



Your East Dorset Beekeepers' Association News Oct 24

Hello EDBKA Family,

Hope you are all well and we have so enjoyed the year. This newsletter will have some updates for you, diary dates, tips and requests. Thank you so much to our lovely committee who have welcomed me this year and are a joy to be with.

Thank you to Michelle, Nigel, Andrew, Brigit who have all said they are happy to help with anything we need and you could be on Sandra's "Good List" too :)

Nigel has come up with a great ideas map which I am loving, including things such as note pad for new beekeepers. I have designed one and we will show it at the AGM.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

L. Hocking, G. Tubbs, G. Hamilton, S. Parker, T. Jones, N. Collom, L. Watkinson, L. Briant, A. Perchard, R. Preston, S. Henshaw.

I have really enjoyed getting to know you this summer with our apiary training sessions and thank you so much for those who have offered to give some of their lovely free time to assist the association or Apiary Management Committee.

Membership Renewal

You should have received an email inviting you to renew your membership at the beginning of November. If you've not already done so, and want to renew, please click on the link in the email. You'll get a further email with instructions on how to pay. If you are a UK taxpayer and haven't already completed the Gift Aid form please consider doing this. The form can be downloaded from our website.

<https://edbka.org.uk/membership/>

TIP OF THE MONTH – Check your suit.

The teeth on my OZ Armour suit have broken (2 years in). They replied to my email saying, "the front zip might have been left unfastened during washing, which can sometimes cause it to become brittle or broken" Moral of story, do your zipper up when washing suit.



Honey show

The awards were spread across the entries which was good to see. The cups for the different sections were awarded to:-

Section 1 George Habgood Cup - Mr M Horton
 Section 2 George Cup -Mrs K Cadman shares with Mrs L Richley (2nd year winner)
 Section 3 Holland Jones Cup - Mrs M Hutchings and Mr A Gilbert
 Section 4 Bea Cup - Mr C Williams (2nd year winner)
 Novice Shield - Mr A Gilbert
 Most points in Show - Mrs L Richley
 Photography - Mr I Kemp
 Massey Trophy Best in Show - Mrs S Stokes

As always, a massive thank you goes to Margaret for her impeccable organisation of the event as well as Jenny who supported her on the day. Thanks also go to those who set up and cleared away, not forgetting the helpers in the kitchen. The judge provided wonderful feedback as part of the process/learning experience.



Apiary Report

Helen, Stephanie, Serina, Terry, Alison, Sheila, Karen and Pete have done such a great job that new beekeepers have been able to have their training and we have some EDBKA honey to sell.

11 hives, 3 nucs, at the peak was a lot to manage so next year we plan to reduce to 6 hives and will sell off any splits / nucs (once established) to reduce the time.

They have inspired me to buy some d-rings to fit to my hives so that I can heft with luggage scales, oh yes, buy the luggage scales.....

Sadly, Karen and Pete are going to be doing other things in 2025, so we have a great opportunity for members to get involved.

What Kills Bees in Winter?

1. Low population of Winter Bees resulting in a small cluster
2. Overload of viruses resulting in bees of poor health or deformed wing virus
3. Lack of protein & carbohydrates (lack of warmer winter days or food stores used up and bees starve)
4. Early spring the queen failing (got cold or starved) or temperature swings the beekeeper was not ready for re feeding (always watch

Seasonal Beekeeping BBKA Tips for you

Hive inspections, Configuration, Hefting, insulation, frames & equipment

October in the Apiary BBKA Tips

[October 2024](#) [October 2023](#): [October 2022](#):

Back Catalogue for some winter reading and spring preparation.

https://www.bbka.org.uk/blogs/in-the-apiary-blog?srsltid=AfmBOop25f9uJ38yCRpZLGxJ0m-mQMj7g_BgmBNtmvZMZpenK7ELb58b&Take=24



11th October	Skittles & Supper		Hamworthy Club, Merley,
15th October 7pm	BBKA Talk – Mead	Michael Badger	Zoom
18th October	EDBKA AGM		Corfe Mullen Village Hall
24th to 26th October 2024	<u>National Honey Show</u>		Sandown Park
7th November 2024 7.45pm for 8.0pm	Quiz Night		RBL Broadstone TBC
19th November 7pm	BBKA Talk – Varroa	Kirsty Stainton	Zoom
21st January 7pm	BBKA Talk – Chronic Bee Paralysis Virus	Giles Budge	Zoom
18 February 7pm	BBKA Talk – TBC		Zoom
Would you like to have a social night with a band and shake off winter event? Answers to sandraps274@gmail.com . :)			
18th March 7pm	BBKA Talk – TBC		Zoom

Education and Training

The new BBKA Zoom Talk series is excellent, and we are thoroughly enjoying them at EDBKA

Mark and Jude are discussing the next round of Spring training for new beekeepers.

There are a number of people interested in joining the next training course, so Mr White suggests

Mentor Help – Please the What’s app group for questions and help from our beekeepers.

We need help managing our Colony of Beekeepers and Association!

The EDBKA committee are a dedicated team who try to help and support each other with their main objective being to do their best for the members and the association. If you would like to be part of the team to plan the future for EDBKA now is your opportunity, here is a summary of what each post involves.

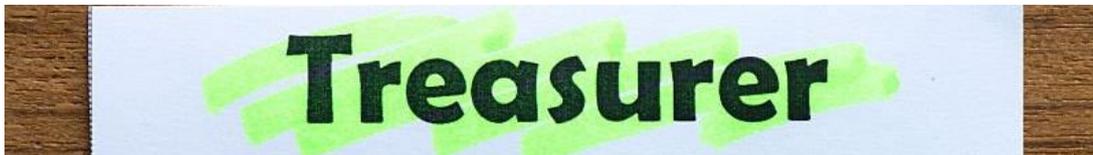


I have enjoyed my time as Hon Secretary for the EDBKA for the last 18 years but feel the association would benefit with someone new taking over the role so plan to retire from the post at the AGM on 18th October 2024.

The role of Secretary includes replying to emails from and sending out email to members with information about any future events and meetings being held by the association or BBKA . Attending and taking the minutes at the committee meetings which are held in Broadstone every 4 – 6 weeks, usually on a Monday evening although some winter meetings will be held via Zoom if deemed necessary. Answering queries received from members or passing the query on to someone who can!

I am happy to help and support anyone who is willing to take on this interesting role.

Jenny Wellman



1. Recording all monies received and paid out either by hand written ledger or via a spreadsheet.
2. Banking cash/cheques
3. Preparing a set of accounts for committee meetings.
4. Preparing Annual accounts for the AGM
5. Updating master Gift Aid records and archiving for 7 years
6. Completing annual HM gov Gift Aid claim
7. Receiving via website membership renewals and copying details to Secretary and membership secretary
8. Responding by a welcome letter to new members and copying details to Secretary and Membership Secretary.
9. Logging new members for inclusion in EDBKA Newsletter

Chris Williams

EVENTS

what are other words for event planner?



event organiser, assistant, help, helper, supporter



Thesaurus.plus

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR: A new post we would like to vote in at the AGM .

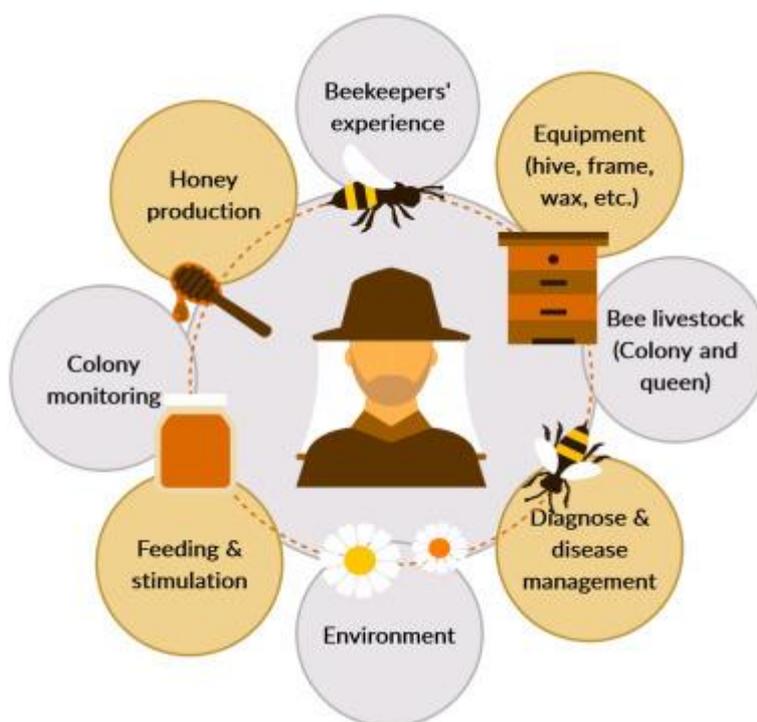
Booking and arranging dates for events such as the BBQ, speakers and venue for three winter meetings, skittles , and fetes we are invited to and any members meetings EDBKA organise.

HONEY SHOW SECRETARY:

Book the Judge and Steward before anything else then the Hall. Send out schedule making sure members inform the Show Secretary of their entries labels can be sent or have ready on the day (better to have them before) instructions are on the Schedule. Show Cards and Chart. We have been aiming to get a couple of members to shadow Jenny and I for years! Members return trophies on the day - then they are engraved and presented at the AGM.

I am always available to help anybody in the handover - the above may put members off but if they want a Honey Show somebody has to step up.

Margaret Hutchings



APIARY MANAGEMENT TEAM: Join the team of members who in turn manage the upkeep of the EDBKA apiary. You can buddy up with an established beekeeper to help and learn at the same time. Awesome opportunity. It also helps if you occasionally like cutting grass!

If you are curious, please contact me on sandraps274@gmail.com

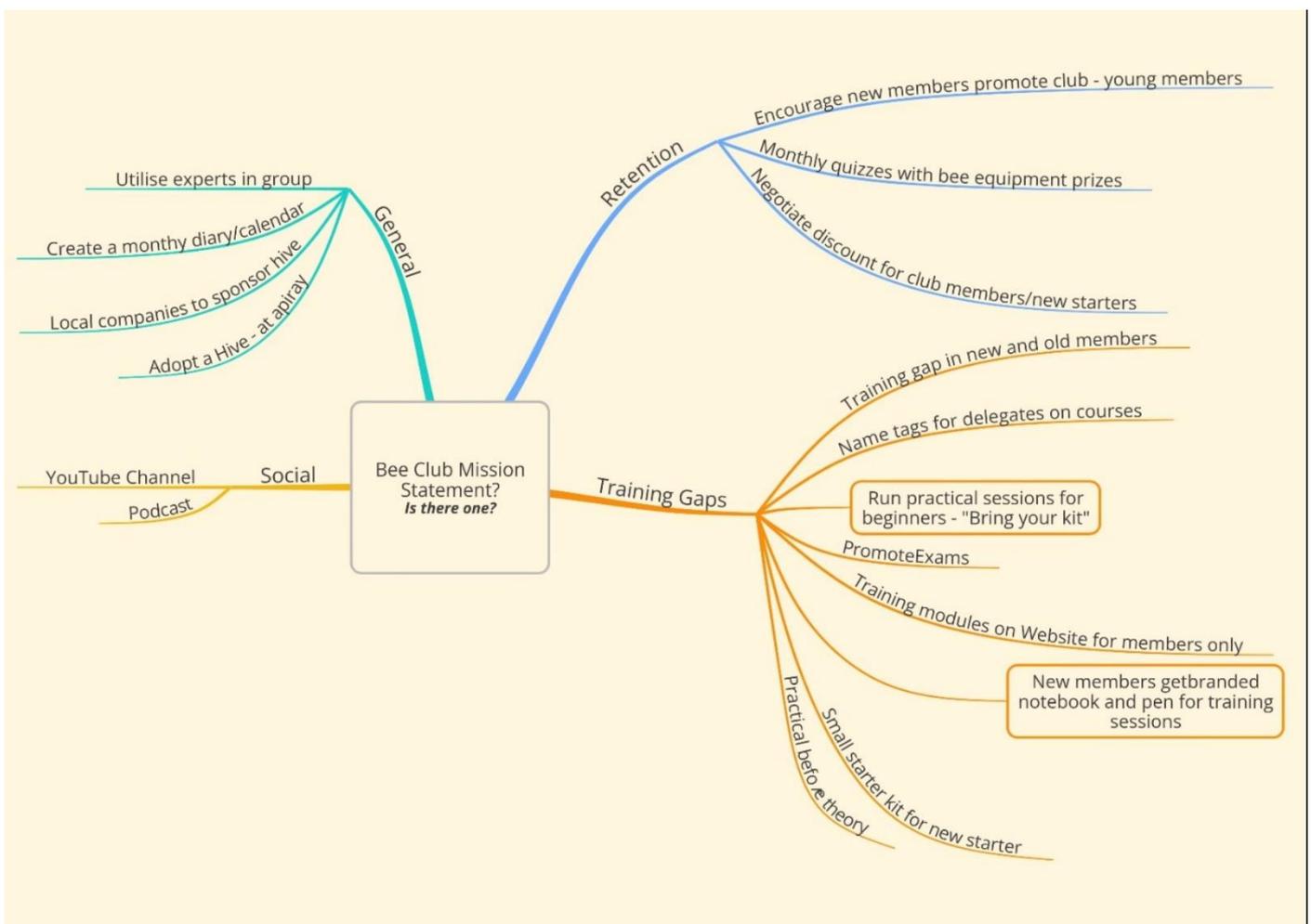


Warmest regards,

Sandra Palmer-Snellin

Chairperson, East Dorset Beekeepers' Association (EDBKA)

New Ideas for 2025 – Which do you like?



Created by a creative club member