



West Sussex Beekeepers' Association



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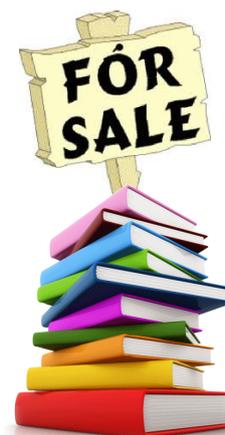
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For Sale - Collector's Beekeeping Library

Change of accommodation after 'down bedding' - with result, less storage space and requires complete disposal. 20+ year collection for sale as a complete entity. No individual volumes for sale. Check list available on request. Some 'antiquarian' titles, many famous beekeeping authors, individual study subjects. At least 15 are recommended reading for BBKA exams.

Some 80+ volumes in collection. Asking price £160 or near offer. Buyer collects or pays carriage.

Contact: Roy G Smith, roy@roygsmith.plus.com or telephone 01403 252679 (evenings). Central Horsham location. (CSBKA Former Chairman H&CBKA, 'BUZZ' Editor now retired member).



Chalk Horse Music

Some may remember the brief article in the March Newsletter. The request was for you to share your beekeeping experiences with musician, Liz Pearson.

Liz has now composed her song, 'Telling of the Bees' and produced a promotional video. You may view it here on YouTube at www.chalkhorsemusic.com/video



Sussex (East) BKA Annual Convention



The Annual Convention will take place this year on **Saturday 3rd November** commencing at 9am. The venue is once again The Ashdown Room, Uckfield Civic Centre, UCKFIELD, TN22 1AE.

Speakers Confirmed so far are:-

- Clive de Bryn – author of 'Practical Beekeeping' – Keeping Healthy Bees.
- Christine Stevens – Honey Handling , From Hive to Jar.
- John Hendrie – Queen Rearing.
- Karin Alton – How to Improve your Green Spaces for Bees and other pollinators.
- Dr John Feltwell – Asian Hornet Update.

The cost remains at £25 per person including a Buffet Lunch. For further information or to book, please send an email to: info@sbkaconvention.org.uk .

Around the Divisions

All Members are welcome to attend any Divisional meeting, but please advise the organiser if you plan to attend.

Central Sussex Division

Details of the Division's activities from Debbie Rowland: chairman@centralsussexbka.org.uk or website: www.centralsussexbka.org.uk

Chichester Division

Tuesday 13th November - 'Questions and Answers' with a panel of experienced beekeepers including some topical issues and prompts on honey labelling and record keeping. Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, Chichester, PO18 8BE at 7:30pm. Further details from Nick Brown: secretary@chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk or website: www.chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk

Wisborough Green Division

Tuesday 13th November - Monthly meeting. Details from Tess Clarke: secretary@wgbka.org.uk or website: www.wgbka.org.uk

Worthing Division

Thursday 8th November - 'AGM and Social'. Speaker Geoff Redwood from Bees Abroad. Ferring Village Hall, Ferring Street, Ferring, BN12 5JP at 7:30pm. Further details from Len Lewis: leonard-lewis@hotmail.co.uk or the Division's website: www.worthingbeekeepers.org.uk

'Share your Division's activities with readers of the County News'

... and Dates for your Diary

Saturday 3rd November - Sussex (East) BKA Annual Convention. From 9am at the Ashdown Room, Uckfield Civic Centre, Uckfield, TN22 1AE. See article in this newsletter.

Saturday 23rd February - 'West Sussex BKA Annual Convention', Lodge Hill Centre, Watersfield, Pulborough, RH20 1LZ. Full details shortly.

Tuesday 19th March - 'WSBKA 46th AGM'. Pulborough Village Hall, Swan View, Lower Street, Pulborough, RH20 2BF. All members are welcome to attend.

Friday 12th April - Sunday 14th April - 'BBKA Spring Convention'. Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 8NB.

Saturday 27th April - 'WSBKA 44th Annual Bee Market & Auction,' Venue to be confirmed.



Melvyn's Missive

Chairman, Melvyn Essen, writes for the County News



The average honey yield for this year is 30lbs per hive. Then my girls have done me proud with 55lbs per hive for the autumn harvest and a small crop from rape in the spring which was handy as my last year's honey had run out. Love it or not there seems a lot being grown for next year, some close to some of my bees again.

The Asian hornet has been in the news a lot this year with some sightings getting close to West Sussex; it's only a matter of time when we will have them in our county and it could be sooner than we think. This will be on the agenda for our next committee meeting in November. I'm hoping we will set up our own Asian Hornet Action Teams (AHAT) at divisional level and also be part of a county-wide team so we will be prepared to help the National Bee Unit for any sightings in or near West Sussex. Central Sussex division has set up a team already.

I hope some of you went to the National Honey Show at Sandown Park in Surrey this year. I went on the Thursday, attended a couple of lectures; one by Clarence Collison, *'The basics of honeybee biology'*, visited some stands including APHA's National Bee Unit, I spoke to Sandra Gray the regional inspector for the South East and told her we are planning to be ready to help with any Asian hornet sightings and to encourage our members to help with surveillance in West Sussex. Sandra was very pleased to hear the news. Of course, I couldn't go home without doing some shopping!

Melvyn

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Asian Hornet Update

Since last month's update the Asian hornet has now been found in Guildford - a single hornet caught in the grill of a car. More recently there has been a sighting of a hornet foraging on ivy in Dungeness in Kent.

This brings the total sightings in the UK to 13 so far this year with 6 nests having been destroyed.

Your committee will be working on setting up an *'Asian Hornet Action Team'* to support the Regional Bee Inspector in West Sussex. Full details will follow in due course.



Bees for development - Birthday Giveaways

The **Birthday Giveaway** prize for October : A case of Ross-on-Wye Cider and one night B & B at Deanfield, Forest of Dean. www.beesfordevelopment.org/giveaway/index.html

Bees for development 

Seasonal Bee Inspector Vacancies



Animal &
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Vacancies exist in the South East Region to join Sandra Gray's team. Visit the [Civil Service Jobs website](#) for full details or contact the Regional Bee Inspector if you have any questions about the post: Sandra.gray@apha.gov.uk. Phone: 07775119430.
Closing date **Thursday 8th November**.

...and finally

December County Newsletter



The December Newsletter will be published slightly later next month.
It should be available on or shortly after 8th December.

We're on the web:
www.westsussexbeekeepers.org.uk

MEMBERS' COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all this month's contributors. If you don't have access to the internet and want further details of anything in this newsletter, please contact the Editor & County Secretary. Likewise, if you would like to contribute to future newsletters please send articles and photographs to:

Graham Elliott, Editor & County Secretary, no later than the 20th of the preceding month.
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