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NEXT EVENT:



EGM,
PRESENTATION
OF BBKA
CERTIFICATES
AND "50 YEARS
OF BEEKEEPING"

KEEPING ON
TOP OF
VARROA



NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING – see below

EGM and '50 years of Beekeeping' by Don Cooper Friday 27th November 2009, 7.30 p.m. at Tottenhill Village Hall PE33 ORS

The EGM is a) to adopt the accounts for 2008/2009 and b) to make a minor change to the constitution to allow application for charity status.

The revised Constitution and copy of the accounts to be considered at the EGM are attached.

There will then be a presentation to each of the association candidates who have successfully passed the BBKA Examinations this year.

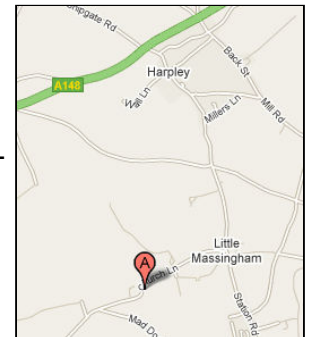
And then it is with great pleasure that we have President Don Cooper taking us on a sprightly jaunt through 50 years of beekeeping. From Norfolk County Schools champion beekeeper to years with Brother Adam at Buckfast Abbey; from commercial beekeeper to Thornes agent and Seasonal Bee Inspector. What a cornucopia of delights awaits all who come along to this session ! There will be no entry fee and there will be the customary refreshments.

If you ordered Oxalic Kits for winter treatment of Varroa, these can be collected at this meeting. **Thank you – Stuart Grant**

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 about 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 no treatment is 100% effective. You can get made-up oxalic solution at the right strength from local stockists and this demonstration will show you how to open a give quickly in winter and trickle the solution onto each seam of bees. A 'must' for your beekeeping calendar.



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NEW YEARS
MEAL

**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 Gibson on 01553 674051 or e-mail to sec.wnklba@virgin.net by 22nd January latest to reserve your seat and let her know what your choice of meal would be.'

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.

St Ambrose Day Service. Sunday 6th December 6.30pm. St. Faith's Church, Gayton Road, Gaywood PE30 4DZ Nr Hospital

St. Ambrose is the patron saint of beekeeping. There is a legend that as an infant, a swarm of bees settled on his face while he lay in his cradle, leaving behind a drop of honey. His father considered this a sign of his future eloquence and honeyed tongue. The service is being arranged by beekeepers, the bells will be rung by our campanologist members so do come along for a bee-themed evening. Refreshment, including honey cake, will be on offer too.

"The World of WNKLBA" by Margaret Rickard

Margaret has done a marvellous job filming at each of our events this year. At this event she presented some of her DVDs, much to the delight and enjoyment of the assembled throng. She is clearly a very talented film maker and the results are exceptional.

If you would like to buy copies, please contact Margaret directly on 01945 410 724



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**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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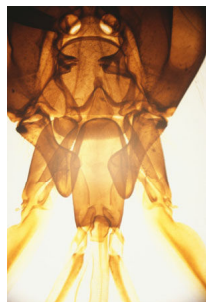
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THE ICENI
MICROSCOPY
STUDY GROUP



This month has been an exciting time for us, five member of the group took the BBKA Microscopy examination and they are all nervously waiting for the results. The exam was held at Esmeralda's and three top gun examiners came down headed by Clive de Bruyn; for us the exam went very well. Keith Wilkinson organised a mid day meal for everybody, examiners and students, where various points of the exam were discussed and ideas for the future and feedback readily given.

Clive de Bruyn expressed his unqualified support of the Icenis aims and said "the quality of the students was high", in fact to our great delight, Clive has offered to come back and run a workshop for the Icenis on bee diseases and we hope to open this up to other members on the day. As a leading light in the bee world Clive's time is in great demand and it is a privilege that he has offered us his time and it is up to us to take full of advantage of his experience and knowledge by planning and organising an event open to all beekeepers in East Anglia. After our next committee meeting in mid January we will have a calendar of events which we can share with you.

In the last few months we have been liaising with Jeremy Quinlan (SBKA) who requested a nosema day for his membership(s) and we have agreed to do the microscopy work at a nosema day Jeremy is planning. The date is 27th March 2010 at Creeting St Mary village hall, Waveney members are more than welcome to attend, for further information contact Jeremy Quinlan on 01473 737700

To learn more about the Icenis Microscopy Study Group visit our website at www.icenimsg.co.uk or contact Keith Wilkinson on email keithwilkinson4@btinternet.com or phone 01502 741201.

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VACANT**

**MEMBERSHIP
SECRETARY**

Joe Trattle has decided to step down from membership secretary duties as of the 31st December. If you would like to help out by taking on this role, please contact Lorraine on **01553 674051**

FRASER ASKS FOR ASSURANCES ON BEE DISEASE

Christopher Fraser, MP for South West Norfolk, today in Parliament asked for assurances that Government Ministers were liaising with counterparts abroad about the many diseases affecting Britain's bee population.

Speaking after Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Questions, Christopher Fraser said: "I asked the Minister to assure the House that DEFRA Ministers and those in the National Bee Unit are liaising with their counterparts abroad, due to the international aspect and origin of many of the diseases affecting our bees.

Our bee population is an enormously important part of Britain's agriculture, biodiversity and horticulture. However, bee numbers have been gradually declining over the years. Disease is largely responsible, however more research is needed in this area. I am disappointed that Ministers did not prioritise this issue earlier – bees play a vital role in our food chain.

For more information, contact Christopher Fraser on 020 7219 6293.