



KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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SUBSCRIPTION 2014-2015

The subscription for 2014-2015 will be £45.00. This reflects the increase in capitation from £17.00 to £18.00 per member paid to the BBKA and passed at the Annual Delegates meeting on 11th January 2014.

EDUCATION

Kent Science Resource Centre

Beekeepers @ KSRC

www.ksrcbees.org.uk

KSRC is the **Kent Science Resource Centre**, near Sittingbourne – a wonderful facility where beekeepers from all over Kent will be able to improve their knowledge of beekeeping. This is the online course booking “shop”, for KSRC-based beekeeping courses.

Beekeepers @ KSRC has been operating for 2 years now with the intention of providing education and training in various aspects of beekeeping for beekeepers who have a grasp of the basics and wish to move on, to improve their knowledge and management of their bees. We ran 17 courses in 2013, with over 220 places. In essence, the purpose is **to provide training for “Improvers”**.

In 2014 we hope to continue this theme and also to expand the programme.

Many of the popular courses from previous years will again be offered, and we are introducing a few extra courses at KSRC including – for the first time – some **practical training** for improvers. There are no bees at KSRC Sittingbourne so negotiations are currently underway with some bee-farmers for the “hire” of their apiaries for this training. Arrangements are complete for locations in both East and Central Kent - Bridge, near Canterbury and Coxheath, near Maidstone.

Bob Smith

For further information on courses, bookings and location details please go to www.ksrcbees.org.uk Please also note that registration fees are non-refundable.

BBKA Written Examinations Successful Kent Candidates in May 2014

Module results:

Module 1	Jennifer Brothers – credit James Slater – pass
Module 2	Ellen Montelious - pass Robert Jackman – pass
Module 3	Richard Brook – distinction David Cockburn - pass Kit Erhardt – pass
Module 7	Julie Coleman - credit Adrian Davis – credit Patrick Hillman – credit

Robert Jackman also gained his Intermediate Theory Certificate with credit.

County and other events

KENT COUNTY SHOW
County Showground, Detling
Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th July

Chief Steward:

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STEWARDS FOR THE KENT COUNTY SHOW, DETLING Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11, 12, 13 July 2014

I would like to start by thanking all those who helped at the Show last year. I am now writing to ask for volunteers for this year's Show. If you can help please complete the form attached and return it to me. If you do not want to be asked again please tick the appropriate box on the form and return it to me.

Your attendance will be confirmed by the supply of entry tickets and duty rotas and these should reach you during the first week in July. The rota may well change between when I send it out and the Show itself, but if I have changed you to a different time I will let you know in advance. I aim to keep husbands, wives, partners and friends on the same time rota so they can enjoy their free time together.

You are expected to do TWO slots during the day and you will then have half a day to wander round the show.

Refreshments will again be available for the stewards in the Pavilion so please tick your requirements on the form. There will be no charge for lunch, but we would be grateful for a donation of £4.00 for every lunch which can be collected from you at the time. If you do order a lunch I would be grateful if you would take it up – or tell Lesley Fancote/me in advance if you change your mind – so that we do not over-cater or spend time trying to track you down.

I would also be grateful for any help you can give in either setting up the Show on the Thursday (arrival at 10am, don't forget to bring your own lunch but drinks available in the Pavilion), or dismantling it on the Sunday evening (but not before 5.30pm and anyone arriving just to clear up will not get into the ground until 6pm).

Please complete the form with your preferences and I will do my best to keep to them, but I can't promise – obviously the earlier you reply the more likely you are to get the job you want. I would appreciate it if you would remain at your post during your stewarding sessions. If you are not happy with where you are, please come and see me. **IT IS ALSO NECESSARY THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO ACTUALLY CONVERSE WITH THE PUBLIC – DO NOT WORRY AS IN THE MAIN YOU WILL KNOW MORE THAN THEY DO.**

I would appreciate the forms back by 20 June so that I can work out the rota, but don't think that I won't accept your offers of help if you return your form after that date! If you know of anyone else who might be interested in stewarding, please ask them to contact me, or give me their details or send them copies of these forms.

I am away between the 3rd July 2014 and 10th July 2014 Any form received after the 30th June you will have to collect your tickets at Gate 4 having rung me on your arrival at the Show Ground

Bob Smith, Chief Steward

June 2014

THERE WILL BE A HONEY SHOW AGAIN THIS YEAR SO DO PARTICIPATE IF YOU CAN. THE SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY. AS SOON AS I GET A COPY I WILL SEND IT OUT.

BROMLEY AND ORPINGTON HONEY SHOW
Emmanuel Church, The Grove, West Wickham
Saturday, 28th September
See website at www.kentbee.com/bromley for details

BIBBA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE
COMBINED WITH THE SICAMM BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
26th-28th September 2014

BIBBA (Bee Improvement and Bee Breeders' Association) is pleased to announce its 50th Anniversary Conference in collaboration with SICAMM (*Societas Internationalis Apis Melliferae Melliferae*) its European partner.

The conference, hosted by South Clwyd BKA, is open to everyone, with its core focus on bee improvement and the management of native and near native honey bees.

The three day event will take place from 26th-28th September 2014 at the Pavilion, Llangollen, North Wales, where delegates will learn about improving their own stocks of honey bees, whilst enjoying an excellent and varied social programme.

For those wishing to extend their visit, the Llangollen area benefits from stunning scenery and a variety of activities and culture to suit all tastes.

Enquiries to: Trisha Marlow 07812 518822 or
bibba.uk@gmail.com

Pre-registration is now open at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/8429168871

Further details of the event, when available, may be viewed at:

BIBBA: www.bibba.com

SICAMM: www.sicamm.org

NATIONAL HONEY SHOW

St George's College, Weybridge

Thursday, 24th to Saturday, 26th October

See website for opening times, entry forms etc.

IMPORTANT

On 1st October 2014 Kent Beekeepers Association will start using the Bee Disease Insurance electronic receipting system. Training will take place for Membership Secretaries/Treasurers on **Saturday, 4th October 2014** at the County Showground, Detling. Further details will be circulated to those undertaking training nearer the time.