



86th National Honey Show

This year's National Honey Show, the 86th, will be held between **Thursday 26th and Saturday 28th October.**

The venue is again **Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ.**

The 2017 programme includes lectures by Tom Seeley, Heather Mattila, Kim Flottum, Will Steynor and Peter Tomkins.

Friday's programme includes BeeCraft Lectures and Saturday has a great programme for those in the early years of their beekeeping hobby.

There will be the usual spectacular display of entries as well as Workshops, Honey Sales and a large Trade Hall.

For more details visit the Show's website at www.honeyshow.co.uk



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Around the Divisions

All Members are welcome to attend any Divisional meeting, but please advise the organiser if you plan to attend.

Central Sussex Division

Saturday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th July - Apiary meetings and BuZZ Club at Pease Pottage starting at 9:30am.

Further details from Debbie Rowland: chairman@centralsussexbka.org.uk or website: www.centralsussexbka.org.uk

Chichester Division

Tuesday 11th July - Details from Nick Brown: secretary@chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk or website: www.chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk

***'Share your Division's
activities with readers of the
County News'***

Wisborough Green Division

Saturday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th July - Meetings at the teaching apiary from 1:30pm.

Wednesday 5th & 26th July - Meeting at the teaching apiary from 6pm.

Further details from Sue Elliott: secretary@wgbka.org.uk or website: www.wgbka.org.uk

Worthing Division

Saturday 1st & 29th & Sunday 16th July - Meetings at the teaching apiary from 2pm

Further details from Len Lewis: secretary@worthingbeekeepers.org.uk or the Division's website: www.worthingbeekeepers.org.uk

... and Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd July - *The Cranleigh Show*. The Showground on the B2127.

THE fun day out for all the family in the heart of the Surrey countryside.

Full details on the Show's website: www.cranleighshow.co.uk. WGBKA bees on display.



Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th October - *86th National Honey Show*. Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ. See lead article in this newsletter or view the Show's website: www.honeyshow.co.uk/.

Sunday 19th November - BIBBA *'Bee Improvement for All'*. Rudgwick Village Hall, Bucks Green, RH12 3JJ. Full details will follow in future newsletters.

We are now on facebook so if you would like your events featured please send details to the Editor.



Melvyn's Missive

Chairman, Melvyn Essen, writes for the County News



I hope your supers are being filled now. I'm sure (I hope I'm sure) a lot of you have been scratching around in your sheds for anything that resembles a super and you can always use brood frames - it's a good opportunity to get some drawn out for next year after extracting the honey.

When I have a few minutes to spare I look at BBKA's Facebook page and the forum and have noticed there a lot of aggressive bees around - due to buying in hybrid or non-native queens do you think? When I started beekeeping there weren't a lot of bees available from my group or on sale, also we were told swarms shouldn't be given to beginners. The bees I managed to purchase were labelled as New Zealand, in other words, ginger Italian. I think my queen was first generation anyway and the second generation which doesn't take long with those Italians were nasty, and now I know, spreading drones with nasty characteristics. Let's hope we will find out more about queens on the 19th November at the BIBBA day in Rudgwick Village Hall.



I hope, like us at Central Sussex you are bringing on plenty of new beekeepers to take over from us oldies when we cannot lift a super or see eggs even using a torch and magnifying glass. Our training apiary has been very busy since April, I'm sure it's the lovely cake members bring. We have just purchased another dozen suits and as we seem to attract a lot of tall newcomers we have some XX Large suits this time!

Melvyn

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New Examination Secretary

Dear All,

I just wanted to quickly introduce myself as I've recently taken over as Examination Secretary. I'm looking forward to the role and building on the hard work Roger and Marion Brooks have done.

I understand that West Sussex BKA has a low uptake of exams and I hope that going forward we can work together to turn things around, encourage new beekeepers and demonstrate the quality of beekeeping knowledge I know we have in West Sussex.



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The Beekeepers' Quarterly

Northern Bee Books is again offering a substantial discount to West Sussex members on the annual price of the Beekeepers' Quarterly magazine.



You can subscribe for just £20 p.a - a saving of £10 on the normal charge. A similar discount is available on the e-version of the magazine - just £10, saving £10 on the normal subscription.

Take a look at www.beekeepers.peacockmagazines.com/ for a sample of the publication.

Subscriptions must be through WSBKA to ensure you receive the discount, so if you are interested in subscribing or renewing your subscription just let me know.

Graham

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Honeybee Carer Wanted

Two hives of bees are looking for a carer in a lovely garden in Washington village, in other words the owners of the property want to have bees in the garden, but are away a lot and would like someone to care for them.

Equal share of any harvest and the owners will pay for all equipment. If a beginner would like to take them on I am willing to mentor.

Melvyn

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LASI Summer Workshops

I just wanted to let you know that we still have some spaces left for our series of workshops this summer. Perhaps members might be interested in attending.

See here for more details and how to book:

www.sussex.ac.uk/lasi/newsandevents/events



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We're on the web:

www.westsussexbeekeepers.org.uk

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Thanks to all this month's contributors. If you don't have access to the internet and want further details of anything in this newsletter, please contact the Editor & County Secretary. Likewise, if you would like to contribute to future newsletters or our facebook page please send articles and photographs to:

Graham Elliott, Editor & County Secretary, *no later than the 20th of the preceding month.*

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