

## Membership Renewal for 2022

Messages of **Invitation to Renew** have now been sent out to everyone (except those booked on the Beginners Course who are already members for 2022). If you were a member in 2021 and have not received an invitation to renew, please let Pat Allen know.

You need to click on the link in the message and you will be taken to the renewal page on eR2. Please check your details and note that some fields have drop-down lists. You should receive a confirmation message which will tell you how to pay your subscription.

## The Newsletter Needs YOU!

For nearly 10 years our monthly newsletter has been created by Theresa Caves, who, with her husband Ken, moved to Norfolk all those years ago and has remained a loyal member of Romford Division. She is now standing down and this newsletter will be her last. Thank you, Theresa, for your years of service here.

So we are now desperate for someone to take over from her. I'm sure you will have noticed that the newsletter is contributed to by several members. I collate this information and send it to Theresa who puts it together in newsletter format as a pdf and sends it back to me. We need someone who can do this for us.

If you wish to know what effort this entails I am sure Theresa would not mind telling you. There are a couple of basic requirements (e.g. the EBKA logo) but you could use your own style.

Is this the job for you...?

**Pat Allen**

*(Thank you Pat. It has been a pleasure.  
And of course, I'm happy to help!) Theresa*

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# Romford Division

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 18th January 2022, 7.30pm, via Zoom.

**February meeting:** Thursday 3rd February 2022, 8pm.

**Topic:** Spring Preparation

**Venue:** Chadwick Hall (behind St Michael's Church), Main Road, Gidea Park, RM2 5EL.

(unless new restrictions are brought in)

**Speaker:** Pat Allen



## JANUARY Beekeeping Notes

- There should not be much to do with the hives this month, but if you have used oxalic acid treatments, don't forget to remove the floor inserts.
- You may want to give the bees some fondant (they shouldn't need it really, if you prepared them properly for winter, but it may give you peace of mind).
- Check the hives now and then that they are upright and not being attacked by woodpeckers. Remember to plan for 2022 and take advantage of the January sales if you need any equipment.

**Pat Allen**

## Call for Gadgets!

If anyone has invented a gadget or an aid which helps them with their beekeeping, would they be willing to bring it to our meeting in April and show it to other members. Please let a member of the committee know in advance of the meeting on April 7th.

**Dawn Doyland**

## EBKA Romford: Annual General Meeting 6th January 2022

### A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Signing of the Minutes of 2021 AGM  
(Minutes approved by members in February 2021)
- 3 Correspondence relevant to the AGM
- 4 Officers' Reports (*tabled*)
- 5 Presentation of 2021 Divisional Accounts
- 6 Elections to Committee **Holder in 2021**

DVM/EBKA Trustee	Jim McNeill
Chairman	Paul Wiltshire
Treasurer	Rose McCarthy
Secretary	Sue Richardson
Programme Secretary	Dawn Doyland
Show Secretary	Angela Mander
O/A Wardens:	
Brentwood	John Whittard
Havering	Terry Watson
Hornchurch	Norman McDonald
The Chase	Rob Hyde
Teaching Apiary	Michael Speakman-Bell
Bee Garden Warden	Rob Hyde
Lay Committee:	Liz McNeill, Filippo Negri
- 7 Date & Venue of Next Committee Meeting
- 8 Elections to Other Posts: **Holder in 2021**

President	Terry Watson
Education Secretary	Pat Allen
Mailing Secretary	Terry Watson
Membership Secretary	Pat Allen
Bulk Buys Secretary	Julie Mugglestone
Disease Liaison Contacts	Jim McNeill, Paul Wiltshire
Independent Examiner	Vernon Amor
- 9 Other posts:

Equipment Secretaries	Pádraig Floyd, Norman McDonald
	Paul Wiltshire
	Pat Allen, Robert Hyde
- 10 Any other business relevant to the AGM
- 11 Date of next AGM: Thursday 5th January 2023

(Minutes of this AGM will be reviewed for accuracy at the February members meeting.)

### December Meeting: pre-Christmas Get-together

An enthusiastic group of 25 members came to Chadwick Hall to enjoy a chat with food and drink. It would have been good to have even more members present, but in the current circumstances it was understandable that some people may be reluctant to meet face-to-face. Food was brought to share, and Jim McNeill provided a fun quiz to get our brains working and provide some competition between tables!

Terry Watson and Angela Mander gave out the cups that had been won at our Honey Show and had been engraved – see photos below, taken by Tom Keeper. It was good to see some of our newer members winning, such as Marlene Glover, although the old hands such as Jim McNeill are still hard to beat.

Thanks to all those who set out the tables and helped to clear up afterwards. It was a great evening.

**Pat Allen**

