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# Canterbury Beekeepers

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**NEWSLETTER**

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## **NEXT MEETING – Sat 2nd July - 2.30pm     Adrian's Apiary in Deal**

Make sure your clothing is clean and please bring thin nitrile gloves/marigolds – no handling of bees with leather gloves.

Please phone or email beforehand to confirm your attendance: [adrian.davis@talktalk.net](mailto:adrian.davis@talktalk.net) or phone: 07816 975286.

The address is 24 The Grove, Deal, CT14 9TL (link to [map](#)). The turning into The Grove is just opposite the BP garage on London Road. My house is the fourth on the left. Parking will be on the street – you might have to go down to Church Path or into Cowper Road to find a space. I don't recommend parking on London Road itself.

If you have a spare bee-suit, could you bring it along. Joan is taking a well-deserved holiday, but unfortunately has the association's spare suits.

### **Tony Carter**

As you will know by now Tony Carter died on Saturday the 18th June. He was the treasurer of the Dover Beekeepers but also the local Thorne agent and a very longstanding Friend of Canterbury who used to attend regularly until prevented by ill-health. His wife Mavis has said Tony's funeral will be at Barham Crematorium at 3:20, Thursday 30th June, then after at 29 Penfold Gardens, Shepherdswell.

Tony requested no fuss, no flowers, and any donations to the Royal National Life Boat Institution.

### **BROGDALE FARM Cherry Festival 9th and 10th July 10am-5pm**

Thanks to those who have offered to help on the stall. I will contact you at the beginning of that week to let you know the schedule. If anyone else wants to help let me know. Don't forget if you want to sell honey or other hive products to let me know. Julian

### **APIARY NOTES**



In spite of the showers the bees have been very busy. Make sure you allow enough space for them above the brood nest for honey. If your brood nest is filling most of the space available it may be a good idea to add another brood box to give them extra room – you don't have to fill both boxes with frames because you can close them up with dummy boards. Foundation placed above the existing brood box in this way will be drawn out evenly and quickly. This will also ensure you have lots of space for storing the

winter feed. Some beekeepers actually use a brood box of foundation as a super in July and then extract it to produce good quality drawn comb for use next year but you have to treat the soft combs produced with great care to avoid damage. Now is also a good time to work those older or damaged frames to the outside of the brood area so that they are ready to be removed in the spring.

## HONEY EXTRACTOR

The Branch has a stainless steel honey extractor which is available to members. To book the extractor for collection, please contact Adrian Davis. You can email him (as web admin), from the [contact form](#), or phone in the evenings on (01304) 366141. Stuart Andrews will resume coordination duties at the end of June.



As a reminder, there's a charge of £5 for a 24 hour loan. As we all tend to have honey to extract at the same time, we try to move it along to the next user every 48 hrs.

## Autumn Treatment for Varroa

If you want Apiguard – the Thymol based gel - I will be ordering some, which will I expect will be available for £1.80 a tray. You will need two trays for each full colony (two treatments, 14 days apart), or half this amount for a nucleus box.

Email me if you want it and I will have it available at the August meeting or otherwise by arrangement with me. If you want any of the other treatments let me know as well because by doing a bulk order I can cut reduce the costs a little. Julian

The CBKA website - <http://canterburybeekeepers.org.uk/>



I'm pleased to report that over 60 members are now registered to use our website, and that the forum is seeing regular use for exchange of information and questions. At the time of writing, there had been 135 posts on 29 topics. We've also been managing information to support the swarm collection scheme from the site. Inevitably, there are a small number of regular contributors, and we need to make sure that this is a resource for everyone. Why not login, ask a question, or tell us what

you've done in your apiary today? No query is too simple, or too complicated to post, and everyone will benefit from your input. Adrian

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Canterbury	Meetings
July 2nd	Apiary meeting Deal
July 9-10	Cherry festival Canterbury Beekeepers Stall
July 15-17	Kent Beekeepers at County Show Detling
August 6	Apiary Meeting in Elham