

Varroa Treatment—Bulk Buy

After a decision made by the committee, it has been decided to offer **Thymovar** this late summer for varroa control treatment.

Thymovar comes in packs of 2 sachets x 5 strips to treat 5 hives at a cost of (no more than) £26.00. It must be used immediately after opening.

If you are on a shared apiary then perhaps you could arrange to share the cost between you for the number of packs needed.

Please read up on the directions of use online.

I would like to place a Bulk order by 19 August.

To place an order email me at- lorna.pattle@outlook.com

Or call or text me on 07760176074

Lorna Pattle



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August 2019

Romford Division

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Committee Meeting: Wednesday 11th September 2019, 7.30pm,
Jim's Place,
Collier Row

September meeting: Thursday 5th 2019 at 8pm
Venue: Chadwick Hall Main Road, Gidea Park, RM2 5EL
Topic: Beekeeper Experiences
Audience participation

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Family Bee Day

Eastbrookend Country Park

Saturday 27th July

Thanks to all those who helped at this event. Unfortunately it rained most of the day and there were not many visitors.



Due to the rain we did not have the observation hive out, but did have both adults and children taking a look at the virtual hive.

We were able to keep dry in the Division's smart, sturdy gazebo and we did sell some honey and have some interest in beekeeping and bees from the few visitors.

The bee garden has been weeded and the pretty bee mosaic at the entrance cleaned. Hopefully we spread the word about the importance of bees to those who chatted with us.

Sue Richardson

IMPRESSING THE JUDGES

Pauline Tidmas – 4 July 2019

Pauline started beekeeping in 2009 because her daughter suffered from hay fever. The hay fever was eased by honey from a local beekeeper until he gave up, which inspired Pauline to start beekeeping herself.

Pauline is a member of Harlow and has for 4 years been on the Essex Committee and is Essex Show Secretary.

The Essex Show is at the Orsett Show Ground on Saturday 7th September. All exhibits are judged on the 6th September. They will not be judged on the day, so please do not take your exhibits on the day of the show.

On entering exhibits you will be representing yourself and your club. A point is given to the club for each entry, plus the winning exhibits gain extra points, 6 points for first prize, 5 points for second prize, 4 points for third prize etc., therefore the division with the most winning exhibits added to the largest number of entries wins the Presidents Cup.

The cakes and biscuit section is judged by the WI who taste every single exhibit. Yum, Yum. The ideal job I'd say!!!

JILLY SPEAKMAN-BELL

Beekeeping Taster

Sunday 25th August 2019

1.30-4.30pm.

Venue: Thames Chase, Upminster & Teaching Apiary.

Spread the word about this session.

Details are on the website.

Pat Allen

It's Show Time!

ROMFORD HONEY SHOW

Saturday 12th October

ESSEX SHOW at Orsett

Saturday 7th September

Dates for your diary. Showtime is approaching.

Are you thinking of exhibiting this year?
Time to prepare.

Angela Mander

August Beekeeping Notes

August is a good month to do a dedicated disease inspection. It is especially important this year because there is an outbreak of European Foul Brood in our area at the moment. Many of us have had an alert from the NBU of EFB within 3km of our apiaries. Be extra careful about apiary hygiene and make sure you clean your tools (hot water, washing up liquid, washing soda crystals). Clean your hive tool and gloves between each colony. If anything does not look right, contact the Bee Inspector (see *The Essex Beekeeper* for contacts), and our local Disease Liaison Officers or your mentor.



If you are not already registered on BeeBase, then do it straight away. It is a condition of EBKA membership to be registered and it means you will get alerts about disease outbreaks, etc.

August is also good for uniting colonies and requeening. You only want to put strong healthy colonies into winter. Get any honey you want to take off the hives before the end of the month, but leave some for the bees. Let the bees clean up the extracted supers (over the crownboard), then remove them and store them for winter.



Then it is time to treat against Varroa. You can feed this month too, or next month, but the earlier the better.

Remember that the **floor insert must be in** while treating and feeding.

Pat Allen



Good News!

The teaching hives were inspected last week and confirmed to be clear of EFB and AFB. This is just a snapshot, of course, so we must continue to be vigilant and rigorous about apiary hygiene. The Inspector, Ian Nichols, took this photo in the apiary, which was looking great with many wild flowers.

Pat Allen