



CANTERBURY BEEKEEPERS



A branch of Kent Beekeepers Association

Agenda and Minutes of Committee Meeting

**8TH MARCH
2017
7-9PM**

THE OLD GATE INN

**162-164 NEW DOVER ROAD,
CANTERBURY, CT1 3EL**

Attendees

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AGENDA

ACTIONS

<p>1. Actions arising from last mtg <i>The minutes from January's mtg are posted on the website</i></p>	<p>Action: David/Adrian to draft survey re best times for winter/summer meetings Note in newsletter: bulk buying of jars (Freeman Hardy). Is there someone who's prepared to store pallet of stuff in a garage/shed/barn. Simon has 72x11lb 66x12oz 66x8oz</p>
<p>2. Correspondence Canterbury Young Farmers (1) Bees on Westgate Towers (2)</p>	<p>Pursue a meeting with Young Farmers in June (action:AD) Westgate Towers. Steve wants the honey. MR/DC to continue discussions</p>
<p>3. Finances and Membership <i>eBACS follow up</i></p>	<p>Apologies from JM Action: National Grid should have a quarterly report (JS, MR to provide the contact address) JM to provide report electronically</p> <p>Progress has been made with banking – JM/JA are investigating</p>
<p>4. Bekesbourne Apiary management <i>Feedback from mtg with Sally and Chris (4)</i> <i>Plans for management</i></p>	<p>Chris and Sally are married! Lots of activity in the wood. Need stricter rules of attendance – changing use of land. Happy to keep bees, planning to rent out land for yurts, camping etc Chris/Sally need to know when we will be there. Reinforce at every visit that we are guests. Toilet roll in the shed Gift-giving on 30th April (DC to print labels, use the honeycomb as a presentation JS)</p> <p>March – David April – Adrian May – Michael June – Jan</p> <p>Coordinators ensure that works gets done. Seek volunteers (expertise not required)</p> <p>Working party with muscle, to clear logs required in Spring. Arrange a date with Chris/Sally in April (DC)</p> <p>Volunteers for Bekesbourne in newsletter (AD)</p>
<p>5. Winter/Spring Schedule <i>Feb 15th – Stuart Andrews, relieving extreme poverty in Uganda</i> <i>Mar 15th – Joan, Julian, Adrian Q rearing</i> <i>April 22nd Debbie's apiary. discuss swapping floor, clean hivecomb,</i></p>	<p>Confirmed Debbie's date.</p>

<p>marking/clipping, hornets/disease May 6th Bee safari (excluding Bekesbourne) June 3rd Bekesbourne/Queen Raising July 1st Waldershare Park with Joan/Julian August 5th Wasp control/honey harvest September 2nd Varroa October 4th November 8th AGM December 2nd social</p>	<p>Mention this in March's newsletter (AD)</p> <p>Yearbook for the branch Jan-Dec 2017 can be found here</p>
<p>6. Establishing a queen rearing working party update</p>	<p>AD to send emails Dougal and Jan have been making progress with contacts at the Warren to establish a queen mating site. JS has procured £653.01 of equipment, apideas. Nucs. Frames and foundations. Nucs of which will be stored by AD.</p>
<p>7. Meet the public Ploughing match (27 Sept, Quex Park) 2x Whitefriars inc Canterbury In Bloom Brogdale Strawberry – 11/June 1 day festival Brogdale Cherry – 16 July 1 day festival</p>	<p>MM has contacted Brogdale for festivals; person i/c has moved on. MR has contact Julie Holness, dates to be confirmed.</p>
<p>8. KBKA/BBKA business KBKA newsletter</p>	<p>Encourage more direct contact with members, and better use of newsletter</p>
<p>9. Swarm collection Relatively few signups for this year – only 8 so far (3)</p>	<p>Committee members to sign up, as appropriate</p>
<p>10. AOB Dates of next meetings</p>	<p>Responding to post-AGM feedback from Janet M:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are going to relaunch the mentor groups again soon and would like to invite you to join the Canterbury one as that's probably closest to where you live. • We felt the 'buddy' system of mentoring could have real merit for some people while the group system might be preferred by others so we will in future be more flexible and offer both. • We'll propose the holiday swap idea within our mentor groups. The groups now contain enough people who are reasonably experienced so we have a bigger support capability. • We didn't discuss the library idea but I think it has merit especially as some of the books are quite expensive and only needed for exams. • Basic; I think you should do the exam and will

	<p>see what we can do to get that organised.</p> <p>Action: AD to circulate address details of trainees on Julian's course</p> <p>Action: DC/AD to manage branch meeting to allow plenty of time for Q&A</p> <p>4th May 5th July 6th September</p>
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Canterbury Young Farmers enquiry
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/jtfsjd31hql6xzv/Canterbury%20Young%20Farmers.pdf?dl=0>
2. Westgate Towers beekeeping
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5y7eyde3sb46z0y/Westgate%20Towers.pdf?dl=0>
3. Swarm collection signups
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/3vy0061palhuthu/swarm%20management%20database.pdf?dl=0>
4. Notes from meet with Chris and Sally
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/oh5ea3i0mvie30c/Meeting%20with%20Chris%20and%20Sally.pdf?dl=0>