

Dear Members,

December is here and we will soon have the darkest day, then start to move towards spring again, something to look forward to.

At Headquarters, it is a busy time getting everything ready for the official transfer from Charity to the CIO. Bank accounts, stationery, leases and contracts all need to be changed and of course on top of that there is the preparation for the ADM on the 11th January 2020. The office staff do all the preparations, printing and organising and all before the Christmas break as well.

In the period just after Christmas the builders will start the alterations at the office to put in new toilet facilities, although this is part of the Presidents Project for the Education Centre and apiary garden, it has also been needed as the current drainage system is sometimes rather putrid and the staff have certainly suffered from that on occasions. With any luck they will have working toilets for the first Exec Meetings on the 17th and 18th January 2020. The Garden project will be underway as well in February (weather permitting) so with luck by Spring there will be something to show.

With regards to the ADM, there are no contentious items in the propositions so I am hoping that means that we are managing to keep up with the members requirements, we certainly do try.

Our Insurance brokers will also be there to offer guidance on cover both through the BBKA and on individual insurance for your equipment so if you have any questions, ask your delegate to approach them and get an answer.

This ADM will be Margaret Murdin's final duty as President, she has faithfully served 8 years and has been instrumental with many of the changes for the better within the BBKA. It has sometimes been a rocky road and I have had the privilege of travelling part of that with her. Margaret will still be involved with the exam board, but she will be able to take a well-earned rest from duties for the BBKA and perhaps have some time for her own family, garden and bees.

I hope you will all join me in wishing her nothing but the best in future years and hope she does keep in touch, her knowledge of the BBKA is fantastic and I am sure that she will allow us to call on her should the need arise.

There are no major activities to report this month so please have a lovely Christmas with love and laughter all around you.

Margaret Wilson.

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