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NEXT EVENT:

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TOP OF
VARROA

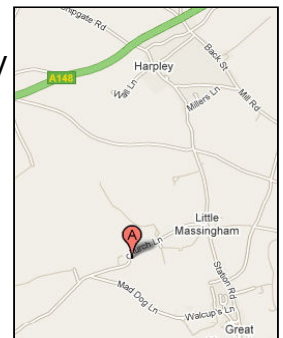
REPORT OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING – see below

Demonstration of winter treatments using Oxalic Acid. (Weather permitting) Hands on demonstration of how Oxalic Acid is used to help control low levels of Varroa mite. **Saturday 2nd January 2010 1.30 pm at Keith Morgan's House: 14, Hyde Park Cottages (Off Church Road), Little Massingham, King's Lynn PE32 2JP.**

Turn south off the A148 Lynn-Fakenham Road at Harpley (about 8 miles from Lynn), Follow the road for 2 miles into Little Massingham and turn right into Church Road.

You treated your bees in late summer with Apiguard. Unfortunately this does not mean they are mite-free now – bees can easily pick up mites again by robbing and also no treatment is 100% effective.

A 'must' for your beekeeping calendar.



New Year's Meal on Friday 29th January, 2010 at the Crown Inn, Gayton, 19.00 for 19.30.



Come along to the Crown Inn (where we have had some splendid times in the past) for a two course meal and coffee for the princely sum of £13.50 per head.

A carvery with a choice of 3 meats will be available followed by dessert or if you don't have a sweet tooth you could begin your meal with an appetiser.

Should you prefer there are vegetarian options of Tagliatelle Pasta in a creamy stilton or cheddar sauce, Spinach & Ricotta Cannelloni, Mushroom Stroganoff, Roasted Vegetable Casserole or Tomato & Goats Cheese Tart.

Rich in original character and traditional charm, parts of the building are said to date back to between 1216 and 1262, when the building was constructed to house the stonemason and the workers who built the church opposite.

Places are limited to a maximum of 40 so if you wish to make sure of a space telephone Lorraine on 01553 674051 or e-mail to sec.wnklba@virgin.net **by 22nd January latest to reserve your seat and advise your choice of meal.**

The Crown Inn is about 5 miles from Lynn on the B1145 Gayton Road and can also be reached by turning south at Hillingdon from the A148 or north from the A47 at Pentney.

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RECENT
EVENTS

EGM

The EGM Tottenhill Friday 27th November.

Around 40 members braved a cold evening to attend the EGM, presentation of certificates for Exam successes and hear an excellent talk by President Don Cooper about his life as a beekeeper



President Don Cooper, Chair Jill Tinsey and Secretary Lorraine Gibson lead an easy going meeting →

The meeting voted unanimously to accept the accounts for 2008/9 prepared by new treasurer Chris Snell and likewise the change of constitution that paves the way for an application for Charity status, that will allow us to get tax relief on subscriptions.

We have also had a pleasing number of successes in the BBKA exams again

EXAM
RESULTS



BBKA Basic Exam successes for (left to right above) Kelly Thrower, Barbara Church, Stuart Grant and also Dave Arlott



← Terry Gibson has passed BBKA Modules 1 Honeybee Management and 2 Honeybee Products and Forage

← Don Cooper has passed the BBKA Microscopy Examination and also the General Husbandry Exam

Well Done Everyone

MEMBERSHIP
SECRETARY

Diana Flower has kindly agreed to take up the role of Membership Secretary and is awaiting hand-over from Joe Trattle for the 2010 renewals.

She can be contacted on 01953 885048 or email df.flower@hotmail.com and her address is Stable Cottage, Harvey Street, Watton, Norfolk, IP25 6EH

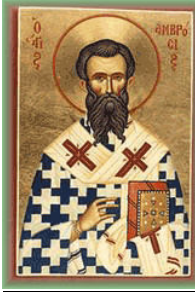
Thank you Diana for taking on the role and also thank you particularly to Joe for many years sterling support for the association.



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St Ambrose – The Patron Saint of Beekeeping

St. Ambrose day was celebrated in true beekeeping style on Sunday, 6th December at St. Faith's Church, Gaywood. King's Lynn Norfolk when an enthusiastic band of around 40 beekeepers from the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Beekeeping Association joined the choir and congregation for this special event.



Upon arrival the first greeting was the harmonious welcome of the church bells; such is the talent among WNKLBA that several bellringing members were able to join the home team to create that most English of church sounds.

Upon entering the church a special copy of the order of service was presented by a friendly face and on moving on to the pews one beheld a glorious sight for reflection; a fully restored WBC standing on the Chancel steps.

The order of service was arranged by our local beekeeping priest, Fr. James Fyfe, parish priest of the Catholic Parish of Hunstanton who cleverly threaded the theme of bees and honey throughout the service with particular reference to the significance of the Easter Candle.

Two readings were selected, the first read by our chairman, Jill Tinsey and the second by our liason officer, Judy Heal. The four well chosen hymns, especially the recessional hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden" were sung with gusto.

Even more talent was gratefully received by the congregation after the service when tea and honey cake was served and a chance to enjoy a good chat.

WNKLBA are most grateful for the help and assistance given by the Clergy. Organist, Choir, Tower Captain and parishioners in allowing us to Celebrate St. Ambrose in this most fitting way.

John Woodford



SITUATIONS VACANT

SECRETARY

Lorraine Gibson has decided to step down from secretary duties from next March (AGM) to concentrate on helping Terry with education. If you would like to help out by taking on this role, please contact Lorraine on 01553 674051

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Gleanings from the Committee Room

Subscriptions : At the last AGM, membership voted to raise subscriptions. However, during the course of the year we have done very well with new membership and also with the raffle in particular. All in all our Treasurer reports a healthy state of affairs financially and the committee felt, on balance, that there was no pressing need to increase subscriptions for 2010.

Skills : We know there are many members with skills or interests that can help the association. We are putting together five small focus groups to look at our strategy for each of Education, Shows, Events, Communications and Apiaries. Can you make a contribution to one of these. It would probably be no more than a few meetings and perhaps a few phone calls/correspondence. If you can help, and we think you can, please call Lorraine on 01553 674051

Finally, the Health Bees Plan is offering **you** £300 (see attached). This is to encourage keen beekeepers to become better at explaining beekeeping to beginners. Terry would welcome some more support, so do contact Lorraine on 01553 674051 if you fancy taking up this offer.

*Happy Christmas and New Year to you.
Have a wonderful time and come and
join us again in the New Year*