



Carlisle Beekeepers Association

Annual Dinner

Saturday 28th January 2012
Cumbrian Cottage Farm Shop & Tea Room,
Gelt Farm, Hayton
£22 per head

Starters

Homemade Soup of the Day
St Clement's Sorbet with a Melon Fan
Prawn Cocktail with Marie Rose Sauce
Chicken & Bacon Caesar Salad

Main Course

Roast Turkey served with Traditional Accompaniments
Fillet of Salmon with a Dill and Cucumber Sauce
served with a selection of Potatoes and Vegetables
Chicken and Mushroom Pancake in a Brandy and Cream Sauce
topped with Cheese and served with a selection of Potatoes and Vegetables

Vegetarian Option

Homemade Nut Roast
served with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Sweets

A choice of sweets to include
Christmas Pudding served with Rum Sauce
Tea or Coffee with Mints

Wine

If you wish bring your own wine
Corkage £2.00 per bottle

Booking

Menu choice and payment by
Saturday 15th January 2012
please send bookings, with a cheques, to
Mrs Pat Whiteley, Chaelan, Irthington, Carlisle, CA6 4NJ
Tel ~ 016977 2052
Email ~ don@chealan.co.uk

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The weather is cold and winter is on us, are the bees getting hungry? Have you checked? Try and choose a warm dry day when bees are flying and check the bees. You should be able to make a good estimate by hefting the hive to check the weight.

This is also the time of year when the brood is at the lowest levels, and the advice is to treat with oxalic acid to reduce the level of varroa in the hive before breeding starts again.

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It is hard work at the Walby apiary!

Cumbria Beekeepers Website

The Cumbria Association website aims to provide information on events and membership for all the branches. But we can only do this if people let us know what is happening.

We also need articles for this newsletter and the website. There is a huge wealth of knowledge amongst the membership, something we would be keen to share with everyone.

Please send details of events or articles to - nigel@cloudberry.co.uk

Carlisle Beekeepers Association is a local branch of Cumbria Beekeepers

www.cumbriakeepers.co.uk

The Chairman's Letter

Hello and welcome to the December newsletter, I would like this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Paul Carruthers and as you may know if you attended the AGM on November 28th Charlie stood down as Chairperson of the Carlisle Beekeepers Association and I was elected as his replacement. Charlie has however agreed to be Vice Chairman and I think we would all like to thank him for his sterling work and the time he has dedicated to the post over the last few years.

Over the last few weeks Cumbria Beekeepers have organised two events, the first being at Newbiggin, Penrith on the 12th November. This incorporated the honey show as well as very interesting talks on local queens and polystyrene hives. The second event was at Braithwaite on the 3rd December and the subjects were wax recovery, making foundation from recovered wax and the making of cosmetics, lip balms and hand lotions etc. Both of these were well worth attending and I would certainly recommend these types of meetings to members. Not only for the information they give you but they are also a good way to meet people from the other associations. We also had our own Honey Show in October with Christine judging. This was well attended and again an interesting night.

Please don't forget that the association's annual dinner is due to take place on January 28th. This is always a good night and the guest speaker gave us an interesting and amusing talk at last year's dinner. This year the subject is his work as a RSBP warden. Because of an oversight at the AGM the association's constitution states that a full committee has to be elected at the AGM. Those who attended will know that this was not done and only certain members were appointed. The only way to rectify this is to call an Extraordinary General Meeting. Due to the time of year it has been decided to attach this EGM onto the annual dinner when we will have a good number of members present. If you would like to be considered for the committee and will not be able to make it to the dinner then please feel free to contact myself or Fiona.

Also please reminder to return your membership forms ASAP, even if you have decided to pay by standing order.

With regard to our bees December and January are the months when our bees have the lowest amount of brood and we should be thinking about treating with Oxalic Acid, thus giving them a good start in the spring with as low a varroa level as we can.

Finally I and the "committee" would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hope you have a prosperous honey New Year.

Best Wishes

Paul Carruthers
Chairman



Membership

Can we remind all Carlisle Association members that membership runs out at the end of December, and next years membership is now due.

Please send completed membership forms and a cheque for £22 to Dieter.

Cheques should be made payable to:
Carlisle Beekeepers Association

Treasurer

Dieter Gringinger
The Croft,
Aglionby,
Carlisle,
Cumbria,
CA4 8AO

Tel: (01228) 513743

Standing Orders

To help ease the banking of membership you may now set up a Standing Order to automatically make you membership payments.

If you wish to use this method please send the Standing Order form to your own bank, and the membership form to the treasurer.

Forms on Website

Membership and Standing Order Forms may be downloaded from the website.



Walby Apiary

Carlisle branch has an apiary at Walby just off the A689. Everyone is welcome at the apiary which is used for teaching beginners and experienced beekeepers, and also for the summer meetings.



Sid and a group at Walby apiary

Directions from Carlisle

Follow the A689 from Junction 44

Go east towards Brampton

Turn Left at the sign for Walby Park Farm

Follow the road past the farm and beyond the double bend

The apiary is on the left hand side of the road

Directions from Brampton

Follow the A689 west towards Carlisle

Turn Right in Crosby Moor at the sign for Wallhead - just before the garage

Follow the road and turn left at the farm

Go west along the road for half a mile, the apiary is on the right hand side of the road