

Happy New Year

EBKA Charity Number: 1031419

January 2023



Romford Division



Dates for the Diary

Committee Meeting: Tuesday 17th January 2023, 7.30pm. via Zoom.

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd February, 20:00

Topic: Pests and Diseases

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

Speaker: Ian Nichols (bee Inspector)

A snow covered Apiary, Photo Pat Allen



JANUARY Beekeeping Notes

There's not a lot to do this month.

- Check that the hives are still upright and not being attacked by mice or woodpeckers.
- If you did an oxalic acid treatment then don't forget to remove the floor inserts and check them.
- Plan for the new season and take advantage of the sales of equipment.

Pat Allen

EBKA Romford: Annual General Meeting 5th January 2023

A G E N D A

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| 1 | Apologies for absence | |
| 2 | Signing of the Minutes of 2022 AGM
<i>(Minutes approved by members in February 2022)</i> | |
| 3 | Correspondence relevant to the AGM | |
| 4 | Officers' Reports <i>(tabled)</i> | |
| 5 | Presentation of the 2022 Divisional Accounts | |
| 6 | Elections to Committee | Holder in 2022 |
| | DVM/EBKA Trustee | Jim McNeill <i>(standing down)</i> |
| | Chair | Paul Wiltshire <i>(standing down)</i> |
| | 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 & Bee Garden | Rob Hyde |
| | Teaching Apiary | Filippo Negri |
| | Lay Committee: | Liz McNeill, Filippo Negri, Lorna Pattle |
| 7 | Date & Venue of Next Committee Meeting | |
| 8 | Elections to Other Posts | Holder in 2022 |
| | President | Terry Watson |
| | Education Secretary | Pat Allen <i>(standing down)</i> |
| | Membership Secretary | Pat Allen |
| | Bulk Buys Secretary | Julie Mugglestone |
| | Disease Liaison Contacts | Jim McNeill, Paul Wiltshire |
| | Independent Examiner | Paras Shah |
| 9 | Other Posts: | |
| | Equipment Secretaries | Pádraig Floyd, Norman McDonald,
Paul Wiltshire
Pat Allen, Rob Hyde |
| 10 | Any other business relevant to the AGM | |
| | Subscriptions 2024 | |
| 11 | Date of next AGM: Thursday 4th January 2024 | |

(Minutes of this AGM will be reviewed for accuracy at the February 2023 members meeting.)

Membership Renewal for 2023

Messages of **Invitation to Renew** have been sent out to everyone whose membership finished at the end of December 2022. If you were a member in 2022 and have not received an invitation to renew, please let Pat Allen know. The message was from the membership system eR2, not from me, so do check your spam/junk box.

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**. Make sure you select the right subscription amount for your membership category. You should receive a confirmation message which will tell you how to pay your subscription. If you have any queries do get in touch with me.

Pat Allen

Christmas Celebration, 1st December 2022

The Christmas festivities started for us on 1st December. Four tables of members came together to enjoy an evening of jovial fun and mirth.

Cheerful chatter reverberated around the church hall. A fun quiz was enjoyed by us all, as well as the spread of party food that we had all brought along with us to share with one and all. Enough for everyone to have second helpings.

Everyone had a raffle prize, so nobody went home empty handed.

We all enjoyed our time together. A good start to December.

Jilly Speakman-Bell

Bulk Buys

It's the time of year to plan for the season. Take advantage of the January sales but also think about what the Division might buy in bulk to get a good price for members. Keep an eye out for messages (email or newsletter) about our usual purchase (to order) for frames and wax foundation.

Julie Mugglestone

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