

*****National Hives for Sale*****

Two National hives for sale (no bees, no frames), made of pine, secondhand in good condition, fully assembled.

Each comprises flat roof, floor, brood box, queen excluder, two supers (one of which is of plywood), crownboard.

£100 each

Use this link to see a picture: <https://www.gumtree.com/p/hobbies-collectibles/full-british-national-beehives-x2-painted-and-fully-assembled-used/1304245078>

Contact: Zakir Bickhan on 07879 616890 or zak_bic@hotmail.com

*****Wanted! for Havering Apiary*****

Have you any old chairs that would be suitable for using at the Havering Apiary now that we have the storage cabin. We cannot start having events up there without something to sit on! Maybe a table too? All in good condition of course. If you can help, contact Terry Watson to arrange delivery (01708 747235 watson.terence@sky.com).

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July 2018

Romford Division

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Committee Meeting: Thursday 12th July 2018, 7.30pm. Jim's Place, Collier Row

August meeting: Thursday 2nd 2018, 7pm

*****NOTE EARLY START*****

Hive demonstrations: – please let Pat Allen or Jim McNeill know what you would like to see demonstrated. Don't forget to bring your **CLEAN** beesuit and gloves.

Venue: Teaching Apiary, Thames Chase, Pike Lane, Upminster, RM14 3NS.

July Beekeeping Notes by Pat Allen

Swarming may be over by now, but stay vigilant because this season started later than usual. Make sure the bees have plenty of space as populations will be at their peak this month. We get the main nectar flow in July around these parts so give them plenty of supers – remember that nectar takes up much more space than honey.

You may be able to space out your inspections this month, but take the opportunity to assess your queens and decide which ones you want to keep and which need replacing. Unless it is an emergency, delay introducing a new queen until August as July is difficult. Re-queening is best done via a nuc if you must do it (check the procedure in your books first!).

Visit to Kew

We all arrived on time and apart from a couple of hiccups at the gate everything went to plan.

The Hive was an impressive structure although more open than I expected. It would have been fantastic to see at night as there were flashing lights with the sounds. The sounds were really good but obviously being bee keepers, not new to us.



Although possibly the Queen piping may not have been heard by everyone before. Biting on the sticks provided, certainly added extra vibration to the sounds. It was very interesting and I think we all enjoyed the experience.

We spent the rest of the day visiting some of the other attractions including the Treetop walkway—very wobbly, the Princess of Wales Conservatory and the new Temperate House.

Luckily the weather was beautiful and everyone said they had enjoyed the day!



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TOP BAR HIVES—Peter Aldridge—June 2018

Top bar hives are very popular in Africa and are seen dotted all over the African country. This type of hive is very good at keeping the temperature of the hive warm in the winter and is bee friendly. They do not require a lot of equipment to manage them although the yield of honey is not as much as the conventional hives.



The hive has a side window lined with Perspex for easy observation without disturbing the bees or reducing the temperature of the hive and has a hinged roof for easy access. It is a single storey hive without any frames. The hive has removable bars which the comb hangs from. They are wider than the conventional hive. Because the bars are over the comb in a continuous roof there is no space for bees to move between the boxes.

Some people prefer the top bar hive as there is less interference when managing your bees.

JILLY SPEAKMAN-BELL