



National Honey Show

Renew membership, purchase admission or live streaming tickets from the National Honey Show's website shop:

www.honeyshow.co.uk/shop



Admission will be by pre-booked tickets ONLY for 2021 to avoid queues and crowding in the foyer. The window closes 11th October to allow posting of member badges and admission tickets.

Completed entry forms must reach the Entries Secretary by Monday 4th October so you have just a few days if your entries are not yet in. A number of classes closed on 6th September so check the Schedule. **NO late entries will be accepted.**

There is still time to book your place on many of the lectures and workshops. Full details on the NHS website.

90th National Honey Show, 21st–23rd October, Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ

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Chairman's Chat

Chairman, Roger Patterson writes for the County News.



The autumn is an important time for the beekeeper because the survival of colonies into the spring depends on the preparation now. A dead colony loses a queen, the bees, all the food you have fed it and next year's crop, so it is quite expensive.

One common mistake, especially amongst beginners, is to make increase at the end of the year, often resulting in colonies that are too weak to survive. For the small-scale beekeeper I believe it is better to unite two weaker colonies in the hope of getting one through, rather than risk losing two.

At the time of writing (25 Sept) the ivy has been yielding for about a week. This is a good source of autumn nectar, but it granulates solid, so the bees are unable to use it in winter without water to liquify it. This can cause starvation unless there is liquid food within reach. Gently feeding syrup at the same time will allow bees to store liquid food amongst the ivy, so reducing the problems.

I have a video on YouTube ['Dead Bees Don't Buzz: Surviving the Winter'](#) that I hope you find helpful. I have had many comments from beekeepers that I encourage them to look at wintering in a different way than they have previously.

Roger

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BBKA Honey Survey

The BBKA has launched its Honey Survey for 2021.

Follow this link to complete the survey which will remain active until 25th October: [BBKA Honey Survey 2021](#)

There have been mixed reports of honey yields this year so it will be interesting to see the results across the country which will be published in BBKA News. So please complete the survey if you can.



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

Full details of the Division's activities from: chairman@centralsussexbka.org.uk or the Division's website: www.centralsussexbka.org.uk

Chichester Division

Thursday 21st October - 'Garden Forage for Honey Bees and other Pollinators' with Pam Hunter at the Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, PO18 8BE at 7:30pm.

Further details of the Division's activities from: Ray Green, secretary@chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk or the Division's website: www.chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk.



Wisborough Green Division

Details of the Division's activities from: Martina Hendry, secretary@wgbka.org.uk or website: www.wgbka.org.uk. The Division's Newsletter may be viewed or downloaded here: www.wgbka.org.uk/Newsletters.html

Worthing Division

Thursday 14th October - Meeting at the Glebelands Centre, Greystoke Road, Ferring, BN12 5JL at 8:00pm with John Hendrie, BBKA. 'Senses of the Honey Bee'.

Further details from: Debra Edwards, dmcd.edwards@gmail.com or the Division's website: www.worthing-beekeepers.org



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

...and a Date for your Diary

Thursday 21st October to Saturday 23rd October - 90th National Honey Show. This year's 'live' event will take place at Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ.

See lead article in this newsletter and full details at: www.honeyshow.co.uk/



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



...and finally

Des Res for Honey Bees

A landowner near Billingshurst is offering a 7 acre site to accommodate a small number of honey bee colonies. The site is mainly grassland with good access and some local storage.

If you are interested in knowing more contact Neil on Mobile: 07907 247577 or e-mail: neilpayne01@yahoo.com



MEMBERS' COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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 please send articles and photographs to:

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