



CANTERBURY BEEKEEPERS



A branch of Kent Beekeepers Association

EDITOR'S NOTES

Unfortunately, we have to note the sightings and destruction of more Asian Hornet nests in the last couple of weeks. Nests have been found in both Hampshire (two different locations) and Surrey. Hopefully this is a sign of high alertness, rather than proliferation, but it is well worth spending some time learning how Asian hornets differ from European hornets and native wasp species. I had a rare opportunity to see a queen European hornet a few weeks ago in Hever. She reminded me that hornets fly at night, by coming into the lobby of the place I was staying at about 9.30pm to investigate the lights!

Some of you will know that I have been trapping wasps in large numbers in my apiary using an ApiShield floor. It seems like the nest(s) have finally been denuded of wasps, after 6 weeks of high wasp culling. Just another example of how atypical this year has been – remember how cold March was? And last autumn, I was still dealing with wasps in November.

Let's talk about something more positive – the products of the hive, rather than the pests. We are right in the middle of honey show season – Thanet BKA kicked off on 22 Sep, Dover hold their show on 20th October and of course, the National

Honey Show is at the end of October (25-27th). I encourage folks to enter the Dover Honey Show, as it's a good challenge, a bit of fun, and you never know, you might win a class or two. More details [here](#).

Please note that our first meeting of the winter is on Tuesday evening, 9th October, at Barham Village Hill. Ellie Calderwood is going

to talk to us about wax production; there will be some elements of practical demonstration, so we've changed location to somewhere which can tolerate a certain level of messiness. For the rest of the winter, we will return to our normal meeting location and day – first Wednesday of the month at Whitefriars Management suite in Canterbury.

Finally, membership subscriptions to Kent BKA became due on 1st October. There's more details on pp3-4 to help you understand the options. Adrian

Apiary Meeting

Beeswax production

Ellie Calderwood

Barham Village Hall

Wed 9th October

7.30-9.30pm

Details on p2

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Contact [Newsletter Editor](#) to contribute articles

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DATES FOR DIARY: yearbook at <http://canterburybeekeepers.org.uk/calendar/cbka-list/>

Tue October 09	branch indoor meeting, Barham Village Hall, Valley Rd, Barham, CT4 6NX wax production
October 13-14	Brogdale Apple Festival
Sat October 20	DDDBKA Honey Show at Shepherdswell Village Hall, 2:30 pm. Entry forms should be submitted by 13 th Oct. Use this form
October 25-27	National Honey Show, Sandown Park Racecourse, Portsmouth Rd, Esher KT10 9AJ, UK
Sat November 03	Thanet BKA quiz, St Augustines Golf Club, Cliffsend, 2.30pm. Local BKAs invited to enter teams (of 6) to compete for the honour of the branch
Wed November 07	branch AGM, Whitefriars Management Suite, Canterbury CT1 2TF, UK
Sat November 10	BBKA modules examination day https://www.bbka.org.uk/modules
Sat November 24	BBKA microscopy examinations
Sat December 08	Christmas party
Wed January 09	branch indoor meeting, Beekeepers' Q&A, Whitefriars Management Suite
Wed February 06	branch indoor meeting, Lauren Kennedy, Bumblebee Conservation Trust. "Making a Buzz for the Coast" , Whitefriars Management Suite
Sat February 09	closing date for applications for BBKA module examinations
Sat February 28	closing date for application for BBKA practical examinations
Wed March 06	branch indoor meeting, Topic TBD, Whitefriars Management Suite (any suggestions from members gladly received)
Sat March 23	BBKA modules examination day https://www.bbka.org.uk/modules

You can get our calendar, either as a google calendar (cantbees@gmail.com), or for other programmes using this URL: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/cantbees%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

INDOOR MEETING

Producing Beeswax with Ellie Calderwood

Tuesday 9th October, 7.30-9.30pm

Barham Village Hall, Valley Rd, Barham,
Canterbury CT4 6NX

Ellie Calderwood is going to give us the benefit of her experience in extracting and cleaning beeswax, at this first indoor meeting of the winter season.

Please note the location for this meeting, in Barham rather than Canterbury. If you don't have your own transport, please use our [Facebook page](#), or contact Adrian (secretary@canterburybeekeepers.org.uk) so we can try to organize a lift share.





BRANCH NEWS

Meet the Public Events

Our last event of the year is the two-day Apple Festival at Brogdale on 13-14 October. We could still do with some volunteers to help out on the Sunday. If you can help out, please let us know via this [web-form](#). Even if you can't make it over the Faversham, we'd like to put on a great show of honey, so if you have any high-quality jars to sell, do let us know.

Membership Renewal

As of 1st October, Kent BKA subscriptions become due. As usual, we have an online form that you can use to submit your personal information digitally. You will still have to make your own arrangements for payment – either with a BACS transfer (preferred) or a cheque. The full details of membership rates are shown on page 4. Submit your renewal form by navigating to this page:

<https://canterburybeekeepers.org.uk/membership-renewal-2018-9/>

Committee/AGM

The branch AGM will soon be upon us. We are always keen to get enthusiastic people join us on the committee, so if you are interested and want to know more, please contact any member of the committee – you can email us all at committee@canterburybeekeepers.org.uk

Winter Schedule

You will notice from the diary on p2, that we have a full program of monthly events through to February next year, but we have yet to schedule a speaker for the last indoor meeting of the winter in March. If you have any suggestions for topics you would like to see covered, please let the committee know, whilst there is still an opportunity to add to the programme.

Honey Extractors

The two branch extractors continue to do good service for members, and after another summer of extractions, they will retire to a clean storage location for a bit of R&R (repair & restoration). I've produced a little less than 100kg with one of them myself – 37kg of which was branch Bekesbourne honey, to go along with the 41kg we extracted on Dougal's big electric extractor at our September meeting. If you haven't yet paid for use of the extractor, please pass on your £5 to our treasurer, Joan McAllister, as our accounts need to be settled for the year.

KENT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (KBKA)

Canterbury Branch



RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP between 1st Oct 2018 to 30th Sept 2019
or for NEW MEMBERS applying before 31st Dec 2018

www.kbka.org.uk

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS (not all benefits are available to all membership levels – see below)

- Information and advice on beekeeping
- £10m third party public liability insurance
- £10m product liability insurance
- Bee disease insurance (BDI)
- Monthly magazines – Bee Craft and BBKA News
- Online resources - education/training, forum, etc.
- Beekeeping examinations to the highest level
- Regional, national and international representation
- Annual Honey Show, Spring Convention & Exhibition
- Regular meetings/talks held by all 13 KBKA branches
- BBKA Membership card entitling you to additional benefits

WHICH MEMBERSHIP LEVEL IS FOR ME?

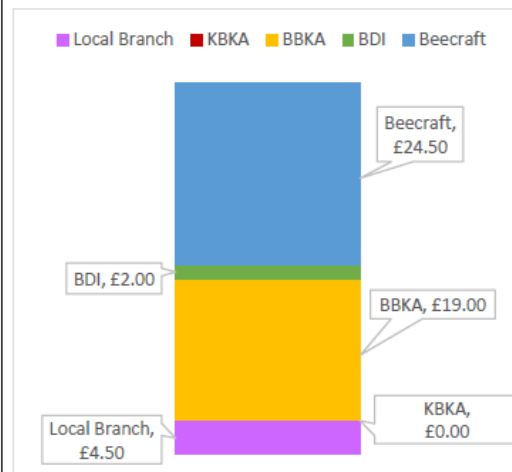
Use the 'matrix of benefits' below to work out the best level of membership for you, according to your needs.

Membership Level	Local Branch Info	BBKA Member	BBKA Insurance	Disease Insurance	BBKA News	Bee Craft
Registered ¹	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Junior ^{2,3}	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Friend	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Friend + Insurance ⁴	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Friend + Bee Craft (BC)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Friend + BBKA News	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
Friend + BC + BBKA News	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES

¹ You can only be a Registered member of ONE county association at a time
² Aged 18 or under on 1st October
³ Juniors must have a named parent/guardian who will appear on the BDI receipt
⁴ Must be resident at the same address as a Registered member

WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO?

Your subscription charge is made up of numerous constituent parts, payable to different organisations. This chart shows the breakdown of a Registered membership (totalling £50.00) for reference.



BBKA 3rd PARTY and PRODUCT INSURANCE

The two insurance policies the BBKA offer protect you in the event you, your bees or a "product of your hive" is accused of causing damage to other people or their property – whether the event relates to your apiary, collecting a swarm, participating in a show or most other normal beekeeping activities. Both policies offer cover up to £10m.

Management Liability cover is also included, should you wish to take up a position on your branch (or county) committee.

Full details are available from the BBKA website.

BEE CRAFT

This magazine is supplied from February to January – so if you're joining as a new member in October – you may have to wait a little while for your first copy. They offer an "electronic only" version – for which you can deduct a sum from your membership fee, if you are happy not to receive the paper copy through the post.

Please note – due to HMRC rules, we cannot claim Gift Aid on the Bee Craft component of your subscription.

BEE DISEASE INSURANCE (BDI)

Registered and Junior membership levels include cover for up to 3 colonies at no additional cost.

When insuring, potential increase in the year must be taken into consideration, this includes nuclei and swarms.

If the number of colonies managed exceeds the number you have paid for, no cover will apply under the BDI policy.

No claims can be made in the first 40 days of a new policy. Renewing members are covered immediately on renewal.

Premiums payable for additional colonies are as follows.

No. of Colonies	Premium	No. of Colonies	Premium
4-5	£2.00	21-25	£11.10
6-10	£5.25	26-30	£13.60
11-15	£7.75	30-35	£16.10
16-20	£9.50	36-39	£18.10

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Positive Thinking

October, 2018



Mission Statement:

- To further and promote the craft of beekeeping
- To advance the education of the public in the importance of bees in the environment.

The unified voice of British Beekeeping

Welcome

Please can I urge anybody who hasn't already to complete this year's honey survey? It is a valuable tool for researchers and as such we should all try and answer it in order to contribute to investigations into honey bees in the UK.

[Please click here to fill the honey survey in](#)

-Margaret Wilson, Chair of the BBKA

Insurance Cover

We have had some confusion regarding the Insurance Cover we purchase for our members so here is a summary of the cover, you will note I have highlighted that Juniors are fully covered.

Public Liability:

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New telephone system

Because of the volume of calls and the need to

Cover is for the legal liability of Members (**including junior**), Local Associations, Branches and the BBKA for injury or damage to the property of others up to £10m per claim.

Product Liability Cover is on the same basis as Public Liability, but covers legal liability for the supply and sale of primary hive products (including honey, wax candles, wax lip (balm). Cover is also £10m per claim with an annual limit of the same amount.

Trustees Liability: This covers the legal liability of trustees of Local Associations (even if they are a Charity in their own right) and the BBKA for their actions.

Also there is cover available from £12.00 for Cover for Equipment, Hives, Colonies and all property for beekeepers (anywhere in the UK) with a discount for BBKA Members www.beekeepersinsurance.co.uk

Special Editions

As I mentioned in the last letter we have a collection of Special Editions. The books centred on specific subjects help us with our beekeeping. We take these books to venues and to meetings at Apiaries but I am sure that there are many of you who have neither heard nor seen one of these books.

They are A4 and have information on a specific subject.

This month the book I will introduce is 'Flower Families for Forage'

have all telephone calls recorded, we have had a new telephone system installed.

This means that the new number for Members is:

02476 696679

Would members please use this number in future so that their calls will be directed to the correct location.

Posh Bee

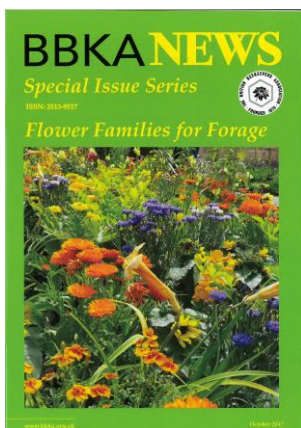
Calling all Beekeepers in Oxfordshire, Kent and Berkshire!

Please contact pam.hunter@bbka.org.uk to express your interest now.

Dates for your diary

The BBKA Spring Convention at Harper Adams University, Shropshire, TF10 8NB; 12-14 April 2019. This is THE BBKA educational event of the year. The Spring Convention Committee are busy planning another great programme of lectures, workshops and seminars.

Accommodation and meals are available on-



If you are like me, now is the time that you are cutting back and looking at the spaces and thinking what plant new plant you are going to introduce to your garden. My garden does have Hellebores, some which flower in winter, I have purchased four more which will flower early in the year, so hopefully a good feed for the bees in February and March if they venture out.

Again the cost is £4.00 and there are 20 excellent pages of information kindly provided by Celia Davis. These are available from the [BBKA direct](#) or through your link Trustee, this would save you the cost of postage and you can catch up with the latest BBKA news from your Trustee at the same time.

Pershore College

We have mentioned that we are trying to revamp the apiary at Stoneleigh so that it can be used not only for training and exams but to attract school visitors and others who may have an interest in the survival of Honey Bees, We will also invite Business people who have expressed a desire to learn more and to contribute to the costs of research and the BBKA education system that we have. With that in mind, we approached Pershore College with a view of asking for help in the landscaping design for the apiary to include a wooden structure with glass windows all along one side as a viewing platform for visitors, raised beds for the young and old to benefit and of course Bee friendly plants and a wildflower meadow. We had a visit from Mike Roberts, one of their managers who took the time to hear what we envisage and to walk round the apiary to get an idea of the type of thing that would be suitable, it has now been agreed that two of their students will be

site and exhibitors have started requesting their preferred stand spaces for the Saturday 13th April Tradeshow.

Whether you are already a regular participant, a newer beekeeper or don't keep bees at all, there will be something for everyone at this sociable event. Meet old friends and make new ones. Discuss beekeeping for three days if you wish, without anyone glazing over! Further information will be available from the BBKA website and tickets go on sale in mid-January. Plan to come for a day or stay for the long week-end. We look forward to seeing you. Don't miss out! Reserve 12-14th April in your 2019 diary!

Archive Films

Whilst clearing some of the rooms at Stoneleigh, we have discovered some very old films on beekeeping, mainly black and white and reminiscent of the old 'Pathe News' for those of us old enough to remember. There is a good selection and we have managed to get them all on a [memory stick here on the shop](#), so if you need a subject for a Branch Meeting, the films would be very entertaining. They are for sale from the shop

tasked with the design for the apiary. This is great news and it will be good to see the plans when they are finalised.

Volunteers wanted

The Asian Hornet situation in Jersey is still not resolved. It is this time of year that the hornets are at their busiest preparing the new queens for next year so it is easier to spot them and hopefully follow them to their nests where we can take a hand and prevent the spread next year.

They are all working flat out and volunteers would be very welcome. If you are able to assist, please contact diane.roberts@bbka.org.uk and she will put you in touch with the beekeepers on the island who will be able to liaise regarding accommodation and travel.

and the cost is £10.00 each. A good cost effective night of entertainment for your members.

Please visit our website at www.bbka.org.uk