

Cumbria Bee Times

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Introducing the New Editor.

Hello, my name is Ian Gregory and I am pleased to have been asked at the last Committee Meeting of the Cumbria Executive, to take on the position of Editor to the Cumbria Bee Times.

I follow a number of illustrious beekeepers as Editor, including William Dodd, John Skinner and more recently Val Sullivan and I hope to be able to maintain the same high standard and interesting subjects as in the past.

If you have any articles on Beekeeping that you think will be of interest, please forward them to me for inclusion in the Cumbria Bee Times. It will certainly make my job easier and also bring more interest to the Bee Times.

Keswick Show.

Congratulations to Keswick Beekeepers who received the Award for Best Stand at the Keswick Agricultural Show.



This is a great show case for beekeeping in Cumbria thanks to the hard work of Keswick Beekeepers.

The Season So Far.

It was a long cold winter with some heavy falls of snow at the end of February and the beginning of March. Spring started off warm then seem to go back to cold and then eventually one of the hottest summers for many years. The hot dry months of June and July seem to make my bees irritable, perhaps because the flowers were not secreting nectar. By the end of August, the supers were full and a good crop of honey was taken. Talking to other beekeepers it would seem that swarming has been less than usual. The Himalayan Balsam, not popular with a lot of people, is beneficial for winter stores and has relieved the amount of feed for winter stores. Having now applied Varroa treatment lets hope for a reasonable winter and that the bees survive for next year. Beekeeping makes you optimistic!

A more in depth Seasonal Report will follow the Honey Show.

Cumbria Executive Committee Meeting 8th September 2018.

Topics discussed:

Nominations for an Exam Secretary. This position is now vacant and Cumbria Beekeepers are seeking for a suitable candidate, whilst at the same time the Executive Committee wishes to encourage beekeepers to take the Basic Exams. A Study Workshop Day is being planned by Penrith BKA which will help towards the Basic Exams.

The Honey Show this year is to be held on Saturday 10th November at the Braithwaite Institute. Please see the flyer further on in this issue of the Bee Times.

Hive Monitoring System.

Penrith BKA are proposing to purchase a Remote Hive Monitoring System. The Executive Committee are to make a donation of £250.00 towards the purchase of the equipment on the understanding that the data obtained is shared with CBKA and is made available for publishing in the Bee Times

Membership Registration.

Cockermouth BKA are trialing a new system that is being introduced by the BBKA which will make registration of all beekeepers, with the BBKA, easier and have security benefits.

Swarm Collectors.

Stewart Beattie reported that he had now contacted all 5 councils and the Police in Cumbria about the new BBKA website Swarm list. The system appears to be working well, identifying the nearest beekeeper to the post code where there is a swarm.

BBKA Annual Delegates Meeting.

Melanie Vincent will be the CBKA Representative at this event and will be presenting the proposition; That the BBKA to be seen to be environmentally friendly and saving money by not using plastic wrapping for BBKA News.

A Visit to Slovenia.

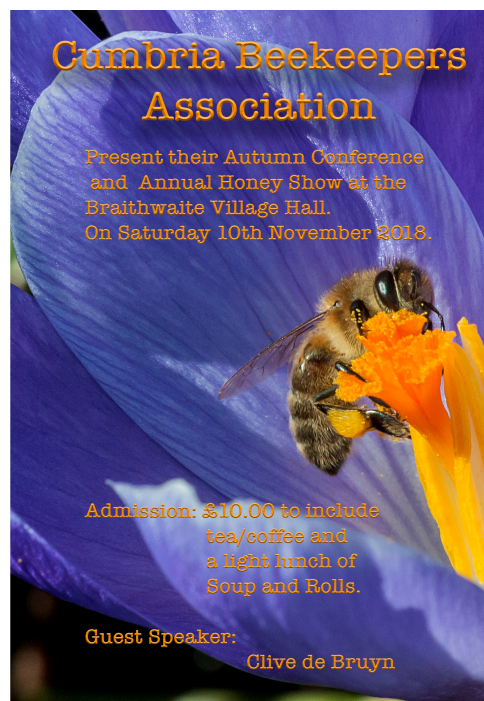
Penrith BKA are organising a trip to Slovenia at the beginning of September 2020. More details and programme to be given at the Honey Show.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Saturday 3rd November 2018. If you have any issues that you would like to be raised at that meeting please contact your Branch Secretary or the Chairman of the CBKA Executive

Cumbria Beekeepers Annual Conference and Honey Show.

The venue for this event will be at the **Braithwaite Institute** situated beside the A66 just outside Keswick towards Cockermouth. This year we are extremely pleased to be hosting Clive de Bruyn as our guest speaker. Clive is one of the best known and respected beekeeping authorities in Britain and Ireland. He is based in Essex, where he runs over 100 colonies for queen rearing, honey production and pollination.

In the Honey Show there will be various classes to enter and it is **The Social Event of the Year for Cumbria Beekeepers.** Please support this event with entries into the show and attending the lectures given by Clive de Bruyn FIBKA Snr., BBKA Snr., N.D



How to Get There.
The Braithwaite Village Hall is situated on the North Side of the A66, opposite the village of Braithwaite.

Post Code CA12 5RY

There is ample free parking.

However, care to be taken when accessing the car park from the direction of Keswick and when exiting the car park to turn towards Cockermouth.

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