



Newsletter October 2021

Committee members: Ken Jeanes (President), Dennis White (Chair), Lionel Horler (Vice Chair), Richard Harris (Treasurer), Anne Collyer (Secretary), Jane Jeanes (SBKA Delegate), Tony Johnstone (Programme Secretary), Guy Clothier, Adam Morka, John Wood and Jeremy Lee (Apiary Manager)

Welcome to this month's newsletter, as ever if you have any items to include in the next issue just drop me an email.

Those of you with eagle eyes will note that there is a new name added to our list of Committee members. Jeremy Lee has taken on the role of Apiary Manager for our new Divisional Apiary. It is still very much in the early stages of development but hopefully there will be more news to share with you all at the AGM.

Thank you to those who have already replied regarding the list of equipment available for loan to members of the SESBKA. I would be very grateful if all could take a look at the list at the end of the newsletter and let me know of any changes. This is also published on the website <https://www.somersetbeekeepers.org.uk/south-east.html> along with the library of books available to borrow.

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Lionel's October Bee Notes

For further information please contact Lionel: email lhorler934@talktalk.net

Although we sometimes get daytime temperatures in the twenties, the nights usually get below fifteen so this will prevent the bees from turning all that sugar syrup into honey to be stored and capped for winter feeding. If you think you have not fed enough syrup [check the weight of the hive] you should now only feed fondant.

As a reminder, a strong colony will need the brood chamber full of brood and honey plus one super full of capped honey. Don't forget, take out the queen excluder. Of course, a smaller colony may get through the winter with less. Even so I always give my bees some fondant on Boxing Day whether they need it or not!

Don't forget to enter lots of classes for the honey show on Saturday 30th October and we especially welcome our new members. There are classes for beginners but you can enter any class. It's quite usual for beginners to win some first prize cards, after all their equipment is new and untainted from previous years bees.



Honey Truffles

150ml Double cream
200g Dark (or a mixture of dark and milk according to taste) chocolate; not 'cooking' chocolate
Chocolate or cocoa to dip,
60ml Honey
Diced stem ginger or orange zest to flavour



Melt the chocolate in a bowl over a pan of hot water; add the cream and mix with any flavouring.

Cool, roll into balls (vinyl gloves help) and put in the fridge till cold

Either roll in cocoa, or use a cocktail stick to hold them as you dip them in tempered melted chocolate (white or dark chocolate works) – use the cocktail stick to stand them up to dry if possible. This can also be used as a filling in moulded chocolates.

(This is on the BBKA website - looks delicious and couldn't resist including it this month!)

2021 Event Programme

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

Saturday 30th October 10.30am – 3pm



The SESBKA Honey Show – All Welcome!

Location- The Market Hall Castle Cary
Set-up on Friday evening

There is lots for all the family to enjoy so please come and support the SESBKA!

I have listed below the classes and have also attached the entry form and rules separately for further details.

Emma and Phil Madge have kindly volunteered to run the Coffee/Teas and Cake stall on the day but would be grateful for donations of cakes plus offers to help for a couple of hours on the day.

CLASS LIST

- A Two 1lb or 12oz jars of light, clear, run honey
- B Two 1lb or 12oz jars of medium, clear, run honey
- C Two 1lb or 12oz jars of dark, clear, run honey
- D Two 1lb or 12oz jars of naturally granulated honey
- E Two 1lb or 12oz jars of soft set, (creamed) honey
- F Novice Class. One 1lb or 12oz jar of honey of any type.
- G Two cartons of cut comb, 7-9oz
- H One shallow frame of honey suitable for extracting
- I Superframe Competition suspended for 2021*
- J One piece of beeswax, not less than 6ozs.
- K Five 1oz cakes of beeswax.
- L Two molded beeswax candles, of any type, one candle will be lit by the judge.
- M Honey Cake, to recipe given.
- N Six Honey Crunch Biscuits, to recipe given.
- O Five pieces of Flapjacks, to recipe given.
- P Six small cakes, one ingredient to be honey, recipe of own choice, copy to be displayed with cakes
- Q Preserve using honey as an ingredient.
- R One bottle of mead of any type.
- S Any handicraft item with a beekeeping theme.
- T Wax flowers or other decorative item made from wax
- U Any homemade item pertaining to beekeeping
- V Homemade item using hive products, e.g., polishes
- W Homemade item using hive products, e.g., cosmetics
- X Skeps
- Y Single photograph pertaining to beekeeping. Mounted. Unframed. Any size.

Saturday 13 November @ 2.30pm

SESBKA AGM

Location- Hadspen Village Hall

All members welcomed and if you have any matters that you wish to discuss or questions to ask of the committee then please let Tony know.

Beginners Course: We will be presenting a six-week theory course on Tuesday evenings, starting 11/01/2022 at 7pm. The venue will be Ansford Academy, Maggs Lane, Castle Cary BA77JJ and is aimed at those with no or little experience. If you would like to take part and have not yet let Lionel know then please contact him asap!

Equipment owned by South East Somerset Division and available for use by members

Please contact holder to arrange use. All equipment should be cleaned and returned to the holder as soon as possible.

7 Bee Suits, various sizes	Lionel Horler	01963 351037
1 Bee Suit – Smock	Lionel Horler	01963 351037
1 Bee Suit	Nicky Bolton	
1 Bee Suit	Jane Grimes	
1 9-frame Honey Extractor	John Wood	01963 31460
1 3-frame Honey Extractor	Tony Johnstone	07973341557
1 3-frame Honey Extractor	Pippa & Kevin Shillington	01747 822368
1 Large Electric Honey Extractor	Pippa & Kevin Shillington	01747 822368
1 Honey Creamer P	Pippa & Kevin Shillington	01747 822368
1 Steam Wax Extractor	Richard Brain	01963 32069
1 Small melting/uncapping tray	Tina Harley	01749 813262
1 Digital Projector for teaching	Tony Johnstone	07973341557
1 Glass-fronted super-frame display case	Pippa & Kevin Shillington	01747 822368
2 Apideas	Lionel Horler	01963 351037
1 Apidea	Jane Grimes	
Foundation Matrix	Joe Bleasdale	01749 813122
2 Nucleus Boxes	Tina Harley	01749 813262
Nucleus Boxes	Carol Seymour	01963 33680
Library of books	Anne Collyer	07803 243643