



KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of KBKA will be held on Saturday 1st June 2013 at the Detling Village Hall (near Jade's Crossing on the A249) at 11:30 am or when the Council meeting finishes if later. The formal notice and agenda is given below. The meeting is purely a formality to comply with legal requirements but anyone wishing to attend the AGM is welcome to sit in at the Council meeting as well.

KBKA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at the Detling Village Hall, Detling on Saturday, 1st June 2013 at 11.30 a.m. or thereabouts (at the conclusion of the Council meeting)

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous AGM held on Saturday, 2nd June 2012
3. To elect a President
4. To adopt the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2012
5. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the Accounts in accordance with statutory requirements
6. Any other business

Brian Palmer, having served as President for two years, is eligible for re-election.

At the Council meeting on 10th March all the Executive officers were re-elected:

Chairman:	Clive Watson
Vice-Chairman:	David Wood
Treasurer:	James Cash
General Secretary:	Jenny Spon-Smith
Membership Secretary:	John Hendrie
Examinations Secretary:	Angela Merritt

Committee members: Peter Hutton, William Mundy, Michael Wall, Anthony Keeler

The current membership is 832 compared with 846 at the same time last year.

County and other events

YALDING BEEKEEPERS

Yalding Honey Bee Fayre and Auction

Benover Road, Yalding

Sunday, 12th May

10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Auction starts 2.30 p.m.

More details on website: www.beefayre.yaldingbeekeepers.co.uk

SUSSEX BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Bee Market

Saturday, 18th May

Heathfield Community College, Cade Street,
Old Heathfield TN21 8RJ

10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Equipment auction 2.00 p.m.

More details on website: www.beemarket.info

SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW

Haywards Heath, Sussex

Thursday 6th to Saturday, 8th June

For Honey Show information and entry form

Contact Mrs P Sparkes 01293 862063

E-mail: sparkes-1@tiscali.co.uk

KENT COUNTY SHOW

County Showground, Detling

Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th July

Stewards are always needed

E-mail Bob Smith bsmith12@ntlworld.com

NATIONAL HONEY SHOW

St George's College, Weybridge

Thursday, 24th to Saturday, 26th October

See website for opening times, entry forms etc.

EDUCATION

Kent Science Resource Centre

Next weekend (4th May) there will be a course on Swarm Control led by Julian Audsley. Swarming is likely to start a little later this year but I see my stronger colonies have had drone brood for a few weeks now so perhaps we will again be caught napping as Nature catches up with a poor start to Spring? Swarm control is typically not well executed, a shame for such a key aspect of beekeeping? Several places are available for Julian's course.

Courses in June include one on Varroa (1st June), looking at recent developments in our attempts to live with this serious pest while on 19th June, Alan Byham will be leading a session

on Foulbrood recognition, including an opportunity to examine the diseases in the comb. On 6th July, Mary Hill will repeat her course on "How to pass The Basic".

There are spaces available on all of these courses and many others; please take a look at the website (new address for 2013)

www.ksrcbees.org.uk

Bob Smith

Basic Bee Husbandry

This is a follow on from a beginners course being run by Nick Mengham for six weeks starting on Thursday, 23rd May from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. It is a practical course using live bees, focusing on basic beekeeping skills in a little detail and includes bee management, swarm control, queen rearing and honey processing. Candidates should have attended a basic beekeeping course or similar. The curriculum will prepare candidates for the BBKA basic bee husbandry assessment although it may be advisable to do more study in order to enjoy success.

Cost: £40.00 Protective clothing will be required but may be borrowed by arrangement.

Further information contact Nick Mengham on 07884 231514 nick@mrbumble.biz or visit www.mrbumble.biz

Introduction to Bees and Beekeeping Day

One day of practical beekeeping in which you will learn how to handle live bees and sample the main aspects involved in keeping a hive or two of bees.

This will be held at Little Chart in the Weald of Kent from 10.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Sunday, 26th May and Saturday, 8th June. Booking is essential.

Cost: £50.00 or £58.00 if you would like to hire a bee suit. Protective clothing will be required. Teas and coffees, lunch and handouts are included.

Further information contact Nick Mengham on 01233 840660 or nick@mrbumble.biz or visit www.mrbumble.biz