



Romford Division



Dates for the Diary

Committee Meeting: Thursday 20th March, 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Next Division Meeting: Thursday 6th March

Topic: An Experiment in Treatment Free Beekeeping

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

Speaker: Kevin Thorne

A reminder that it will soon be warm again! This photo was taken at the “taster session” July 2024

Photo Garry Furnell



FEBRUARY Beekeeping Notes

It's too cold to open the bees but do keep an eye on the entrance on warmer days. Lets hope your bees will be venturing out to collect early pollen. This would be a good sign that there is brood in the colony. There may be some dead bodies being thrown out and that's OK too.

Take advantage of the bulk buys; there will be information in the newsletters.

Check your stored supers. Throw out frames with mouldy pollen in them as this is difficult for the bees to clear, and certainly discard frames that are badly attacked by wax moth. Replace with nice new super frames. The old wax can be melted down and reused for other things.

Remove the mouse guards and woodpecker guards by the end of February, the bees need free access and we don't want their hard-earned pollen loads knocked off their legs at the front door!

Last but not least.....get those new records set up for 2025!

Pat Allen

Courses

Pat Allen will be running a '**Basic Assessment Preparation**' session on the first or second weekend in May. Please contact Pat direct if you wish to join this session. (There will be a very modest charge.

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Linda Dulieu

AUCTION

We are hoping to hold an auction of beekeeping equipment at an outdoor meeting in the summer. Date, time and venue to be confirmed. If you have spare equipment you don't need any more, clean and in good repair of course, let me know. More details next month. Seller gets the proceeds less small commission to beekeeping-related charity.

Pat Allen

Discount on Sherriff Clothing

We have been offered a 10% discount and free delivery for all members ordering beekeeping suits until 28th February.

Order Online: Visit [BJ Sherriff](#) Essex BKA Romford division : **rdbk5** at checkout. Flyers in the post.

Order by Phone: Call us at **01872 863304** if you need guidance, especially for sizing.

Sizing Made Easy:

To ensure the perfect fit, have these measurements ready: Height, Chest circumference, Inside leg, Back length. For more details, check out the BJ Sherriff [Size Guide](#)

Students can order up until 31st May 2025. You will need the Education Secretary to verify this. Leaflets will be given out for this year's students.

Susan Richardson

Membership Renewal 2025

The deadline for renewing your membership with Romford Division is fast approaching - **15th FEBRUARY 2025...**!

If you do not renew membership using the link in the email you were sent from the membership system, eR2, by the above date, **and** paid the appropriate subscription, you will no longer have any BBKA Personal & Product Liability Insurance, nor Bee Diseases Insurance, and you will not receive any further communication from the Division or BBKA.

If you wish to renew and want another renewal invitation, or have a query, do email me:

pat.allen7@icloud.com

If you do not intend to renew, it would be helpful if you let me know.

Pat Allen

January AGM

Following the January AGM there has been some movement in Committee positions, please refer to the "Who's Who" to ensure you're up to date, it's attached to the back pages of this newsletter.

Graeme Ellis

Committee Matters

Welcome to our new committee members.

Colleen Manley as Secretary; **David Manley** as Havering Apiary Warden; **Jim McNeill**, already a long standing member of the committee, has taken up the post as President.

Linda Dulieu, who has already been working as Education Secretary has now been voted in at the AGM.

Treasurer: New treasurer needed for 2026. **Rose McCarthy** will continue to be treasurer this year but will be stepping down in 2026. She would welcome a new prospective treasurer to shadow her this year as it would enable a much smoother handover. If anyone thinks they may be interested, please contact Rose and she will be happy to chat and include you in this year's matters.

New Programme Secretary Needed Now! **Dawn Doyland** has stepped down from this post and we urgently need a new volunteer. As there were quite a few members that did not attend our AGM, there must surely be someone out there who would like to help on the committee? You will be given full backup.

Susan Richardson

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Who's Doing Which Job in 2025

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