

Cumbria Bee Times

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Forthcoming events

Beginners Course March 12th 2011 W&DBK.
Next steps (yr 2) Course March 13th 2011 W&D BK.
(details will be posted on the CBKA webpage)
Northern Bee Auction 9th April 2011.
Bardsea Convention May 7th 2011.
Annual Rose Show 9th/10th July 2011.

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Training for Trainers

October 23rd Edge Hill University Ormskirk

BBKA and FERA ran the first of four Training Days at Edge Hill University on Saturday 23rd. The event was very well attended by a tranche of Northern Beekeepers. Martin Smith President of BBKA ran the day and introduced the second "Course in a Case". This is the yellow one for teaching Novices (following the White one for Beginners) The plan is for five more Course in a Case modules and each Association will be able to buy these as they roll out, at cost price. The Beginners Course for Cumbria is in the care of the Secretary, Stephen Barnes for those of you who wish to borrow and use it. It contains a variety of teaching aids including notes, DVDs, pictures, and mock frames with representations of brood development as well as feedback forms. The day included talks on resources for beginners courses, effective presentation methods, teaching disease recognition, apiary organisation and safety in the apiary. The need and reason for the BBKA examination structure was fully explained although there seemed to be some differences of opinion about future developments. The day was absolutely full starting at 9.30 but there was time at the excellent lunch to talk bees. !



Training for Trainers



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Brief notes on Queen Rearing from the CBKA Conference talk by M. Thomas

Select against: Disease-Chalk brood

Sac brood (affects the worker hypopharyngeal glands)

Foul broods

Bad temper

Following

Running on the comb

Select for : Honey production

Traits of sister queens

Varroa resistance/hygienic bees

Full copies of the notes from Margaret's talk are available on line, request from the editor

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Report on CBKA Annual Honey Show and Conference.

The Annual Honey Show and Conference was held at Threlkeld Village Hall on Saturday 13th November. After welcoming everyone Nick Mills President of CBKA introduced John Crouch, the well known Cumbrian Chef, who demonstrated several dishes cooked with honey, including red cabbage with cranberries (perfect for Christmas) and a delicious mild curry. Following his demonstration there was time for tasting the dishes before lunch, also cooked by John Crouch. All John Crouch's recipes are available from him on request by e-mail: crouchungo@aol.com.

The Honey Show entries were down in number but according to the Judge Bill Mackereth not in quality. Kendal beekeepers almost swept the board with Rachel Blocksidge winning several trophies. New comer Marguerite Hopkins won a trophy for most points in the baking classes and Stephen Barnes, Cumbria BKA Secretary, won the best exhibit in show with his perfect frame of honey suitable for extraction.

Following lunch the Branch reports revealed a difficult year for most beekeepers with colonies requiring feed in the middle of summer and poor honey crops for most. All Branches reported increased membership, reflecting the great interest in beekeeping.

The Seasonal Bee Inspector, Stewart Beattie, gave his report, concluding that although at present the Foul brood outbreaks seem to have been contained, he thinks many beekeepers are still not tackling their Varroa infestations well enough.

The afternoon Speaker was Margaret Thomas, Moderator for the BBKA examination Board, Master beekeeper. She gave a most instructive talk on Queen rearing for small scale beekeeping (not as she pointed out Queen Breeding) with plenty of diagrams to illustrate techniques. There is a synopsis of her talk included in this CBT, but all her notes will be available from the editor by e-mail.

Margaret Thomas kindly presented the trophies for the honey show, before the closing remarks by the President Nick Mills.

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Cumbria Beekeepers

Wax Day

Saturday 4th December 2010
at
Braithwaite Village Hall

£5.00 per person

For members of Cumbria BKA only.

- 1 Recovery of Wax from cappings, old brood combs.
- 2 Filtering and cleaning of wax.
- 3 Making foundation. (Hertzog Press, Herring Press etc).
- 4 Candle making (dipped, moulded and rolled).
- 5 Toiletries.

Start time 10.00hrs finish at 16.00hrs

Bring your own lunch.
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Registration 09.30hrs.

To book your place tel, or email Stephen Barnes
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NORTHERN BEEKEEPING AUCTION

9th April 2011

PLEASE BRING YOUR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.

For this to work we need items to sell.

If this is well supported it may become an annual event.

Secretaries : Please can you include this information sheet in your correspondence to beekeepers and beginners.

Venue: Houghton Village Hall. 1 mile from junction 44 of the M6

Items required for auction: used beekeeping equipment, bee books, wax foundation, extractors and extracting equipment, hive parts, hive straps and anything bee related.

Colonies of bees.

Buy new equipment from trade stands on site.
Refreshments will be available.

Members of Carlisle Beekeepers Association will be available for advice.

Contact Peter Harris for full details



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