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## DIARY DATES

Monday 3 June **Nottingham Region**, Arnold Hill Community Centre, **Arnold NG5 6NZ 7.30pm**  
**'Food Hygiene- a legal view': Rachel Harby, EH Officer, Gedling Borough Council**  
Monday 17 June **Newark Region, The Beehive, Maplebeck NG22 0BS 8pm**  
Thursday 20 June **Council Meeting**, Brackenhurst Agric. College, Southwell 7.30pm  
Tuesday 25 June Copy date for **July** newsletter  
Monday 1 July **Nottingham Region**, Arnold Hill Community Centre, **Arnold NG65 6NZ**  
7.30 pm **'What do I do about this?': Gerry Collins**

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## Training sessions at the Apiaries at SOUTHWELL and WOODTHORPE - 2019

All sessions start at 2pm

May	18 May	25 May	1 June	8 June
15 June	22 June	29 June	6 July	13 July
20 July	27 July			

Apiary training sessions are held at Brackenhurst College, Southwell and at Woodthorpe Park in Nottingham.

The Brackenhurst apiary is open to association members and non-members to visit on all of the dates above. Parking is at the College campus – you can then walk down to the apiary which is on the opposite side of the road. If you need any further information please contact Maurice Jordan - 01636 821 613 mauricejordan11@btinternet.com

The Woodthorpe apiary is open to members for all the dates shown, but non-members are only able to attend on **dates in red**. The contact for Woodthorpe is Bob Logan - 0115 952 0945 bob.logan@ntlworld.com

If you have a beesuit please bring it, otherwise please bring wellingtons and gloves – washing-up gloves will be fine. The apiary managers/demonstrators have the right to turn away those who, in their opinion, are not correctly attired.

### From the editor

June is here, which means busy-ness and buzzy-ness for bees and beekeepers alike as supers fill and extractors whirr. It may be the first month of meteorological summer by some new-fangled reckoning but I do my reckoning by the timing of the equinox, as does Nature, and it certainly ain't summer in my neck of the woods just yet.

I hope your season so far is going well and that you have a good honey harvest or the makings of one. Reports from around the county- and the country- show quite a variation in the take from OSR with high yields in some areas and others disappointingly low, blamed on poor germination and long spells of cold weather curtailing flowering and nectar production. It is also widely reported that many farmers may give up growing OSR due to a rise in cabbage stem flea beetle infestation, once controlled by the banned neonicotinoid pesticides. This has implications for honey producers who welcome an early crop, although I'd wager that more than a few of them, and many hobby beekeepers, would find life a lot easier without OSR.

Due to serial cylinder head problems with my Freelander my bee wagon throughout practically the whole of May has been a 35 year old classic motorhome, 30ft long and 3 ½ tons in weight. It's certainly been interesting- though it has been handy having a loo and kitchen in the apiary!

I had to farm out all of my swarm calls to other eager collectors although I did end up going to collect one from the verge of a country lane, driving away with a skepful of bees cosily nestled in the bathroom. The things we do for bees.....

In this issue Griff gets demonstrative; Mary offers equipment for sale in aid of Bees Abroad; Anne and Rob invite you into their bee-themed garden; CHC celebrates World Bee Day and enthuses children about bees; Alison thinks again about speakers; Glenis gets stung and doesn't react; Stuart shows us more bees in Armenia; Linda offers a pink drink; news of AH and SHB. There's plenty to interest in the regular beekeeping press, too: news snippets and highlights in BBKA News and useful articles on finding the queen, using apideas, new technology and chemical-free beekeeping. Beecraft has good snippets, too, plus an alarming report on wild pollinator losses, genetic diversity of UK honey bees, more Snelgrove, an agronomist's account of the effects of the neonics ban, some history and the mystery of honeydew. Kettle on?

### Hon. Sec. Report & Notes from Norwell June 2019

Griff Dixon

A very busy May trying to keep up with regular beekeeping activities and realising my swarm management is nowhere good enough as I have spent far too long scooping my own bees into new boxes. It seems every time I do an inspection or take a super off they decide they have had enough messing about. The only one that appears content is the WBC. As they say a Swarm in May makes Hay! A swarm in June, Silver Spoon!

One of my swarms settled onto a metal post and on the ground. I managed to scoop half into a poly nuc and hoped the rest would follow assuming I had grabbed the queen too. The next day they were all in the skep! I think I know where the queen is now!



My ten nucs based on early splits all appear to have picked up and are now ready to be re-housed and re-located to a new out apiary further into the farm where mine are located. I have added members onto the swarm list as requested which is a very simple exercise. I have only had two calls both of which were in impossible locations so as yet not collected any other swarms apart from my own.

The Nottinghamshire County Show was very well attended with the Sunday breaking attendance records according to the Newark Advertiser. With the bigger tent space and the massive new Beekeeping flags you could not miss us! We tried a few new things including microscopy, audio visual and a "hear the buzz" option with the Observation Hive linked to a microphone and headphones available to anyone that wanted to listen to the workers work! This proved very popular and I have to give thanks to Martin Bencsik of Nottingham Trent University for installing it and providing the "kit" to optimise its use.



There were a couple of drawbacks in that the frames in the observation hive were not in the best sequence order as pointed out by my mentor Maurice Jordan. The other being the queen (2018) disappearing between the microphone installation and the assembly of the observation hive over a three-day period. I had to put a 2019 queen in from another nuc and luckily she was accepted. I promise to do better next time!

Queen rearing is the next thing to tackle either from swarm queen cells, grafting or trying to use the Jenter system. Transferring these over to cell builders followed by a mating box and keeping your fingers crossed.

Don't forget the June gap keeping an eye on stores and also taking off OSR supers and extracting before they go solid.

We have just paid the Bee Disease Insurance using our old manual methods and I have made a promise that we will be using the new Er2 administration system in the Autumn.

The next Council Meeting is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7:30pm Brackenhurst Pippin Cottage

### **This month in your apiary: June**

**Penny Forsyth**

There's blossom all around in hedgerow, garden and field and our colonies are building up well and filling supers- time to book the extractor and order extra jars and labels perhaps? Well yes, but June can bring abundance and anxiety in equal measure. In some areas there may still be a gap in flowering between the spring flowers such as sycamore, blackthorn, hawthorn and oilseed rape and the start of the summer flowers such as lime, clover, blackberry and sweet chestnut- the June Gap. Whether or not- or when- this occurs, beekeepers need to be vigilant, as always, that there is sufficient food in the hive to carry the colony through a spell of bad weather. This is a particularly important consideration when deciding to take off honey. Expanding colonies mean more brood to host varroa- time to do some counts. Despite our best efforts to prevent or control swarming our colonies may still swarm if we haven't at least kept up with the need for more space for the bees to store nectar during a strong early flow. Honey from oilseed rape will have to be extracted before it sets in the comb. Those of us on the swarm collectors list will have our skeps and swarm collecting kit permanently in our vehicles. June's a busy month!

### **Jobs for June**

- ~ continue weekly inspections and undertake swarm control if required
- ~ if inspections reveal that food stores are low, feed 1:1 syrup in a contact feeder, if there are no supers on, or fondant. Remember to only feed in the evening and to reduce the hive entrance to avoid robbing.
- ~ add another super when the current one is almost full of bees, not honey
- ~ extract oilseed rape honey as soon as the bees start capping it and if no droplets fly out of uncapped cells when you quickly shake the frame
- ~ mark any new queens- green is this year's colour
- ~ monitor for varroa: an average daily mite fall of 10 or more means the colony is in trouble and needs treating. To receive email alerts and advice go to the NBU website and register- it's free and a valuable service to beekeepers.

~ continue monitoring for Asian Hornets in your apiary: baits should now be protein-based and offered in an open dish, weighted by a pebble, to avoid bycatch

And finally- enjoy your beekeeping and be ready to learn from the bees. Do you remember the Green Cross Code? 'Stop, look and listen'! It's a good one to apply each time you visit your apiary. **Stop** and ask yourself what your intention is today- have you got the right equipment with you, enough time and the right conditions to carry it out? **Look** at your hives, your bees and the surroundings- does everything look normal, are the bees flying, taking in pollen, forming a blanket on the front of the hive? **Listen** to the sounds- contented humming or excited buzzing? Time spent observing your bees is even more valuable than reading about them- as any experienced beekeeper will tell you, the bees don't read the books.....

### **Nottingham Region meeting report Monday 13 May 2019**

**Karen Burrow**

Keith Cosgrave gave a talk and demonstration on methods of Queen rearing. His main reason for queen rearing is to improve quality by selecting the better strains.

Marks them in three categories:

Breeder- definitely use

OK- can use

Replace- don't use

Keith covered a couple of methods for raising new queens, similar to swarm control and also talked about grafting, for breeding queens in quantity.

Other items:

~ New hives up and running at Hucknall Allotment.

~ If you have honey for sale let Janet know details, she often has enquiries via the website

~ Schools wanting beekeepers to give talks

Penny has a range of aids, including:

Virtual Hive

Observation hive

BBKA resources etc

~ Janet presented a number of exam certificates

## Newark Region

Penny Forsyth

I was unable to attend our regular gathering at the Ferry Inn but I understand that it was well attended and convivial, with congratulations and much banter directed at Pete and Arlene Bull for their great achievement in completing the Manchester 10k run hand-in-hand in a time of 1hr 19min 53sec- big cheer! Apparently there was a surprising amount of conversation about bees and beekeeping, some mixed reports on OSR, talk of full supers and honey extraction and, and observations on a well-attended and successful Newark Show. Our next meeting (17 June) will be at The Beehive, Maplebeck, our once a year tradition.

## Bees Abroad News

Anne & Rob Mason

Mary Venning is bringing some surplus equipment from a disbanded community project in Stapleford to sell at this Monday's meeting, proceeds to Bees Abroad. Mary describes the equipment as follows:

A home-made brood box with a roof and some frames. Ever so slightly smaller than standard.

1 standard brood box with castellations and some frames

1 super with castellations

1 mesh floor

1 plastic Q excluder

1 large feeder – big as an eke, don't know what you call them (*looks like a Miller*)



## Beeston and Chilwell Garden Trail: Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 June

Rob and I are taking part in the Beeston and Chilwell Garden Trail so please make a note in your diaries- and maybe come and pay us a visit!. Our garden is 60 Audon Avenue (The Bee Garden) and this year the trail has the theme of Recycle, Reduce & Reuse, so pick up ideas on your tour. There will be refreshments, craft, plant sales, music events, etc. at various gardens-more details on our website [beestonandchilwellgardentrail.org.uk](http://beestonandchilwellgardentrail.org.uk) and there is a poster on p13

**Celebrating World Bee Day 2019 at the Canalside Heritage Centre (CHC), Beeston Lock  
Anne and Rob Mason**

This year we not only had a World Bee Day event on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Canalside, but also classes of children visiting for special 'bee themed' activities before and after the weekend.



On the Sunday local beekeepers welcomed visitors to the CHC with lots to see and do for all the family. There was local honey to taste, the hive in the CHC apiary to view and beekeepers on hand to talk about bees in general and beekeeping. Children could take part in a 'b' hunt and plant ox-eye daisy seeds in their own compostable pots after decorating them first. I had the Bees Abroad stand which had lots of sales of the Beeswax/Honey face and body creams in particular. Story books entitled 'The Perils of Blossom and Basil' written by a young local author, Rebecca Buxton were for sale on her bee stall. The tearoom was very busy too and although overall there were fewer visitors than last year we think perhaps due to the rather cloudy weather on the day, refreshment sales and those on the Bees Abroad stand totalled more than last year! Thanks again to all the local beekeepers who helped on the day and to all the NBKA members who visited, your support was much appreciated!

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 60 reception-aged children spent the day at CHC. Each group of children took part in each of the 5 activities organised. Our activity was all about bees and the children had the opportunity to look at a virtual hive, taste some local honey, see the bees in the apiary and do a hunt for things beginning with the letter 'b'. A very busy but enjoyable day for all!

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, the actual World Bee Day, we had two classes of Year 1 children, aged 5-6 years, from a local school. Their morning or afternoon session in the lovely sunny weather that day involved 3 groups of 9 children rotating round three activities including those above plus a craft session. The members of the public visiting the CHC that day marvelled at the children's enthusiasm as they looked closely in the virtual hive, asked lots of questions and enjoyed hunting high and low as part of the 'b' hunt! Some children dressed up as beekeepers or donned a beekeepers suit hood to see what it was like behind the veil!

Our last Bee Day was on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May when two classes of Year 5 children came to see bees in the lovely CHC garden and apiary as part of their recent topic in school about bees as pollinating insects. They looked for 6 different common bumble bees and noted the kinds of flowering plants that they particularly liked and then had to choose which of 2 local honeys they liked the taste of best. They had the opportunity to examine the virtual hive and its frames and played who can spot the Queen Bee first!

We received some lovely comments from the staff and children at all these school 'Bee Days' and although we were all whacked afterwards including Sophie, the CHC Education Officer as Penny said at our last NBKA meeting these sessions are a lot of fun and so rewarding for all concerned! Thanks to Rukhsana Meherali and Tim Axe for their support.

Thank you to the staff at CHC who were so supportive, helping carry our bee equipment and put up/take down the gazebos etc and to our beekeepers on duty – Janet Barnes, John Peacock, Julie Day, Rukhsana Meherali, Mike Browne, and Tim Axe, a great team!

#### **A RETHINK OF AGM SPEAKERS ~**

**Alison Knox, Show secretary**

I wish I could say *"Thank you for your overwhelming response to my question"* regarding Speaker for the AGM, as published in April's issue of Beemaster.

I had **one reply**, from Penny Forsyth, who as a regular supporter of the AGM is well placed to comment. Penny suggests that perhaps my quest for external speakers is possibly over ambitious considering the low numbers the event attracts and I could be more parochial in my mission. Quite rightly, Penny reminds me that we have excellent skep makers, mead makers, swarm catchers, queen rearers and no doubt many other beekeeping related skills within our own Membership and certainly more locally than I have cast my own nets in recent times. Of course it is disheartening for any Speaker who has travelled far, to be met with a very small audience, especially in February when weather can be unpredictable and inclement, even if they are being paid a "top dollar" fee for showing up. So, I may well be calling on our Membership to step forward and strut their inspiring bee-related stuff at the next AGM. Members ~ You have been given fair warning!

Another good suggestion Penny has made is a "Bee Jumble" *"bring and buy where members can bring their unwanted or unwisely purchased items (but not whole hives) to swap or sell. There could also be new items from our various members who make equipment."* ~ the downside to this, Penny, is that it requires Members to actually attend, bring their stuff and to set things up in the first place. Any takers for this suggestion?????

Clearly, a rethink is required here, as we cannot continue in the current pattern of things.

Regarding the **"Annual Honey Show"** venue for 2019, I have been in a protracted discussion with **Brackenhurst**,(NTU) aided and abetted by our staunch supporter Dr Martin Bencsik who is strongly supportive of us being there and I have just received great news!!!

**Brackenhurst College** will be hosting us for our Annual honey Show this year on **SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER. SAVE THE DATE!** Full details in next month's Beemaster.



### **Diary of an anaphylactic beekeeper**

**Glenis Swift**

Last year I started to build up my immunity in April with two small stings through my gloves. So far this season I have doubled up with my gloves and avoided any incidents until.....  
3 days ahead of a long bank holiday weekend break it became necessary to take a super off my hive. Away from home. Wednesday... clearing board on. Heavy with honey probably rape.  
Thursday super off and straight home to put clearing board on home colony. Leaving it a bit fine going away Friday morning. 6.00am sun shining, bee suit, on double gloved. Top free of bees straight down to honey parlour. Kept bee suit on and spun off about 20lb honey. 7.20am all cleaned up just need to give this super back to the bees. Back up the garden veiled up pulled on rubber gloves. Roof off. Crown board, super off empty super on. Job done..... stood back..... have left clearing board on. Roof off. Two supers off. Clearing board..... bees liberated all over my honey stained gloves up my arms, pins and needles stings. Stay calm. Stay calm. Replaced supers and roof. Abandoned clearing board, ran all the way home, ripped off my gloves. Stay calm! Counted at least 6 stings.  
Swallowed a couple of anti histamines and waited. Half an hour passed.  
Good news: haven't gone into shock  
Bad news: trying to send this email on my phone with fingers like pork sausages.  
Made it to Wales as schedule. Will be ringing round next week to see what to do with my honey when it's set solid.....

### **More on bees in Armenia**

**Stuart Ching, NBKA Archivist**

These images were captured by Professor Jane Ching on her secondment to Armenia. They show hives at Haghartsin Monastery which was built between the 10th and 13th centuries. The monk standing by them declined to be in the photograph! Her next secondment is to Mongolia so we may look forward to her "beekeepin" images from there.



## **Recipe of the month**

**Linda Jordan**

### **PINK DRINK**

Makes 4 servings

1 small punnet of strawberries

2 ripe bananas

240 ml ( 8 fluid oz) orange juice

2 tablespoons honey

Ice cubes

Put the fruit, juice, honey and ice into a blender for 15 seconds on high speed

Stir the ingredients with a spatula and blend for a further 15 seconds

Serve chilled in a glass with slices of strawberry and banana speared on a cocktail stick

## **Beelines: notices, news and views**

### **From Janet Bates MB, education secretary**

Have a look at the website [nottsbees.org.uk](http://nottsbees.org.uk) There are:

- Items for sale items on the Website
- Apiary sites available on the Website
- Bees for sale

### **Basic Assessment**

We are now holding sessions at the new Hucknall Bee Garden Apiary for members wishing to take the BBKA Basic assessment.

Sessions are on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm (approx) and Saturdays 1pm to 3pm (approx).

You may come to either or both.

Please contact Janet Bates 07973 412101 if you would like to come along.

The apiary is on an allotment and we meet at the gates so that we can go along together.

Go down Beauvale Road, Hucknall and fork left just past the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall onto Priory Road. The gates are at the bottom of Priory Road.

You will need to bring your beesuit, boots and gloves (if you wear them). Please come with a clean suit and rubber gloves not leather ones. Marigold type are acceptable but the thinner, better fitting disposable gloves are preferable. The apiary has its own hive tools and smoker for hygiene reasons.

In order to take the assessment you need to have kept bees for one year and be a member of BBKA (through NBKA).

### **NBKA Asian Hornet Action Team News**

There have as yet been no reports of Asian Hornets in mainland UK.

**Latest:** In Jersey and France queens have been spotted feeding on tree sap from oak trees as well as beech, maple and willow, as well as on single open camellias, so keep an eye on those and other flowers open in your garden.

The NBKA Asian Hornet Action Team is now registered on the AHAT website and with the BBKA. I am currently registered as Coordinator with Pete Bull as North Notts contact and Alec Thomson the City and South Notts contact. We have a further 10 team members and between us we cover several postcodes but the aim is to provide a county-wide contact network ready to react to reports of possible Asian Hornet incursions into our region and to coordinate with the National Bee Unit, the Non-Native Species Secretariat (NNSS) and other BKA's **so we need more!** There is no limit to the number of members an AHAT may have so if you would like to be involved please contact me at [pennyforsyth16@mail.com](mailto:pennyforsyth16@mail.com) for information or if you wish to join the contacts register. There is excellent information and a set of guidelines on the AHAT website <https://ahat.org.uk>

Any Asian Hornet queens that have successfully overwintered in this country will have come out of hibernation and be nest building **right now** so be extra vigilant in your apiaries. Traps now should be of the open saucer kind, weighted down with a pebble if necessary, and baits need to be protein-based- prawns are recommended. As nothing is caught in this kind of trap you will need to spend a little time observing any activity and, if you are unfortunate enough to spot what seems to be an Asian Hornet, to try to get a line on the direction the insect is flying to and from to assist with locating the nest.

Download the identification pdfs, laminate them and put them up in your apiary, on your allotment information board or local notice board.

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/home/index.cfm>

Get the Asian Hornet Watch app for smart phone and tablet

Read up about traps and baits and be sure to deploy them- visit <https://ahat.org.uk>

If you have not already registered your apiary on Beebase then please do so now. If there is an Asian Hornet incursion in your area it is vital that every beekeeper can be located and contacted. When you register and record your apiary information you can also report whether or not you have AH traps in place. Follow the link below:

<https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/beebase/login.cfm>

### **Small Hive Beetle update**

In response to an enquiry from a member I am providing this link

<http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=125&video=04#video>

which leads to a truly chilling video clip of the SHB in action. Although there is no evidence yet of any spread of this pest's range from southern Italy we need to be fully aware of the risks of importing package bees and queens from outside the UK. Keith Cosgrove's excellent talk on queen rearing at last month's Nottingham region meeting showed how straightforward and desirable it is to raise our own queens from proven stock so save your money and give it a go!

**And finally.....**

The inimitable Pam Ayres: **Lost to Beekeeping** *courtesy of Reigate Bee News*

I miss my lovely wife, she's gone, I've lost her that's for sure,  
Bees have tampered with her brain; she is besotted, she's a bore,  
She talks a different language; it's all gibberish to me,  
With her Modified Commercial and her WBC.  
She's working in the shed, I am a very lonely chap,  
She's making up the frames, going tappy-tappy-tap,  
I get no smile of greeting as she nails another batch,  
Her mouth is full of gimpy pins. They might go down the hatch.  
Every time I see my wife I think I'm going to choke,  
She is permanently trapped in an engulfing cloud of smoke,  
We'd apples on the branches once, that's how it used to be,  
Now great swarms of honey bees are swinging from the tree.  
I see a stealthy creature in the dingy undergrowth!  
I catch a flash of metal and I swear a mighty oath,  
"A terrorist!" I cry and leap up brandishing the poker,  
To see my wife emerging with a hive tool and a smoker.  
My spouse was cool and fragrant; once we cuddled and we kissed,  
Before she took the veil and called herself an apiarist,  
She drops her suit and doesn't care what anybody thinks,  
It may be smoke or sweatiness, but either way she stinks.  
I miss her company; we don't do anything together,  
She takes her bees to Scotland; they go camping in the heather,  
Then, when they come back again, her one and only topic,  
Is honey Caledonian and glories thixotropic.  
When buying birthday presents I am overwhelmed with gloom,  
She's not a gal contented with a bottle of perfume,  
Her needs are very complex. Can I find? Can I afford?  
A solar wax extractor, straining tank and Snelgrove board?  
Autumn is upon us; bleakly now the leaves are lost,  
The hives are cosy in the cold no matter what the cost,  
Varroa has been taken on with remedies assorted,  
Mice are disappointed; Woody Woodpecker is thwarted.  
My wife's on the extractor and the house looks like a slum  
She makes me wind the handle which in turn rotates the drum,  
Thickly in the warming tank we watch the honey pour,  
With hands stuck to the table and with feet stuck to the floor.  
Now from our endeavour, see the product, see the fruits,  
Of summer days spent sweltering in reeking gloves and boots,  
By tanks of golden honey we are richly reimbursed,  
I'd give my wife a cuddle ... if she had a shower first."

# Beeston & Chilwell Garden Trail 2019



**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
**1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

**Adults £4.00 – accompanied children free**  
**Start at any garden – ticket valid both days**

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 16 Devonshire Avenue       | 30 Highgrove Avenue                  |
| Canalside Heritage Centre  | Queenswood MHA,                      |
| 3 Station Villas           | Cliffgrove Avenue <b>(Sat. only)</b> |
| Middle St. Resource Centre | 102 Cator Lane                       |
| 91 Marlborough Road        | 2A Meadow Lane                       |
| 21A Grasmere Road          | 10 Audon Avenue                      |
| 18 Louis Avenue            | 60 Audon Avenue                      |
| 6 Hope Street              | 66 Audon Avenue                      |
| 33 Park Road               | 16 Lime Grove Avenue                 |



**Follow the trail for tips and hints on how to recycle/reuse/reduce in the garden.**

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