

SURREY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

WEYBRIDGE DIVISION

NEWSLETTER: October 2019

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Editorial

"I have no Varroa in my hives." Such a comment usually leaves me at a total loss for words. However, on a holiday a week or two ago in the inner Hebrides I was certainly not dismissive of a similar comment as it was made by a beekeeper on the island of Islay near the island of Colonsay. You have probably read in the National media and the bee press about the beekeeper, Andrew Abrahams, on Colonsay who has successfully obtained legislation preventing bees being taken to the island to protect his varroa-free colonies there. We were not able to meet him, but did have a short chat with him by telephone, in which he confirmed the varroa-free status of his colonies. We asked him about the state of his queens. He assured us that they are still performing as our own pre-varroa queens, with a life span of two to four years or even more, without the endless superseding and all the other problems with which we are now so familiar. We had had a similar conversation on Islay with a lady who was taught beekeeping by Andrew; she too had 4-year-old queens. We also learned of varroa-free colonies on the Ardnamurchan peninsula, a remote and wild area in the Scottish Highlands to the west of Fort William. However, the absence of varroa is not accompanied by a rich honey harvest; on Colonsay Andrew gets 20-23lb of honey from a colony in a year, and the lady on Islay gets about a super. The price of Andrew's honey is very high, by our standards, at about £1.00 per ounce, but this is about in proportion to the cost of ours, having regard to the weights per hive that we normally obtain. The conversations brought home to us, perhaps as never before, the very serious effect the mite seems to have had on our bees and perhaps especially on our queens.

Subscriptions for your 2019-2020 membership are now overdue (as from October 1st)

Michael Main (Treasurer) thanks those who have already paid and would very much appreciate your EARLY attention to this if you haven't. Please refer for details to the emails he has sent out or use the form at the end of this Newsletter.

REPORTS

Beekeeping Course 2019 - last Practical Session, Saturday 7th September

Where has the year gone? The 2019 class of new beekeepers started our beekeeping journey in January with the theory course, and our final practical session took place on Saturday 7th September.

Due to summer holidays, we'd had a gap of a couple of months so it was great to get back together and catch up and plan our winter activities. Our final session was preparing the bees and the hives for winter. Ahead of checking the hives, Paul talked us through the various treatments that are available for the ghastly varroa mite, and also how and when to feed the bees over the winter. A great opportunity for the group to look at various pieces of kit and ask all our questions!

The final part of our session was checking the hives that we had been observing across the summer. Our chance to put into practice what we had learnt, and provided a training ground ahead of being at home with our own bees. My group seemed to breeze through this at a pretty good speed, possibly in anticipation of heading to the bbq that had been lit for our lunch!

Once all the groups had closed up the hives we headed to the bbq area for our picnic. Helen and Paul have a beautiful space which is surrounded by trees as far as the eye can see. They have set the area up to be a social space where you can relax, and spend time with friends and family. The bbq was actually a huge firepit, and Helen kicked off the cooking of the sausages - pretty hot work!

We had a wonderful picnic, hot and cold food. Lots of chatting and laughter amongst new friends who have come together from the beginners course. Some of the guys couldn't attend and they were missed. That said, we will keep in contact through our WhatsApp group which has been running for many months now. Thanks to Helen and Paul for hosting the practical sessions and for the great bbq. Thanks also to our tutors from both the theory and practical course. We have all thoroughly enjoyed it, and learnt so much. It really is a super course!

Jo Snoad

It is always nice to have a first contribution from one of our members, especially when that member is also one of our new beekeepers. Thank you, Jo.

Summer Meeting, Sunday 15th September, Fairoaks Airport: Preparing for Winter

Our thanks to Garry Walton, a student on our current course, who made the following notes at this meeting:

Longest day of the year in mid June - bees start preparing for winter.
Shortest day in mid December - bees start preparing for summer.
Remove supers on Hive, Queen Excluder, add Empty Box.
Airport has local food sources. Heather and Ivy still available.
June was a wet month.
Colonies 1& 2 comprise brood & a half.
8 frames on top
8 frames bottom
Ideally there should be 5lbs of honey stores on every brood frame of honey.
Nuc boxes 25lbs of stores.
Bees like to go up for stores not down or sideways.
David also has double nationals with 8 frames in each.
For 16 frames 40lbs of stores are required.
David uses a quilt after feeding (for insulation).
Feeding Reminder. It takes bees 3 weeks after emerging before they can forage.
In winter David uses vapourising treatments with oxalic acid for Varroa.
A tip from Michael Main: Don't judge stores with your eyes only, weight is the best guide.
Varroa
Michael Main suggests MAQ strips are too strong for small colonies, use Apiguard.
MAQ strips can be frozen and used next season.
Michael Main suggested switching treatments to avoid the risk of immunity buildup.
Vary treatments every season.
Varroa checking: David suggested sacrificing 100 bees shaken in alcohol to count Varroa mites to produce an accurate count. If in doubt about Varroa numbers...treat.
Author Tom Seeley has written about 'Varroa Resistant Bees'
https://resistantbees.com/blog/?page_id=3569
Feed Suppliers
Michael Main says Bookers (wholesale) sell 2 x 25kg bags at the best price.
David Parker puts his costs at £10 per hive for syrup plus £2 for fondant.
Normally, finish liquid feeding by end of September.

The conversation continued over a picnic and plane spotting.

Garry Walton

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Asian Hornets

This is a likely month for seeing these insects. Please look out for them near your hives, and put up baited traps. Posters (A4 and A5 size) are available for any member who can think of a local site where these can be displayed. Please contact Jessica Kazimierczak (jessicakay2009@hotmail.co.uk) who has the posters.

Candle Making Course at East Surrey Bees, Sunday 27th October 2019

This day course is designed for anyone who wants to make decorative candles with beeswax. Starting from collecting wax from your hive, through the initial cleaning processes, to the production of clean slab wax blocks and making rolled, moulded and dipped candles. We also look at safety issues, the equipment needed, showing at the local division honey shows and briefly the history of beeswax candles. We provide all the equipment and materials needed for you to produce your own candles during the day because this is essentially a practical course and you get to take the candles you've made away with you. The day starts at 10.30am and finishes at 4pm and there is a ploughman's type lunch provided along with tea and coffee available all day.

The day costs £75.00 and includes lunch, refreshment and the candles you make. The apiary is in Whyteleafe just off the A22, three miles north of junction 6 of the M25. Gates open at 10 for a prompt start at 10.30am and we aim to finish by 4.00pm. Exact details of how to find the apiary will be sent when you confirm your attendance. For any further details and a booking form don't hesitate to contact us, enquire@eastsurreybees.co.uk

FUTURE EVENTS

Weybridge Beekeepers AGM, Sunday November 10th, 2.30 pm **Hersham Community Trust Hall, Burhill Road, Hersham KT12 4BJ**

Please make a note of the date of this important meeting. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated by the Committee. The details will be given again in the November Newsletter, but for now - please save a little of your bees' honey to bring with you to the meeting. About one inch in an unlabelled standard 1lb jar is an ideal amount. Members will taste the samples 'blind' and vote for their favourite. The winner takes home the magnificent bronze bee trophy.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Update on Rob Chisholm's note in the September Newsletter

Despite my pessimistic outlook last month regarding the prospects with our bees, I am pleased to report that the bees have, as they often do, completely contradicted me. The total crop, now safely stored in buckets, has averaged over 60lbs per colony. All the colonies are now queen right, being treated for Varroa, partly fed and prepared for winter. Only one of the superseded queens failed to mate properly and we were about to unite the colony with a queen right unit. However one of our very kind members came to the rescue and gave us a mated queen which has been accepted and settled in and will undoubtedly keep the colony thriving through the winter.

The conclusion we have reached is that when the colony decides to supersede the queen the workers still forage avidly because the requirement to feed the brood is diminished, thus their numbers are significantly increased. Quite the reverse phenomenon occurs in the brood part of a colony following a "Pagden Artificial Swarm" procedure.

Undoubtedly much of the nectar for our crop this year has come from autumn fruiting raspberry, sunflowers, heather (bell & ling) and Himalayan Balsam, not this year from honeydew.

Rob Chisholm

Thanks for this update, Rob. It's always nice to hear of other beekeepers' experiences in our area, especially when the news is good and encouraging.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Preparing Bees For Winter

Rob sent us the following article in time for the September Newsletter. The editor apologises to Rob and the readers for not including it in that issue.

We start preparing our bees for winter just before the start of the main flow in the summer. We run our colonies on a double deep brood nest for most of the year. The first manipulation is to restrict the queen to the bottom brood box by moving the queen excluder down. The reason for this is that reducing the size of the brood the area available to the queen for egg laying, will reduce the number of young bees that would not be advantageous for the honey crop and will also consume stores during the winter. In our experience because all the colonies will have newish queens they will not swarm, although it is worth checking any "moved up" brood for queen cells after 4 days.

Towards the end of August we clear the supers (all deep boxes) except the top one which is placed on the queen excluder, this gives the bees a box to move down into and may even increase the crop if Himalayan Balsam or Ivy nectar is still being gathered. All the cleared supers are then extracted and before returning to their respective colonies a box containing only drawn comb that has never contained brood is prepared. This box is placed on the queen excluder with the other boxes above it. The box that was on the queen excluder is then placed on the top, cleared and providing the honey has all the required attributes, extracted. This box is then returned to its colony for the bees to clean up.

At this stage we will start treating the brood nest for Varroa, this year it will be Amitraz.

After the bees have cleaned up the supers, except the one on the queen excluder, they are removed and the combs sorted, any that have previously contained brood are scrapped, these could contain Nosema spores. They are then rendered for beeswax to be utilised for exchange at a later date.

We then commence the winter feeding with strong sugar syrup until each colony has at least 50lbs of stores which will be a mixture of stored honey, honey from the cleaned up supers and sugar syrup.

Finally, we check that the colony is queen right, remove the queen excluder, fit the mouse guard and woodpecker protection, the colony is now on double deep boxes and ready for winter.

During winter we regularly check the weight and if necessary give an additional feed of candy.

N.B. I am sure some people will disapprove of extracting honey from combs that have previously contained brood but all of the comb is from the current season and has never prevented us from gaining top awards at Honey Shows.

Rob Chisholm August 2019

Thanks for this useful and practical article, Rob. I suggest that readers, especially new beekeepers, print and file it away for future reference rather than allow it to disappear.

Another member's experience of excessive supersedure

Just a note following your September newsletter. I'm a new beekeeper who received their first colony (courtesy of Michael Main) last summer - with a 2018 Queen. They survived the winter well and all looked good at the beginning of the year (she seemed to be laying well and the colony expanding nicely) - however they've replaced the Queen twice this year: in early April and late June (!) - and (probably as a result) I have no honey to extract.

I assumed, as a new beekeeper, that I was doing something wrong e.g. accidentally killed the Queen or missing a sign of swarming. I admit, that's still a possibility - however I found it interesting to read in the newsletter that it's happening to more experienced beekeepers as well this year. I hope a cause/solution can be found to this worrying situation.

Jess Sawyer

Thank you so much for this information Jess. I think it most improbable that you have done something wrong, judging from your detailed observations and description. As I mentioned in recent newsletters, problems in beekeeping have mounted very considerably in the last 20 or so years, and I believe that Varroa is probably the prime (but certainly not the only) cause of current queen failures and non-textbook behaviour. The most recent has been queen problems including the kind that you have described, and I also have suffered a lot from this. I suggest that you listen to a detailed lecture on the subject by Roger Patterson who was probably the first to highlight the problem publicly (meeting with some cynicism, it must be said) at least 10 years ago. The lecture was recorded at the 2018 National Honey Show and you can see it on YouTube. With you, Jess, I sincerely hope that a solution can be found, but looking at it realistically I am not very optimistic. We must continue to try to cope with and manage the problem as well as we can. One possible idea is to raise say two or three queens (which we can all learn to do in a small way), and maintain them as 'mated spares' in nucleus hives where they would be available as replacements at any time of need.

National Honey Show 2019

1. The closing date for entries for the Show is October 7th. Do consider entering – it's not as daunting as you may think. Just follow the rules as set out in the Show Schedule (available online) and give it a go.
2. We have received a request for volunteers to be stewards. Members can register by going on line:
<https://www.honeyshow.co.uk/chief-steward.php>

Another beautiful photograph from Claire Balla, who joined us after a recent Beginners' Course

Do have a look at this at the end of the Newsletter. The diameter of this huge flower can be estimated by scaling off the bee, whose measurement we know to be about 1.5 cm; I make the flower about 20 cm.
Thanks for another impressive picture, Claire.

Honey for about £100 per pound

David Parker reports that Harrods are marketing 'Organic ZambianTree Honey' for about £50.00 for a 250 g pot. I wonder what the African beekeepers are getting for it?

Pull your 'socks' up and Bees in advertising

See these at the end of the Newsletter.
Thanks to David Parker

What can humans in industry learn from bees?

Are you bored reading normal stuff about bees? (say yes). Well, continue reading the next bit:
This is the first time I've come across an industry article in my world where an author anthropomorphises bee behaviour to draw key lessons in the human world, with the aim of selling you something, in this case procurement software. As you can see, lots of relevance... NOT!
<https://www.zycus.com/blog/procurement-technology/lessons-procurement-can-learn-from-bees.html>
Maybe you could set up a prize in the newsletter for the person who can send in the most daft unscientific article drawing parallels between bees and humans. (*I will consider seeking a grant for this prize. – Ed.*)
Richard Hignett

Thanks for this, Richard.

On a more serious note, you might also be interested in a book, 'The wisdom of Bees' (subtitled What the hive can teach business about leadership, efficiency and growth) by Michael O' Malley, Ph.D. It has a very warm commendation from Tom Seeley, and is priced at £9.99.

Not what it seems

'Beekeeper raises \$45M in Series B Funding Round!'
This is not someone keeping bees but a Workplace communication company.
Drawn to our attention by David Parker

FOR SALE AND WANTED

Neither the Newsletter Editor nor Surrey Beekeepers Association take any responsibility for the accuracy of any of the following entries, or for the condition of any of the items advertised. Inexperienced purchasers should take a knowledgeable beekeeper with them for guidance. The prospective purchaser should ensure that all equipment is sterilized before use. If considering purchasing nucs of bees, or full sized colonies, check that they are not diseased, have a laying queen present (marked and/or clipped as desired – this may involve a small extra charge), brood in all stages and appropriate amounts of stores (sealed honey and pollen).

Bees for sale

A number of OVERWINTERED COLONIES with a 2019 Queen (National Standard brood frames) will be available next spring - details will follow nearer the time. The colonies have been treated with Apivar for Varroa in late summer/autumn 2019; they have a gentle, calm temperament and are good foragers. All queens are locally reared from our gentle breeding stock. We do not import bees or queens.

NUCS for 2020 can now be pre-ordered

A limited number of extended overwintered nucs (12 brood frames or 6 brood and 6 super frames) will be available in spring. These nucs have a 2019 mated queen (mated mid July 2019). Price £195 + deposit charge for the nuc box with extension (nuc and extension deposit is refunded, if returned within 2 weeks from collection).

6 Frame Nucs (National standard frames) with 2020 mated queen. Supplied in a 6 frame Poly Nuc. Price: £165 + £40 deposit for the nuc box.

The deposit for the nuc box will be refunded, if the nuc box is returned within 2 weeks from collection.

5 Frame Nucs (National standard frames) with 2020 mated queen. Supplied in 5 frame Correx Travelling Box. Price: £170.

The nucs will have a mated 2020 Queen, locally reared from our gentle breeding stock, together with a combination of her brood in various stages and stores.

Nucs tend to be available from about mid-June onwards but sometimes the earliest nucs are available early June. It all depends on the weather conditions in spring.

Nucs will be supplied in the order that orders are received. A non-refundable deposit of £25 will be required to confirm your nuc order.

For any enquiries about our bees, please feel free to contact me (see contact details below).

Contact: Astrid Bowers-Veenman (Hog's Back Bees and Bee Products)

Location: Ash Green (between Guildford and Farnham, just off the A31)

Distance from Weybridge: 12 miles (as the crow flies)

Tel. No.: 01252 330229 / Mobile: 07803 069798 / Email: astrid@coginternational.co.uk

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Astrid Bowers-Veenman

Wanted

Jo Snoad and her husband, who were on this year's Beginners' Course, are keen to obtain some second-hand equipment ready for next year, when they hope to have more bees. They would be pleased to hear from any members who have surplus equipment to sell. Here is Jo's email address: josnoad@gmail.com

<u>Dates for your diary</u>				
Saturday	October 5th		Exploring Ivy: Autumn food for honeybees and flower visiting insects*	April p. 3
Sunday	October 6th		Decode the honey bee waggle dance*	April p. 3
Sunday	October 27th	10.00 am-4.00 pm	East Surrey Bees Candle making	p. 3
Sunday	November 3rd	All day	Beekeeping "The Early Years", Wisborough Green	September pp. 2-3
Sunday	November 10th	2.30 pm	Weybridge BK AGM, Hersham KT12 4BJ	p. 3
Sunday	November 24th	All day	Beekeeping "Intermediate / Advanced", Wisborough Green	September pp. 2-3
Saturday	November 30th	1 – 6 pm	Christmas Market, Weybridge	Details later
* at Sussex University				

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Donation to Club House and Teaching Apiary Fund		
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Please make your payment electronically to:

Name of bank: CAF Bank Ltd
 Name of account: Surrey Beekeepers Association - Weybridge
 Sort code: 40 52 40
 Account number: 00017543

Please send a copy of this form duly completed to michaelfmain@hotmail.com

Please put the words 'subscription renewal' in the subject heading

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E. Beebase

(<https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/beebase/public/register.cfm>).

WBK requests that all members register on BeeBase. This is so that in the event an outbreak of a notifiable disease (e.g. EFB/AFB, Asian hornet or small hive beetle) in your area you can be notified and Bee Inspectors know who are keeping bees in the area. Please confirm whether you have registered on BeeBase.

Yes / No

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G. Apiary rents

Fees: Rowtown £15 per colony

For members with colonies at the apiary, please sign below.

I confirm that I have read and understood the Apiary Rules and I agree to abide by them.

Signed: _____

Surrey Beekeepers Association - Weybridge Division

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Year ending 30th September 2020

Your current subscription expires on 30th September 2019. I am attaching the new subscription form for you to complete which must be used to pay your next year subscription. The rate has increased by £2 for full members £1 for partner members and 50p for all other categories. **Please note that under our arrangements with BeeCraft magazine, the subscription also expires on 30th September.**

(A) Classes of Membership

Registered member The standard membership class for a beekeeper. Benefits of this class of subscription include Membership of the BBKA. BDI for 3 hives (see below) and digital subscription to BeeCraft together with participation in the all the activities of Surrey Beekeepers Association and our division. Membership of BBKA includes public liability insurance for the members (see BBKA website for details of the cover) <https://www.bbka.org.uk/public-liability-insurance>

Insurance with BDI

Registered members are covered for 3 colonies against compulsory destruction as a result of EFB or AFB. You are advised to cover the maximum number of colonies you expect to have during the coming season, as if underinsured, compensation will be reduced pro rata in the event of a claim. (See below for rates).

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(B) Bee Diseases Insurance (BDI) Rates 2019/20

These rates apply to the number of colonies to be insured by Registered and Partner members, over and above the three colonies covered by a Registered member's subscription.

Additional BDI (maximum 39) :	2 additional colonies (5)	£2.00
	7 additional colonies (10)	£5.25
	12 additional colonies (15)	£7.75
	17 additional colonies (20)	£9.50
	22 additional colonies (25)	£11.10
	27 additional colonies (30)	£13.60
	32 additional colonies (35)	£16.10
	36 additional colonies (39)	£18.10

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Members with internet access are urged to register on BeeBase, details of which are to be found on the National Bee Unit's web site. Members can also receive a useful occasional newsletter from BeeCraft by registering an email address at secretary@bee-craft.com

(D) Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a taxpayer in the UK you can increase the value of your subscription donation to the division by completing the Gift Aid Declaration on the subscription form.

(E) Association Apiaries

Fees: Rowtown £15 per colony

For members with colonies at the apiary please contact the Apiary Manager who will issue you with the Apiary Rules which you will have to sign.

(F) General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR) Notice

When you join Weybridge division of Surrey Beekeepers Association (SBKA) you submit information allowing us to register you with SBKA, the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) and Bee Disease Insurance (BDI), and with BeeCraft Magazine and to allow us to keep in touch with you. We will hold that information, for that purpose for as long as you remain a member.

SBKA, through its Divisions, collects and uses all your personal data in accordance with the GDPR. Our legal basis for processing this data is our legitimate interest as a beekeeping association. We use the data for the administration of your membership, the communication of information and the organisation of events, training courses, assessments and exams. We may share it with BBKA, BDI, the BBKA Examinations Board and BeeCraft for the purpose of administering your membership requests. We may also share it with HMRC if you have submitted a Gift Aid Declaration.

We also will provide your name address and number of hives to the National Beekeeping Unit in the event that an outbreak of EFB or AFB occurs within 5 km of your address.

More detailed information is on our draft privacy statement which can be found on our website or from your local membership secretary.

Bee on sunflower. Photo by Claire Balla. See p. 5



Cartoon, sent by David Parker, p. 5



Bees in advertising, sent by David Parker, p. 5

