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SUBSCRIPTION 2013-2014

The subscription for 2013-2014 will be £44.00. This reflects the increase in capitation from £15.00 to £17.00 per member paid to the BBKA and passed at the Annual Delegates meeting on 12th January 2013.

EDUCATION

Update from David Blower, BBKA Education Coordinator

1. BBKA Summer school 2013.

Inspired by the popularity and quality of the workshops available at the Spring Convention we have booked facilities at Harper Adams University for additional BBKA training activities on 7th-8th September. In this first year we will be offering two courses each lasting 2 days to allow more time to cover the topics in reasonable depth & breadth. The workshops are:-

3D Honey Bee Anatomy Two day workshop using microscopy to explore how a honey bee works, and includes practising how to make your own reference anatomy slides (relevant for preparation for Modules 3, 5 and the Microscopy Certificate). Tutors: Graham Royle & Bob Maurer. Cost £185.00

Towards Improved Husbandry Two day workshop based on the General Husbandry syllabus for those who wish to improve their all round beekeeping skills beyond the Basic Assessment (relevant for those who have passed their Basic Assessment and have at least three seasons experience with four or more colonies). Tutors: To be confirmed. Cost £67.00

Enrolment is via the BBKA office. The costs exclude accommodation but B&B is available at £45.00 pppn on campus.

We would like to make this a regular annual event if it proves popular and I would be pleased to receive suggestions for future workshop subjects.

2. General Husbandry initiative.

I expect you have seen the recent articles in BBKA News written by Ken Basterfield and I hope like me, you will have had some enquiries already. To help me direct BBKA members to the courses being offered near them I need to establish a register of GH training activities and I need your help please to get this in place. If your association is investigating or running

Your Association name
The local course organiser & their contact details
The lead tutor (if known)
Is it a confirmed course or are you still planning?
Are you intending it to be a one off event or a multi session event?
Will you require BBKA resources or funding towards costs?

My intention is that a public version of the listing will be available in Members area of the BBKA website along with an enrolment form so those interested can get more information and enrol.

3. Study Groups

A popular outcome from the workshops you participated in this winter was the plan for Education Coordinators to encourage participation in Study Groups, either self supported or led by a local tutor. There will be articles in BBKA News over the coming months to help promote this way of learning and there will be training available for study group leaders.

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Kent Science Resource Centre **Beekeepers @ KSRC** www.ksrcbees.org.uk

How to pass the Basic Saturday, 6th July

10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at KSRC
Tutor: Mary Hill
Registration fee: £15.00

The course will cover your personal approach to and conduct during the assessment, management aspects of the syllabus pests and diseases.

Beeswax Products Saturday, 7th September

10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at KSRC
Jennifer Dinsmore
Registration fee: £28.00

Jennifer's course in May was oversubscribed and she has agreed to repeat the course.

Skep making Saturday, 23rd November

10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at KSRC
Nick Mengham
Registration fee: £25.00

For further information on these courses, bookings and location details please go to www.ksrcbees.org.uk Please also note that registration fees are non-refundable.

BBKA Written Examinations Successful Kent Candidates in March 2013

Module 2 Honey Bee Products and Forage
Kit Erhardt

Module 3 Honey Bee Pests, Diseases and Poisoning
Patrick Hillman Credit
Robert Jackman Distinction
Mary Slater Credit

County and other events

KENT COUNTY SHOW
County Showground, Detling
Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th July
Stewards are always needed
E-mail Bob Smith bsmith12@ntlworld.com

BROMLEY AND ORPINGTON HONEY SHOW
Emmanuel Church, The Grove, West Wickham
Saturday, 28th September
See website at www.kentbee.com/bromley for details

NATIONAL HONEY SHOW
St George's College, Weybridge
Thursday, 24th to Saturday, 26th October
See website for opening times, entry forms etc.

IMPORTANT

Please make sure you advise your branch secretary **and** Kent's membership secretary, John Hendrie at bibba26@talktalk.net of any change of address, telephone number or e-mail address. The BBKA will only accept such changes from the Association's nominated person i.e. John Hendrie. There have been a few cases of our members not receiving their BBKA News because they have not followed the correct procedure.