Cary

SESBKA will be participating in this event taking our gazebo etc. This is another opportunity to promote beekeeping, recruit new beekeepers and sell honey.

I am looking for volunteers please, even just for a couple of hours. Set-up will be from 12.30.

The event is planned as a family afternoon out with Music, Food & Drink, live performances and a dog show.

Programme is as follows:

14.00 – Event opens to public/opening words from Judi Morrison, Chair of CCTC

14.15 – 15.00 – Powercut (band) set

14.30 – Dog show begins with Waggiest Tail contest

14.30 -15.00 – Morris Men perform

15.00 – Dog show Most Lovable Golden Oldie contest

15.00 –16.00 - Grey Dogs (band) set

15.30 – Dog Show Best Child handler contest

15.30 – 16.00 – Majorettes perform

16.00 – Dog Show Best Rescue Dog contest

16.00 – Morris Men Perform

16.00 – 17.00 – Powercut(band) set

16.30 – Dog Show Best Puppy (under 12 months) contest

17.00 – 18.00 – Grey Dogs (band) set

17.00 – Dog Show “Dog the judge would most like to take home” contest

18.00 – Event closes to public

Carymoor Environmental Trust will be running a Wildlife Trail throughout

Volunteers Wanted!

Saturday 4th September @ 2.30pm

An Apiary visit kindly hosted by our chairman Dennis White and his wife Jean

Location- Dancing Lane, Wincanton, BA9 9DE

The apiary is in a field adjacent to Dancing Lane and accessed via a path from this road, located between and opposite Saunters Close and Football Lane. It will be signposted

Saturday 18th September 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Somerton Division Honey Show

Location- Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

Saturday 30th October- All Day



The SESBKA Honey Show

Location- The Market Hall Castle Cary

Set-up on Friday evening

Our preparations are well under way and we will publish the Rules, Classes & Entry Form and Recipes very shortly.

If you are a beginner please do come and enter something- there is a Novice Class and Prize.

This is a day when we all pull together and have a fun day. In 2019 our Coffee Bar and Cake Stand was a roaring success and I am not only looking for helpers for the stand on the day but also someone to take on the responsibility of organising it. Both of the ladies who did this last time are unable to do so this year but are able to offer advice. Please let me know.

Saturday 13 November @ 2.30pm

SESBKA AGM

Location- Hadspen Village Hall

Volunteers Wanted!

Jeremy's Honey Barbeque Sauce

This can be served warm or cold and will keep for several days in the fridge



Quantities can be varied to suit your taste. Chop 1 onion and fry in a little olive oil until soft and beginning to brown. Add a tin of chopped tomatoes, chopped fresh tomatoes, salt and pepper, Worcestershire sauce and smoked paprika. If you have a bottle of red wine open add a good glug of wine and, if you like it hot, add some chillies/chilli powder. Cook for approximately 50-60 minutes until a thick consistency. Take off heat and add honey to taste.



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BBKA HORNET AND WASP PHOTO COMPETITION 2021

Prizes await the best digital photograph in each of the following 3 categories:

1. Wasps or hornets foraging, this does not need to be for nectar or on a flower but those images are acceptable
2. Wasps or Hornets in flight
3. Wasp or Hornet nest

Rules for entry

Each digital photograph must be in a jpeg format and be 1.5Mb – 5Mb. Images entered in the wrong format will not be judged.

Please clearly state your Name and Address on each entry but do not embed the information into the image. A **maximum of 2 Entries** for each class may be submitted. The images may be of the Asian Hornets (*Vespa velutina*) or European Hornets (*Vespa crabo*) or *Wasps commonly found in the UK*.

By entering the competition, you are agreeing to the use of your images by BBKA News, the BBKA Website, BBKA course material and our sponsors E H Thorne (Beehives) Ltd but we will of course acknowledge you on the photo.

Entries must be received by 20th September 2021. The decision of the judges is final and the results will be announced 5th October on the BBKA website and in BBKA NEWS. The winners and runners up will be informed individually.

Prizes

Many thanks to Thornes for donating vouchers for £40 for the winner and £10 for the runner up of each category.

Prizes will be awarded for the best image in each category and the runner up. Only one prize per person will be awarded to the winner and runner up of each category, (i.e., they will not be eligible for the winner and runner up prizes).

Please send your entries to: erica.challis@bbka.org.uk

Good Luck, most people have mobile phones and there are plenty of wasps around!

Anne Rowberry, BBKA Chair

IMPORTANT MESSAGE from Diane Drinkwater, Chair of Communications:

BBKA's social media needs you! We would love to share your bee related photos on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

If you would like us to use your photos and videos - we can share them with your name and association and help educate the public about beekeeping with descriptive information explaining what is in the picture. Videos do especially well, catching people's attention and being able to show so much more than a single photo.

If you have your own social media accounts, please follow us and tag BBKA tags to ensure we can share your photos.

If you're not familiar with social media but have photos or videos that you are happy to share with us for BBKA to use, acknowledging you, please email Erica.challis@bbka.org.uk

Whether it's a bee on a flower in your garden, or a video of your extractor spinning out honey, we'd love to share these with the public.

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