

Where to get bees?

Be very careful where you get your bees. Below are some reliable sources.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Committee Meeting: Wednesday 9th May 2018, 7.30pm. Jim's Place, Collier Row

May meeting: Thursday 3rd May 2018, 8pm.

Topic: 'Fun with Pollen Traps'

Speaker: Robert Smith

Venue: Chadwick Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park, RM2 5EL.

Beginners Course:

The Beginners Course starts this month, with two theory sessions, on Tuesdays 10th and 17th April, at 7.30pm sharp in the Education Room of Thames Chase Forest Centre.

May Beginners Hive-building:

Saturday 19th May, 1.00pm, in the grey barn, Thames Chase, Upminster. Putting together hives and frames. £2 pay & display car parking. Mainly for the students but other members are welcome too (bring your own hives/frames to put together if you wish).



March Meeting:

Please accept apologies from the committee for the cancellation of the March meeting. This was due to the adverse weather conditions.

All members with email addresses were warned so we hope nobody had a fruitless journey.

The March topic has now been moved to April.

April Beekeeping Notes— written by Pat Allen

What an amazing winter we have had – and it is still going on as I write these notes!!

Let's hope that it will be warm enough to open the hives but inspections should be short. Make sure you have everything you need to hand and you know why you are looking at the bees. Watch the bees from outside for a while before opening up, you can learn a lot about what's going on inside by doing this.



Stores will be getting low, yet you may find swarming preparations have begun. Do a varroa check – put the insert in for a week, then remove it and count the varroa. If the count is high, there may be time for one tray of Apiguard before you put the supers on, or use MAQS which can be used with supers on.

- Have your swarm control plan and equipment ready.
- Super ahead of the bees' needs.
- Get your queens clipped this month (ask for help if you cannot do it yourself).

If a colony is not building up, get a nosema check done. If the brood combs are old or the test is positive, be prepared to do a complete comb change. Ask for help if needed.

Reminder about Kew visit on 23rd June

There will be a list at the meeting or you can email me at dawn_doyland@hotmail.com.

Prices excluding travel are;

adult £14.25,

60+ £12.75

child £4,

friends and family are welcome to join us.

