



June 2016

Romford Division

EBKA Charity Number: 1031419

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

July meeting: Thursday 7th at 7pm.

Venue: the Teaching Apiary at Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS.

Topic: Beekeeping Demonstrations as requested.

*****Note that this has a different venue *and* an earlier start time*****

June beekeeping notes ~ written by Pat Allen

We are still deep in the swarming season. Keep a watch, colonies that have seemed quiet up till now may decide to swarm this month. Remember when you take off the spring crop of honey to replace the supers so that the bees have lots of space.

Oil seed rape honey needs to be removed as soon as capped, or even if still uncapped so long as the honey is ripe. Make sure though, that you leave the bees enough stores – populations are still rising at this time of year, lots of mouths to feed.

If you've done splits for swarm control let's hope for good weather for the new queens to mate well. Give a virgin queen up to 28 days to start laying, but do not wait longer or you may end up with laying workers and a doomed colony. If you want a swarm to give you a new colony, let me know, but you must be prepared to collect it, with an experienced beekeeper if you have not done it before.



"Remember, remember the 5th of
November!
Bonfires and bangers,
and a Bee Club Conference too"



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BBKA Link Trustee – Howard Pool -5th May 2016

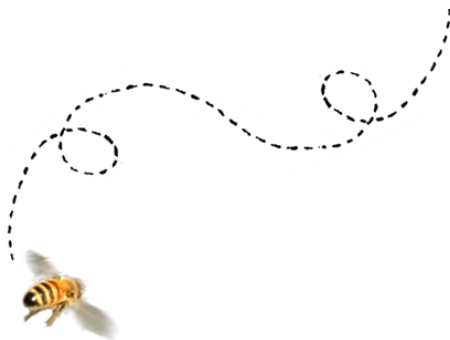
Howard explained that each Area Association has a dedicated Trustee, providing a link directly to the BBKA Executive Committee. In his case this covers Buckinghamshire, Gwent, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Peterborough as well as Essex.

As with all BBKA trustees, in addition to the role providing a link between members or divisions and the Executive Committee, Howard also oversees one of the various sub committees which are responsible for running the activities of the association. In his case this is the Finance committee given his background in accounting. Howard went on to explain some aspects of the BBKA's budget and its finances. He reiterated that, given the scope of its activities and its wide ranging responsibilities the BBKA's budget was really very modest but still running an acceptable surplus as a charitable organisation.

Howard provided a brief overview of the Executive committee and its role and told us that the activities of BBKA are, in the main, managed and delivered by volunteers, the Trustees and the Operations Director / General Secretary with the support of a small administration team based at Stonleigh.

As members of the BBKA we can all use our local Link Trustee for advice, information or assistance. Howard welcomed contact on any matter relevant to the BBKA. The Link Trustee is there to provide us all with support either as an individual, Branch/Division or Area, whether a query relates to constitutional, beekeeping or operational advice or suggestions and feedback. A full list of Trustees and the Area Associations they are linked to is available on the BBKA web site. To email Howard Pool, you can at the following address: howard.pool@bbka.org.uk

Paul Wiltshire Romford DVM



Retiring from Beekeeping

I have the following to sell:

- 1 National hive with bees, moving into 1 super £50
- 2 National hives with bees and 3 supers £70 each
- 2 National hives with bees and 5 supers £100 each
- 1 Commercial hive with bees and 4 supers £100

9-frame electric extractor (Thornes) £200

Heated uncapping tray £20

4 gross x 1lb honey jars (no lids) £10/gross

Also available at knockdown prices:

- assorted foundation
- large selection of candle moulds
- tins for beeswax furniture polish
- paraffin wax
- carnauba wax

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'Help Needed'

Helpers are needed at the Eastbrookend country fair on **Sunday 26th June**. Even if you can only spare few hours it would be a great help. The show is 10am till 4pm but we also need help before that to set up and afterwards to break down.

Please contact Jim or Pat for more information.
Thank you

