

Whitehaven and District Beekeepers Microscopy Day

September 17th 2011 10.00 –16.00

Lamplugh Village Hall

Nosema detection, Bee anatomy, Acarine detection.

To book a place send your name, address, email and phone no with a cheque for £25.00 (£20.00 W&DBK) payable to "Whitehaven and District Beekeepers" to V. Sullivan, Brackenwray Farm, Cleator, CA23 3AG
Tel:01946 862604

Coffee and Tea will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Full programme will be sent out with acknowledgement.
Suggested reading: Anatomy and Dissection of the Honey Bee by H.A. Dade.

Diary Dates

Apiary Days at the Association Apiary, Walby at 2pm

September Sun 4th, Sat 17th, Sun 25th

October Sun 2nd

Indoor meetings are held at Houghton Village Hall, Houghton at 7.30pm

Monday 26th September *Question Time* with a panel of experts

Monday 31st October *Honey Show*

Monday 28th November *AGM*

Thurs 27th – Sat 29th Oct *National Honey Show*, Weybridge

See www.honeyshow.co.uk for details

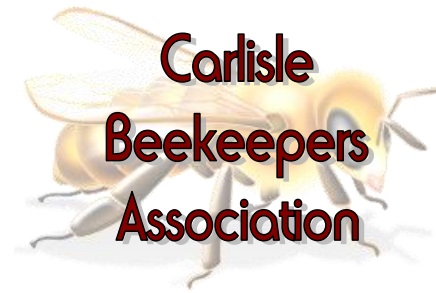
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Chairman's Remarks

I think most of us will be very satisfied with the honey production side of things this year. We experienced an amazing April with nectar flowing that would normally come in May and then the 'June Gap' coming a month early. Colony build up was both early and rapid with swarm cells being seen in the second half of April.

I would call this year a very swarmy year with queen cells being produced even after artificial swarming, and as I write this they are still being produced in the odd hive.

I've had problems keeping new queens, and I know other people have as well. I suspect the cause was not being properly mated due to bad weather, therefore not well inseminated.

Now is the time to get the honey off, treat for varroa and feed with sugar syrup or Ambrosia to make sure bees have enough stores to last until the end of April at least.

Small colonies should be united to make viability over winter more likely.

The Walby apiary has been very well attended and a rota has been organised to inspect the bees when there is no meeting.

With just three apiary visits to go our first winter meeting, which is a Question Time, is on Monday September 26th. So to experienced beekeepers and beginners alike I ask you to come along to Houghton with all those problems you've come up against this year and hear what the team of experts have to say.

Carlisle BKA depends totally on volunteers and while it's fantastic to see so many newcomers at the apiary it is vital that some of those newcomers do more than just learn about bees, going off to keep their own bees and never

being seen again. We need some new members who are prepared to put a little into Carlisle BKA to ensure its future.

With so many new members we shouldn't have to rely on the same loyal people all the time, to organise things. It really is a case of 'the more the merrier'. No one person is expected to do that much and it becomes easier for everyone. After all we are there primarily to keep people up to speed on bee keeping as well as a social group to enjoy our get togethers.

Finally, on behalf of Carlisle BKA, I would like to send condolences to Ingrid Mair for the sad loss of her husband, Miller. There is a memorial service in Dumfries on Saturday 3rd September at the Crichton Memorial Church at 2pm.

Charlie (Savage)

American Foul Brood Outbreak

From Stewart Beattie, Seasonal Bee Inspector to Beekeeping Secretaries.

I am sorry to inform you that I have found another apiary with American Foul Brood (AFB) in the Carlisle Area.

I cannot disclose the exact location but it is in the 10k map square NY45 that is EAST of Carlisle. Please can you notify your beekeepers.

I do not believe this outbreak is linked to this year's other AFB apiaries located at NY 35 Carlisle West and NY04 (North Aspatia to South Silloth) or last year's AFB in the Longtown area.

Please can you remind the beekeepers that they should now shake the bees from the brood combs and check for disease. Contact myself or Ian Molyneux if they suspect a problem.

Information on AFB can be found on NBU web site.

It is important that we know where apiaries in Carlisle/ north Cumbria are located. Please ask the beekeepers who have not been inspected in the past to register on bee base.

I have just been informed that Stewart has found two more cases of AFB in the map square NY 65 (Haltwhistle area) and NY56 (Geltsdale area)

To register on Bee Base go to www.nationalbeeunit.com, phone 01904 462510 or contact the secretary who should have the paper forms for you to complete.

Christine Matthews

Dalston Show 2011

It rained all week before the show and my head was saying to me " I hope they call it off" but my heart was saying " I hope it goes ahead". I just love Dalston Show!

It went ahead!

Friday night saw Peter H, Paul, Syd and me arrive at the Dalston to set up. We had to get the help of a large tractor to tow the van onto and off the showground! It wasn't like Glastonbury mud, more a squidgy, soft mud which everything was sinking into. It didn't take long to put the stand up.

Saturday morning looked a lot more hopeful. At least it was dry.

Ruth and I arrived first, closely followed by Fiona, Paul, Syd and Pete Nanson. Fiona and Ruth were wearing the new Carlisle Beekeepers outfits and looked very smart.

The stall looked great with 2 observation hives, information about bees, honey for sale and my bits and pieces. It was a bit too cold for candle rolling. It wasn't long before Monica and Judy arrived.

We were in a new position this year and seemed to catch all the passing customers going to the craft and industrial marquees.

There were only a couple of very light showers and we were all so glad to see the sun come out in the afternoon.

Trade was brisk with all the apiary honey being snapped up and raising £140 for the apiary funds.

To cap it all, in the middle of the afternoon two officials arrived and announced we had won 2nd prize for best trade stand! We were awarded a nice rosette and £9. They complimented us on the colourful display and the crowds we were attracting.

I took an executive decision to buy ice creams all round for everyone! They did taste good.

All was packed up by 5pm and luckily Mark Ainsworth was on hand to help with the transportation of the equipment off the site.

Thanks to Peter, Mark, Syd and Monica, Pete and Judy, Fiona, Ruth and Paul for making it a memorable day.

Lorraine Priestley

