



News

EDBKA 2016/17 FILM

Many members who couldn't attend the AGM have heard about and asked when the 2016/17 EDBKA film celebrating the year will be shown again.

Unfortunately, for copyright reasons pertaining to the soundtrack we regret we cannot upload to our normal Facebook or You Tube channels.

It is therefore proposed to screen again before our indoor meeting on 26 January and again before our first training session on Tuesday 27 March (see over page).



YOUR WINTER STOCK PURCHASES

As always the Association will be making purchases of kit from the Thornes' New Year Sale which normally opens on 1 January.

If you would like to piggy-back on our order and save yourself any postage charges you are more than welcome.

If you are a new member and would like some advice on equipment choice then again we will be happy to help.

Further enquiries contact Ivor Kemp on **079325 38491**.

Tesco Bags of Help Appeal winners

As announced at our AGM, we are delighted that Tesco has awarded our Association £4,000. The money has been allocated for spend on improving the apiary, particularly for new members and training for our beekeepers.

We are now able to offer all our members a FREE Basic Beekeeping Training course consisting of six indoor lessons from February-April followed by six practical tuition groups held at our apiary in West Moors in the spring (see further details over).

Our Apiary manager is rubbing his hands with glee at the prospect of a bigger spend than normal this winter on bee equipment which will improve and expand our apiary. We also hope to achieve a long term ambition of setting up our own Queen Rearing operation.



TESCO

Bags of Help



The money also allows us to produce and print more professional leaflets which will help us with a major membership recruitment drive which is a priority this year.

It also gives scope for our first ever Open Day in the summer which will invite members of the public to join us for a day's beekeeping experience in West Moors. Exciting times indeed!

Ivor Kemp, Chairman
079325 38491

NEW MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND PAYMENTS

As voted for at our AGM there is now a new Membership structure in place.

There are now four categories of membership:

FULL £30

Registered member also of BBKA (plus three-hive insurance) and Dorset BKA.

PARTNER £15

Partner of a FULL Member living at the same address. Registered member also of BBKA and Dorset BKA.

ASSOCIATE £10

Member without bees. Solely a Member of EDBKA.

JUNIOR £10 (under 18)

Registered Junior Member of BBKA. Eligible to take BBKA Junior Certificate.

So many of you have renewed or joined as new members already for which we are very grateful.

For those of you still to renew you can do so by downloading the 2017/2018 Membership Form from our website <http://www.edbka.org.uk/> Go to our membership page and click on the appropriate link.

Alternatively you can contact our Treasurer Chris Williams to join: chris@taasinge.co.uk or 1A Vernalls Gardens, Northbourne, Bournemouth, Dorset BH10 7HT.

We have made things so much easier this year by including the Association's bank details through which you can pay your membership electronically.

Our next meetings are:

Friday 26 January an evening with Seasonal Bee Inspector, Kevin Pope who leads an illustrated discussion and forum on bee disease with particular reference to the Asian Hornet threat.

Friday 23 February Master Beekeeper Geoff Buckland joins us for an evening about all things 'Queen'. Geoff will also introduce us to the Miller Method of Queen Rearing.

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE PAGE 2

Tuesday 27 February EDBKA Basic Training Session 1 - Equipment: Names, functions, different types of hives, tools, hygiene, stings and treatment

ASIAN HORNET NEWS UPDATE

Lunch in the Saxon Arms, Shillingstone during a break in the Dorset BKA Convention was a good opportunity to hear first hand of developments in the war against the pending Asian Hornet invasion to the UK with our Seasonal Beekeeper, Kevin Pope.

Kevin was one of many Defra appointed beekeepers on-site in Woolacombe in Devon which received a positive sighting in September. Only one nest was discovered and destroyed and, despite numerous suspected sightings both in Devon and Dorset, no more positive identifications were made.

However, Kevin made the point that the random locations of Tetbury (last year) and Woolacombe (this year) mean that any location in the south could be the next to receive an Asian Hornet - if it hasn't already!

How can we help each other?

It is imperative that each and everyone of us with bee hives registers our apiaries on Bee Base - the National Bee Unit website. Information is anonymous but provides our Inspectors with comprehensive and quick references to all bee hives in a local area.



Should a sighting occur in East Dorset it means that apiaries can be inspected quickly and beekeepers warned. If you are not already registered please do so today. It's so simple to do and there is a wealth of free beekeeping information for you there as well - <http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/>

Kevin will be visiting us in January to talk about overcoming Bee Disease but has promised to give us his first hand experience and expert advice on helping to monitor future incursions of this insect.

Ivor Kemp

NEW MEMBERS' & EVENTS

New members East Dorset Beekeepers welcomes the following new members:

Nicholas Bedwell
Ben Bolton
Jamie Borrett
John Boyce
Sue Calver
Jo Elkington
Barry Fenn
Josh Iveson
Ms. T Murray
John Peacock
Brian Roberts
Julia Williams
Mrs D Wilson
and our first Junior Member:
Ciaran Greening

Members' events

Dates for your diary
Our 2018 indoor meetings will be held at Broadstone Community & Arts Centre BH18 8AB at 7.30pm on the following dates:

Friday 26th January

An evening with Seasonal Bee Inspector Kevin Pope who will lead an illustrated discussion (answering all your questions) on bee disease with particular reference to the Asian Hornet threat

Friday 23rd February

Master Beekeeper Geoff Buckland leads an evening about all things 'Queen' including his own method of rearing.

EDBKA BASIC BEEKEEPING COURSE 2018

EDBKA are offering all members a Basic Beekeeping Course FREE OF CHARGE in 2018!

The sessions will all be held in the Lower VIth Form Common Room at Poole Grammar School, Gravel Hill, Poole, BH17 9JU from 7pm until 9pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 27th February

Tuesday 6th March

Tuesday 13th March

Tuesday 20th March

Wednesday 28th March

Tuesday 3rd April

To confirm, the sessions are free to paid-up members and are led by Master Beekeeper, Lesley Gasson. The indoor sessions will be followed by six practical lessons on Saturday mornings in April/May 2018 at our Apiary in West Moors.

Session 1

Equipment: Names, functions, different types of hives, tools, hygiene, stings and treatment

Session 2

Bee space and how to handle bees.

Opening a colony, reasons for opening a colony, point about bee space, types of control

Session 3

Life cycle of honey bee queen, drone and worker

Session 4

Swarms and swarm control. Reasons for swarming, methods of swarm control, signs of queenlessness, laying workers, uniting colonies

Session 5

Pests and diseases. Healthy brood, AFB EFB Varroa, acarine, nosema, legislation and notifiable diseases

Session 6

Honey harvest. Annual cycle, setting up an apiary, feeding bees, harvesting honey, robbing, legal requirements of bottling, labelling and selling honey

Whilst it is not essential to book these, it would be helpful to us if you are able to reserve your place at this stage so we can manage numbers.

We will then be in touch nearer the time to confirm and add details.

Ivor Kemp, Chairman 079325 38491

Our website: <http://www.edbka.org.uk/>

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