

Bulk Buy purchases in 2017 ~ Lorna Pattle

PLEASE INFORM ME OF YOUR REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE DEADLINE! THANK YOU

A listing will be available at the AGM meeting on the 2 February meeting. Alternatively please email me with your order by **17th February 2017**.

Wax Foundation— wired in packs of 10

British Standard

Brood @ £8.75 Super @ £5.50 14x 12 @ £14.75

Commercial

Brood @ £11.75 Super @ £7.50

Apiguard - orders should cover this autumn (2) and next spring (1) too.
@ £4.50 per 2 pack

MAQS strips (please note expiry date May 2017)

£5.75 per treatment

National Bee Supplies Frames - self assemble

10DN5 @ £14.75 max

SN1 @ £11.00 max

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EBKA Charity Number: 1031419

February 2017

Romford Division

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Committee Meeting: Wednesday 15th March, 7.30, Jim's Place, Collier Row

March meeting: Thursday 2nd at 8pm, Chadwick Hall, Gidea Park

Event: Swarm Control. **Speaker:** Pat Allen

February Beekeeping Notes ~ written by Pat Allen

We do not know what to expect with the weather this winter, so you might want to give your colonies some fondant 'just in case'. Or even a pollen pattie. But don't open them any more than that. Remove mouseguards by the end of February as these tend to knock the vital fresh pollen off the bees' legs.

The queen should be laying, so the varroa population may be rising. It is a good idea to monitor the natural drop (greased inserts in for a week then remove them and count the varroa). If significant numbers, give your bees a varroa treatment at the end of February or early March.

Get spare equipment ready – you'll be needing it soon enough.

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Website: www.ebka.org

Courses

Thirteen students are booked on the **Beginners Course**, leaving three spare places. If anyone needs a booking form, contact Pat Allen.

Refresher/Improver sessions are being offered: put your name on the list and indicate what topic you would like (e.g. Use of Nucs; Comb Changing; Integrated Pest Management; Disease Recognition).

Queen Rearing: Pat Allen will be doing some queen rearing on her own behalf and if you would like to join her in this, please let her know.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting was a good social occasion as well as being conducted in a business-like fashion by our Chairman Jim McNeill. The accounts were in good order and approved by the membership and all the officers' reports were accepted. We had a couple of vital posts empty and no nominations for them, but after some gentle persuasion and a little blackmail, the posts were filled. It was decided that the job of Spray Liaison Contact was now redundant because Romford never has calls about spraying and the new online facility, 'BeeConnected', can let beekeepers and local farmers keep in contact. (http://www.bbka.org.uk/news_and_events/bee_connected2)

Committee 2017:

Chair: Jim McNeill

DVM/EBKA Trustee: Paul Wiltshire

Vice Chair: Arthur Huggins

Treasurer: Bob Manning

Secretary: Pat Allen

Programme Secretary: Jane Cadman

Show Secretary: Angela Mander

O/A Wardens:

Brentwood: John Whittard

Havering: Terry Watson

Hornchurch: Norman McDonald

The Chase: Arthur Huggins

Teaching: Michael Speakman-Bell

Bee Garden Warden: Arthur Huggins

Lay Committee: Rob Hyde, Liz McNeill, Michael Webb

Non-Committee Posts 2017:

President: Terry Watson

Education Officers: Pat Allen & Helen Kingsford

Mailing Secretary: Terry Watson

Members Secretary: Pat Allen

Bulk Buys Secretary: Lorna Pattle

Equipment Secretaries: Pat Allen, Pádraig Floyd, Arthur Huggins, Norman McDonald

Disease Liaison Contacts: Andy Casson, Roger Legg

Independent Examiner: To be appointed later in the year.

YOUR DIVISION



NEEDS YOU

A date has been agreed for Saturday 11th February 2017 at 10.00am.

Please bring rakes, forks and any other equipment you feel will be helpful for levelling the earth. Many hands make light work, also it will be a great opportunity to talk about bees!

If you are able to help please email me to let me know

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Mick Speakman-Bell



Important Notice

Subscriptions were due on 1st January. Deadline for renewing if you wish to remain a member is Friday 17th February. If you have not renewed by that date you will be removed from the BBKA register, thus losing insurance cover, and you will not receive any more papers. If you have lost your subscription form then email Pat Allen for another one. Many thanks to those who have already paid.