



Canterbury Beekeepers Branch

of the

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NEWSLETTER

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**NEXT MEETING –Annual General Meeting Wed 7th November 7.30 WHITEFRIARS
Management suite**

Officers will present reports for the year and we elect officers and committee that help run the branch for the next year. You have the opportunity to question the officers on how they have carried out their duties. We will discuss plans for the future and the members can make proposals on any matter associated with the branch.

We elect four officers and also two branch representatives for the KBKA Council. They are Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity/Promotions Officer. The officers and committee make decisions and carry out the objectives of the branch and implement the wishes of members as expressed at the AGM.

All positions are up for election and if you think you would be interested in helping Canterbury Beekeepers run effectively as an officer or on the committee or in some other role do give it serious consideration and ask any of the existing committee to let you know more.

Our Chairman Stuart Andrews will not be seeking re-election due to work commitments, our Secretary Julian Audsley would like to take a different role in the branch and our Publicity Officer Deborah Kellond will not be seeking re-election.

We now have two out apiaries and will need people to play an active role in making them a success and help with training. Therefore we would like more people on the committee. If you think you would like to get involved in any aspect and help make our branch successful and meet the needs of members do put yourself forward now or at the AGM for any of the posts new or old or the committee. You will need to be nominated and seconded but that is usually easy to arrange.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please renew now. I have attached the renewal form. If you receive Beecraft magazine or are due to please note that you can also get access to the electronic version from January 2013 at no extra cost. Just let Joan McAllister know you would like it by email to joan.mcallister@virgin.net so she can arrange it.

DIRECTIONS Whitefriars Conference room Canterbury.

Free parking in the multi-storey car park. Collect your ticket and this will be processed during the meeting. Park on the 1st floor on the left and take the corridor down to the management suite at the bottom of the corridor on the left. Please car share however since Whitefriars have to pay the cost of this on our behalf.

By car Set Sat Nav post code to CT1 2TF

Go around the ring road and at the roundabout opposite the Police Station turn through the city walls into Watling Street. Go past the bus station on your right and the Whitefriars multi-storey car park is straight ahead and right at the mini-roundabout. If coming from the south go down the Old Dover rd and straight across the roundabout through the city walls.

By foot / BUS

Between the Bus Station and Whitefriars center there is an alleyway between Boots and Next. Here there is an entrance to the car park. Go to the first floor by lift and turn left out of the lift through double doors. The management suite is 20 yds along this corridor.

Report on Brogdale Apple festival

The festival went very well for us even the wet Sunday. Our stall was nearly always full of people and those members who came out did an excellent job in talking about bees and beekeeping and sold a great deal of honey. The observation hive was of course a good draw.

APIARY NOTES



Now is time to do a final check on winter stores – If you don't have 20kg (40lb) for a full colony you should think about ensuring you add fondant early in the New Year and start liquid feed in February.

Make sure your mouse guards are on and also woodpecker protection - mesh or plastic sheets if you are in an area where they are present.

If you should find that your colonies at this time of year have a high varroa count especially if there are signs of viral infections then it is probably better to treat now rather than wait to treat with oxalic or lactic acid in the broodless period in Dec/Jan. The only effective method is Apistan or Bayvarol which will penetrate brood cappings to reach the mites inside. Many mites have resistance now but if the beekeepers in the area you are in have not used it for several years the resistance will have dropped and they will be effective again. However I advise all of you to only use it when no other choice is available to preserve its effectiveness.

Julian

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thur – Sat 25-27 th October	National Honey Show St George's College, Weybridge, Surrey KT15 2QS Lectures, workshops and honey show Strongly recommended
Wed 5 th Dec	Join our Christmas social including family and friends at The Foundry in Canterbury – brewery tour and buffet included at a very reasonable price. Full details later