

Bulk Buys

Dear Members

Please have your order for DN5 & SN1 frames to me by the 8th February.

Wax foundation and Apiguard to me by 22nd February.

I will send invoices out with payment details to my personal bank account once I have placed the order with the suppliers.

Prompt payment would be appreciated as I do not use the divisions account to purchase the Bulk Buys.

I will be at the Romford meeting on 7th Feb.

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Many thanks

Lorna Pattle

Advance notice the **BEE HEALTH DAY** will be on **JUNE 20th** to be held at the **CHASE APIARY**. Put it in your diary. Watch out for advert in the Essex Beekeeper.

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February 2019

Romford Division

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Committee Meeting: Wednesday 13th March 2019, 7.30pm, Jim's Place, Collier Row

March meeting: Thursday 7th March 2019, 8pm

Venue: Chadwick Hall

Topic: 'Journey from Beekeeper to Bee Farmer'

Speaker: Michael Coe, Bee Farmer

February Beekeeping Notes

A bright cold sunny day is ideal to go through your spare frames as wax and propolis will be brittle and will come off easily. Don't give your bees frames with mouldy comb or mouldy pollen which they cannot remove; they like new foundation. Any frames with holes or out of shape, get rid of them but save the wax to render it down later.

On super frames run your hive tool or a scraper over the comb on both sides to break down the old wax and then cut out the old foundation. On old brood combs just cut out the wax and as this will have cocoons, you may find it's not worth trying to salvage any wax, in which case just burn it. If you have an old boiler use a good handful of washing soda in the water and boil the frames, then rinse them in water and leave them to dry. If you have no boiler, just scrape the frames to clean them as best you can.

Don't put new foundation in yet as it is too cold and the wax will be brittle and will break. Leave that job until the weather is warmer. It does not take long to do and you will be ready for any expansion in March.

Jim McNeill

January Annual General Meeting:

About 30 members came to the AGM. At the start of the meeting Jim McNeill had the pleasant task of presenting **Roger Honey** with his certificate for passing the Basic Assessment last summer. Well done! Pat Allen urged those who have not yet taken this and who are eligible (there are quite a few in the Division) to consider taking it this summer.

The AGM business was handled efficiently by our Chairman, Jim, the only snag being that the 2018 accounts had not been examined so they could not be approved by the members at this time. The item that stood out in the accounts was the huge expenditure on the container at Havering Apiary, resulting in a deficit in 2018. This was planned expenditure, funded out of the legacy received some years ago from a former member and President, Don Bond. It has taken some years of 'negotiation' with the council to get to the point where we could use this generous legacy. We now have secure storage there and we shall be able to hold events at the apiary, as we used to do before the hut was burnt down. **Look out for notice of these.**

Elections were swiftly processed, and members were delighted that Sue Richardson 'stepped up to the plate' to take on the job of Secretary. Many thanks, Sue. Rob Hyde took over as Warden for The Chase Apiary, which left a vacancy on the Lay Committee, and Michael Webb also stood down. As there were no volunteers from the floor, Liz McNeill is the only Lay Committee Member at the moment. Jim said that anyone who wanted to come to a committee meeting to see what was involved was welcome to come along. All other posts as before.

It was agreed to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting at the February meeting to approve the accounts and also to consider moving the AGM to February. Notice will be sent to members.

Pat Allen

Many thanks go to **Pat Allen** who has done a fantastic job as secretary for so many years.

Welcome **Susan Richardson** as our new secretary. We all wish you every success in your new post.

Extraordinary General Meeting 3 February 2019

A G E N D A

- 1 Review for accuracy the minutes of the AGM on 3/1/19
- 2 Presentation of 2018 Divisional Accounts
- 3 Consider the proposition:
"That the Annual General Meeting of Romford Division EBKA should be held in February each year, instead of January, with effect from 6th February 2020."
- 4 Confirmation of date of next AGM

Subscriptions Reminder

Your subscription for 2019 was due on 1st January. Many thanks to those members who have already renewed their membership, we are very pleased that you are staying with the Division.

We do not want to lose you, so if you have not yet paid, please note that 15th February is the deadline to avoid your name being removed from our local membership list and the BBKA register.

Call for Help!

Helpers needed at the teaching apiary
Thames Chase, Broadfields, Pike lane.

RM14 3NS Saturday 16th February
9.30 - 10am wheelbarrows, shovels & rakes
needed to level the site.