



## SPECIAL INVITATION TO OUR MEMBERS

Romford Beekeepers Club Annual Conference 2016.

Book  
your place NOW!

**5<sup>th</sup> November**, at Barking and Dagenham College,  
Dagenham Road Romford Essex RM7 0XU

**Tickets** – including a two course lunch and light refreshments -**£25**

Pick up a leaflet on the next club night to view the speakers,  
programme and menu details.

**Complete** the booking form to reserve your place and choose  
your meal. Make your payment to **Bob Manning** at the meeting or  
send a cheque to: 12, Moorland close, Collier Row, RM5 2AB

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July 2016

## Romford Division

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 19th July, 7.30, Jim's Place,  
Collier Row

**August meeting:** Thursday 4th at **8pm**, Chadwick Hall, Gidea Park  
**Topic:** 'Microscopy & Bee Disease Recognition'  
Led by Pat Allen

### "Thank You"

We, Ruth and Arthur, would like to  
express our thanks to the Committee  
for recognising the attention and  
work Ruth has done during the past  
years. Everyone has enjoyed her  
'cuppas' during the monthly  
meetings.



Many thanks also to Bob Hyde for  
giving us his time, to take us for a pleasant drive through the Essex countryside and  
to the lovely afternoon tea.

As most members know, Ruth's state of health at the moment does not make her  
want to venture out of the house, but on this occasion I can honestly say she really  
enjoyed the afternoon.

Thanks again

## PEOPLE, HERITAGE AND WILDLIFE – ESSEX WILDLIFE TRUST – INGREBOURNE

By Becky Gibson – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

The visitor centre was opened in October 2015 by Iolo Williams from BBC's Autumn Watch and is in partnership with Havering Council, giving views over the River Ingrebourne's reed beds and marshland.

It was originally Suttons Farm, but during WW1 and WW2 it was an important RAF base. During the Battle of Britain it was one of the main aerodromes for Fighter Command. The country park was established in 1959 and is home to all different types of insects, flowers, birds, grasses, trees and has wonderful views over the marshlands. Barn owl, Marsh Harrier, Snipe, Kingfisher, Grass snake, Common Lizard, Water Vole, Little Egret, Grey Heron, Ring Necked Parakeet are just some of the wildlife found in the park.

There are several different types of grass there, which are all vital for insects and wildlife. Grassland is under threat because of modern farming methods and housing developments. The EWT are involved in management of grassland to continue with traditional techniques, keeping grassland and meadows in good condition, preventing further meadows being lost.

The centre has a whole programme of events. Every Tuesday a buggy walk, Tuesdays and Fridays toddler and parent walk, introduction to study bumble bees, bird watching club for young people, bike marking event with the Metropolitan Police, and many more are being considered.

The centre is an ideal place for school, brownie, scout, girls and boys brigade trips, which helps to enhance talks given by the EWT staff to schools and clubs.

JILLY SPEAKMAN-BELL



### FOR SALE

I am a member of Colchester bee keepers and have two WBC hives for sale. one is a year old and is in excellent condition and comes with a brood box with frames and foundation and two supers ex

frames...open mesh floor mouse guards and crown board with one porter bee escape.

The second hive is also cedar but older and comes with a solid floor but has the same as the newer hive.

The newer hive has five lifts and the older hive has six lifts and two porter bee escapes.

I would be happy to discuss prices but would like £175 for the newer hive and £100 for the older hive. Contact [jbeades@btinternet.com](mailto:jbeades@btinternet.com) or 01375851084

Also there is an extractor for sale.

Brand new and unused hand-cranked four-frame manual extractor with stand - £80

Contact details are [mr.broughton@hotmail.com](mailto:mr.broughton@hotmail.com)

### July beekeeping notes ~ written by Pat Allen

Colony populations should be at their highest this month, if your queens are doing what they should, so remember to give the bees enough space. Put supers on to collect the July main nectar flow.

The swarming season should be over by July so you can spread out your inspections a bit. July is a difficult month to introduce a new queen. If you have to do it, then do it via a queenless nucleus made from the main colony. When she is accepted into the nuc, then you can de-queen the main colony and return the nucleus to it. Read up on the procedure before you start!