

Christmas Social Evening

The December meeting was our pre-Christmas Social and was the usual festive occasion with lots of good food and good company to enjoy. We had three quizzes to add to the fun. The raffle was free with winners choosing from the presents donated by members and wrapped for surprise. The now-engraved cups won at our Honey Show and awards won at the National Honey Show were given out – most of these going to Jim McNeill as ever – well done, Jim.

Once again thanks are due to Liz and her team for organising the buffet table and thanks to members for their contributions to the feast.

By Pat Allen



HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

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January 2016

Romford Division

REMEMBER

Meetings will now be held on
the First Thursday of the month!!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Committee Meeting: Thursday 21st January, 7.30, Jim's Place,
Collier Row

February 2016 meeting: Spring Management

Speaker: Pat Allen

THURSDAY 4TH, 8pm, Chadwick Hall, Gidea Park

Beekeeping notes for January~ written by Pat Allen

January beekeeping notes

With the mild weather you may have delayed the oxalic acid treatment because this should be done when there is minimal brood but the queen will still be laying in the mild weather. However, it does need to be done, so, as soon as there is a cold spell of a few days, or by end of the month at the latest, get out there and dribble in the oxalic acid. It will not be ideal, but it is the best you can do. ***Then follow up this treatment with one tray of Apiguard at the end of February to catch the varroa missed by the oxalic acid.***

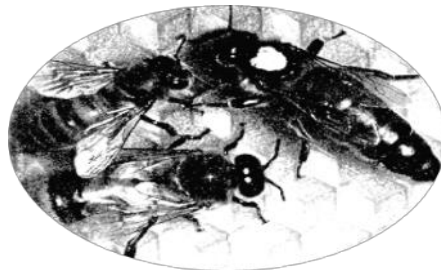
January is the month of the sales – take advantage. Maybe get together with another beekeeper to save the carriage charges.

Read and learn.



Our President Terry Watson presenting Enid Ford with an award for 50 years of beekeeping. What a fantastic achievement!

Enid has been a member of Romford Division for many many years and is our longest-standing member. Until the end of the 1990s Enid was very active on the Committee, including many years as Secretary. She can no longer manage the bees herself but has help from fellow members and remains very interested in her bees and the club.



Queen marking colour:

The Queen marking colour for 2016 is WHITE.

EBKA Romford: Annual General Meeting 7 January 2016

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Signing of the Minutes of 2015 AGM
(Minutes approved by members in February 2015)
- 3 Correspondence relevant to the AGM
- 4 Officers' Reports (*tabled*)
- 5 Approval of 2015 Divisional Accounts
- 6 Elections to Committee ***Holder in 2015***

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| Chairman | Jim McNeill |
| DVM/EBKA Trustee | Pádraig Floyd (<i>standing down</i>) |
| Vice Chair | Arthur Huggins |
| Treasurer | Bob Manning |
| Secretary | Pat Allen |
| Programme Secretary | Jilly Speakman-Bell |
| Show Secretary | Helen Kingsford |
| O/A Wardens: | |
| Brentwood | John Whittard |
| Havering | Terry Watson |
| Hornchurch | Norman McDonald |
| The Chase | Arthur Huggins |
| Teaching Apiary | Michael Speakman-Bell |
| Bee Garden Warden | Arthur Huggins |
| Lay Committee: | Ruth Huggins, Rob Hyde, Liz McNeill, Michael Webb |
- 7 Date & Venue of Next Committee Meeting
- 8 Elections to Other Posts: ***Holder in 2015***

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| President | Terry Watson |
| Education Officer | Eileen Marrable (<i>post vacant</i>) |
| Mailing Secretary | Terry Watson |
| Members Secretary | Pat Allen |
| Bulk Buys Secretary | Michael Webb (<i>resigning</i>) |
| Equipment Secretaries | Vince Finan, Pat Allen (<i>Plus in 2016 Pádraig Floyd</i>) |
| Disease Liaison Contacts | Andy Casson, Roger Legg |
| Spray Liaison Contact | Eileen Marrable (<i>post vacant</i>) |
| Independent Examiners | (<i>vacant</i>) |
- 9 EBKA Conference 2016
Preview and call for volunteers
- 10 Any other business relevant to the AGM
- 11 Date of next AGM: Thursday 5th January 2017