



# CANTERBURY BEEKEEPERS



A branch of Kent Beekeepers Association

Agenda and Minutes of  
Annual General Meeting

**2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER  
2016  
7.30PM**

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Additional ideas for the new committee to consider are welcomed,  
either by email, or better, via the CBKA discussion forum; the relevant  
discussion thread can be found [here](#)

## AGM 2016

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wed 2nd Nov 2016 at 7.30 pm at Whitefriars conference room

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Received from Joan McAllister  
17 members of the branch were in attendance
2. **Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on the 4th Nov 2015**  
Draft minutes were circulated on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015; no comments were received during the year, and the minutes were accepted
3. **Chairman's Report**  
See attachment
4. **Treasurer's Report**  
See attachments
5. **Secretary's report**  
See attachment
6. **Election of Branch Officers**  
Chairman: David Cockburn was elected unopposed (nominated Dougal Hendry, seconded Maggie McKenzie)  
Secretary: Adrian Davis was elected unopposed (nominated Martin Neame, seconded Julian Audsley)  
Treasurer: Joan McAllister was elected unopposed (nominated Maggie McKenzie, Seconded Michael Roberts)  
Committee: Michael Roberts, Maggie McKenzie, Julian Audsley, Jan Soetaert, Simon Daniell and Magdalene Mei Halkes were elected to the committee.

Michael Roberts and David Cockburn were re-confirmed as Branch Representatives to Kent Beekeepers Association Council, after nomination by Julian Audsley, seconded Adrian Davis

Martin Neame gave a summary of the activities and management strategy employed in the branch apiary during its first full season in operation. Unfortunately for Canterbury Beekeepers, Martin is unable to continue as Branch Apiary Manager in 2017, due to work commitments; the meeting thanked him for his sterling efforts to involve lots of people in the apiary work. We are seeking a new apiary manager; please discuss with Martin or others of the committee if you might be interested.

7. **Quiz evening**  
Simon Daniell ran an enjoyable quiz for us, based on the letter B. There were very few disputes about the accuracy of answers.  
Simon's questions can be seen [here](#).

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the AGM. Firstly thank you to all who worked so hard to support the club. My last job is to present a review of the year. I'll start by listing some of the highlights then financials and membership.

- Christmas party. Magdalene
- BeeStings talk. Alasdair Stewart.
- Successful bee safari with our new Bee inspector, Kay.
- Improvers course, Adrian and Bob Smith, January.
- 6 meet the public events.
- Maggie and Richard
- Apiary.
- Whitefriars, Julian
- Winning frame. Workcrew and BBQ. 5 Colonies. Continuous coverage despite the bees. Martin
- New Project; Queen rearing. Money £700
- Jan
- Finances, Joan
- Good shape with £3400 in the bank, £500 more than last year.
- This despite spending money on the apiary & extractor. Sales of club members honey £480. Profit of £70 on the Xmas party. £200 from Karen and Mike Turner for swarms
- Membership
- 80 members of all categories
- ± Stable for four years.
- Vs 2015, fewer joining, Lower retention 68 %.
- Need to phone and encourage. What else?
- Feedback forms. Last year formally, this year we'll have a fun quiz instead. Simon will be quiz master.
- Overall I'd like to announce a successful year with some significant areas for improvement. Now Adrian for the secretary's report.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Membership Report for Year ending September 2016												
Canterbury Membership KBKA												
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Registered	8	8	10	10	20	34	43	51	58	55	65	52
Friend	1	1	1	12	32	38	43	36	51	38	12	6
Partner	0	0	0	1	11	16	18	19	23	29	25	22
Renewal Rate (excluding Associates)												
				07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	
				-08/09	-09/10	-10/11	-11/12	-12/13	-13/14	-14/15	-15/16	
REGISTERED retained				100%	85%	85%	86%	85%	72%		68%	
FRIEND retained				92%	66%	47%	44%	58%	31%		41%	
REGISTERED left				0	3	5	6	8	16		21	
FRIEND left				1	11	20	24	15	35		7	
												Joan McAllister – Treasurer – Nov 2016

<b>Number of Members in 2014/15</b>	<b>Registered Members</b>	<b>Friends</b>	
	65	12	
of these			
Renewed 2015/16	44	5	
Did not renew 2015/16	21	7	
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<b>Number of Members in 2015/16</b>	<b>Registered Members</b>	<b>Friends</b>	
	52	6	
of which			
Renewed from prev year	44	4	(1 friend became a full member)
New members	8	2	
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<b>Number of Members in 2016/17 to date</b>	<b>Registered Members</b>	<b>Friends</b>	
	36	2	
of which			
Renewed from prev year	32	2	
New members	4	0	
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**From:** David Cockburn  
**Sent:** 03 November 2016 09:31  
**To:** AdrianDavis  
**Subject:** AGM

Adrian

I'm taking a look at the feedback forms from last night and attempting to translate the writing which in some cases is even worse than mine. There were 5 forms completed but as someone pointed out we did not hear from the people who didn't come.

Perhaps you could do a general mailing to the club asking for feedback and comments. Meanwhile here's what was said.

- Well
  - Apiary, several votes.
  - Winter meetings and talks
  - Running of club, website and minutes (excellent)
- Badly
  - Take on too much with the same people
  - Not enough done with neighbourhood groups
  - Basic Assessment
  - Don't give enough help and direction to BBKA.
- More
  - Queen rearing, two votes
  - Social events to help club cohesion
  - Different meet-the-public to meet different people
- Less
  - Do less and better, two votes
  - Separate experienced from less experienced for training

Thanks for your help with the meeting and through the year.

**From:** Canterbury Beekeepers secretary <[cantbees@gmail.com](mailto:cantbees@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** 05 November 2016 13:31:39  
**To:** David Cockburn  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: AGM

Hi David

thanks for doing this. we could extend the questionnaire reach with a surveymonkey poll - ask the same four questions, plus something about what types of meetings would get people to turn out?

I'll draft something over the next few days for you to consider

Adrian