



Help
Needed
Please



Can you help out on the BEE STALL at one of these shows please

(and have the rest of the day free to see the show !)

Holkham Country Fair Sat 16th / Sun 17th July
Sandringham Show Wed 27th July inc. WNKLBA Honey Show
Sheringham Park Norfolk Smallholders - Sun 7th Aug
Premier Foods Open Day, Sun 21st Aug
Felbrigg Hall Honey Fair - Wed 24th Aug
If you can help, please call Barry on 01263 511 420

We engage with the public in many shows and events during the year and this means much hard, but enjoyable, work presenting beekeeping to adults and children alike. Helping to set up and man beekeeping stands is something open to all members whether beekeepers or not. You could be showing bees to children at an observation hive, keeping everyone fed and watered, selling honey, rolling candles and a host of other things. The usual set up is that you do 2-3 hours with the beekeepers and get the rest of the day to see whatever the rest of the show provides. You often get entry tickets free where otherwise you would have to pay anything up to £25 to get in.

**Future
Events**

Wednesday 13th July, Blackborough End 5pm / Tottenhill Village Hall 6.30pm. "Spotting disease in your bees"

Keith Morgan, our resident Bee Inspector from the National Bee Unit, will be on hand to show you examples of various diseases.

Being able to recognise disease is an important aspect of beekeeping and, because serious disease is relatively rare, it is very useful for every beekeeper to be able to have refresher courses such as this one to "keep your eye in".

The session starts at Blackborough End Apiary PE32 1SQ at 5pm and then moves to Tottenhill Village Hall PE33 0RS from 6.30pm until 8pm. If you can only make the second half please feel free - the doors of Tottenhill Village Hall open at 6pm

**Health
Bees -
Diagnosis**



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Future Events

Holkham Country Fair



Holkham Country Fair 2011. Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July Gates open at 9.00am, closing ceremony 6.30pm.

The Fair uses the immediate park of Holkham Hall, one of the great Palladian houses of England and home to the Earls of Leicester; it is probably the largest event in North Norfolk, one of the country's most beautiful regions. Given good weather, we can expect crowds of the order of 40,000 people over the weekend. The focus of the Show is the Grand Ring centred under the South Front of the house, with over 200 trade stands and crafts stretching away to the south. Around the park are over 30 showground attractions, many with a country theme.

Some of them are mini shows in their own right. For example, the Country Fair hosts a major sporting clay pigeon shoot, a top-class gundog team test, a busy fishing area, a large fine food village, a wonderful gathering of Historic Cars, a countryman's area, and many many more Have-A-Go sections and exhibits.

The Country Fair a great family day out, with good fun for all ages combined with a strong country theme.

See www.holkhamcountryfair.com and www.holkham.co.uk for more info

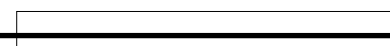
WNKLBA has a bee stand at the Fair to explain the role of bees in the countryside. Do come along and see us, or if you can spare the time, come and share the experience of helping man the stand. Call Barry on 01263 511 420 if you can please.

The Association DVDs ...

Margaret Rickard has produced some wonderful educational DVDs. If you have not yet bought the set, you really should do. You can buy them at most events or order from Margaret directly by calling 01945 410724. Each is £6

#1-Small Hive Beetle. #2-Pollen Analysis, #3-Preparing Honey & Wax for Sale

#4-Winter Treatment (Oxalic Acid). #5-2009 Shows





For Sale



West Norfolk and King's Lynn Beekeepers Association carries the following advertisements for Beekeeping and related products. The Association makes no representation, expressed or implied, as to the suitability of any such products and accept no liability for any bees, combs or related products supplied as a result of any such advertisement.

Personal adverts are free, trade adverts are subject to a minimum charge of £15. The decision of the editor is final with respect to prominence, content and size of advertisement. All advertisers must ensure that any equipment which they sell is cleaned according to NBU standards and bees free of Notifiable disease. Sellers must retain appropriate records of all sales to ensure complete traceability to Bee inspectors' enquiries.

Hives and Bees for Sale

Long-time member Gordon Elsegood is cutting down a bit. He has for sale several full colonies of bees, both National and WBC. And also has several 6-frame nuc boxes for sale. He can be contacted on 01945 880791

Hives and Bees for Sale

Nucs and hives available.....With Ged Marshall 2011 Buckfast Queens.... Some in brand new hives. Call Jenny on 07876762053 for details.

Hives for Sale 36 Charlemont Drive, Manea, MARCH, PE15 0GA, 01354 688245

Please ensure that your members mention your association when they contact me so that your group can benefit. These items are all new and I have several of each kind. Everything is made to British Standard plans.

Enquirers should telephone to see what I have available, and I am happy for visitors to come to look at the hives. They are all made from selected red deal and have had a coat of cedar-coloured Cuprinol.

National Nucleus hive (assembled) with five unwaxed frames—£45 or Commercial Nucleus hive (assembled) with five unwaxed frames—£50. I can also supply 14 x 12 Nucleus hives (assembled) with five unwaxed frames at £50.

National Hive (ready assembled) consisting of floor, brood body, 11 frames, excluder, super with a further 11 frames, crown board and roof - £140.

As above but with an extra super and set of frames - £175.

Commercial Hive (ready assembled) consisting of floor, brood body, unwaxed frames, crown board and roof - £150

As above but with two National Supers with unwaxed frames - £200.

Commercial Hives are relatively more expensive than nationals because of the extra work that goes into the specialised way of making the design.

I do sell some of the hives on eBay and have 100% positive feedback and many satisfied customers! We use UPS for delivery—one nucleus hive costs £8.50 at the moment, and two cost £10.50. We can get quotations for heavier items, and are very pleased with the service UPS provide—items are typically delivered within 1-2 working days of being collected from us. Yours sincerely Sarah and Roy Eastol

LOCAL BEES ARE BEST – Having bees from local suppliers, where the source and history of the bees is known is much better than bringing in bees from an unknown or distant source.

IF YOU OPTED TO TAKE OUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL BUT HAVE NOT BEEN GETTING IT, PLEASE CONTACT DAVID on 01603 755105 or at member@wnklba.co.uk



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- Queens, proven mated and marked, £25. A queen on a frame of eggs for difficult introductions (i.e. drone layers and others) is £35.
- Queen cells, when available, £5 from our breeding hives to make up nucs;
- 30 lb buckets of local honey £66, discount available for multiple buys.

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Hives and Bees for Sale

- 4 off Single Broods @ £210.00 each
- 2 off Brood & Half @ £240.00 each
- 2 off Five Framed Nuc-s @ £120.00 each including box.

Our bees have been inspected by the bee inspector this May. A clean bill of health was given. Purchaser can inspect before buying.

Please Tel Mike or Terri Sealey 01553 630581 to arrange date and time.
Can deliver within a reasonable distance,

These are some pictures from our presentation to 26 primary school children at West Walton Primary School, Wisbech on Wednesday 15th June 2011.

Everyone enjoyed it and we have been asked to go back next year. Can't be bad.

**West
Walton
Primary
School**



By Kay Marshall Pictures : Alan Marshall

**Oxburgh
Hall**

Oxburgh Hall – June 4th and 5th

Thank you to everyone who made this event such an enjoyable experience. Hopefully we helped inform and enthuse some potential beekeepers too





The Sandringham Flower Show and Honey Show

This is our biggest show of the year. It would be great if you would enter something into the show this year – there are novices and experienced classes.

Sandringham Show Wed 27th July inc. WNKLBA Honey Show call Barry on 01263 511 420 for details

Recent Events

Healthy Bees Day

Bee Disease Day took place at Tottenhill Village Hall and Blackborough End Apiary on May 8th.

The event was well attended, and despite problems with sun reflection and everyone having to reverse their positions in order to see the screen (which Keith kindly provided), however if anyone wanted to have a comfort break they had to wait until Keith interrupted his presentation as he had erected the screen in front of the toilet door.

Keith was in his usual form and the presentation went well with the usual gasps of "What have we let ourselves in for" followed by a few brief moments of humour.

The Copper smoker was raffled off which raised £74.00 for club funds, so a big thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.

I wish to thank Margaret Woodford for helping with the refreshments on the day and Kay for helping to coax money out of people for the raffle, and finally Keith for yet another great presentation.

Alan Marshall

Apiary Tour

Pictures : Peter Davies



Another wonderful day

Thank you to everyone involved – particularly John Woodford for pulling everything together.



Swarms

In the last couple of weeks there has been a resurgence of swarming activity – no doubt to do with the combination of damp and warmth providing ideal conditions for bee colonies to expand.

Points to remember ...

It is a good idea to feed a swarm with a gallon of sugar syrup (50:50 sugar and water) and really a necessity if you put the swarm on new foundation.

A swarm may be infested with Varroa so it's worth treating. You can use oxalic acid in the first few days (before the queen gets under way laying). Or use one tray of Apiguard once she is well under way laying. Apiguard has a tendency to hold the queen back from laying so it is as well to ensure there is sufficient new brood to sustain the colony before treating.

A sad tale : one swarm was kept overnight before being hived and unfortunately the hot night caused them to suffocate : the sooner you can get them into a hive the better, in really hot weather.

Raffle Tickets



Have you sold your raffle tickets yet ? The raffle provides funds both for our education programme and for us to support important research. If you want more tickets please call John Woodford on.. 01553 772 005. and also please ensure you return ticket stubs and money to John before the Raffle draw – at the Sandringham Show on Wednesday 27th July. Thank you !

EARS

Research

If you go to the training apiary you may notice one hive has gone missing, but another has appeared. We have contributed a colony to Sheffield University research team, under Dr Steve Martin. It was infested with Varroa – which is exactly what was needed for their research. In return we have a Varroa-free colony from them. It seemed a good exchange for everyone concerned !!

Update

We have purchased several lightweight tables and two gazebos and a display stand to enable the association to present beekeeping to the public at more events. Thank you to Barry Walker-Moore and Alan Marshall for organising these purchases. We are still looking for a small caravan to transport all this equipment around !

Education

A date for your diary

Saturday 13th August, Blackborough End Apiary PE32 1SQ 2pm "Varroa Treatments"

Keith Morgan will be on hand to explain the various ways of keeping the Varroa Mite at bay. Since Varroa has become resistant to pyrethroid-based treatments in this area there are several alternatives. Keith will demonstrate each and answer any questions you may have. Spare bee suits available if needed.

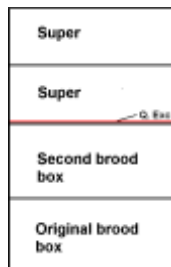
A must for newer beekeepers.



Want to increase your colonies? Here is an easy technique based on Ted Hooper's experience (Courtesy of eBee)

Basic Artificial Swarm based on Ted Hooper.

Technique developed and used by Keith Allen of Gwent Beekeepers



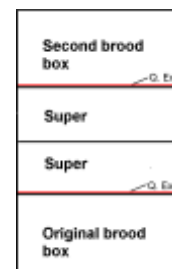
(1) Build up a colony to at least 6 frames of brood.

(2) Put a second brood box on top of the first, under any super(s), with at least 4 frames of drawn comb. (see fig 1)

(3) Wait 7—10 days

← (Fig.1)

(Fig. 2) →



(4) If the colony now has at least 8 frames of brood, prepare to split. Make up as shown in fig. 2.. (If not big enough for 4 frames in each box, wait another 7 - 10 days. If not then, give up. Queen can be in either box, no need to check.)

(5) 3 - 7 days later

(a) Place new floor alongside.

(b) Lift top brood on to new floor

(c) Move supers aside, open both boxes and swap 2 frames of brood
Add queen excluder and a super with some stores to each

(6) 5—10 days later: Check 1 box has eggs (and thus a queen) and the other queen cells. If no queen cells then transfer a frame of eggs, with or without bees (maybe even with the queen) from the other box.

(7) Repeat 6 up to 3 times if necessary. If still no queen cells, recombine over newspaper.

Notes:

- The new floor doesn't have to be alongside, but it makes things easier if there are problems.
- If colony is the bare minimum 8 frames it is best to check relative sizes of the new colonies the day after the split. If there's a major imbalance, swap a frame or 2 of bees, OR if the largest box is on the original site, and the boxes adjacent, just swap them, so the flying bees redress the balance.
- (Obviously cold/wet weather may slow or prevent progress. Bees can't make queen cells if they can't fly!)
- Step (4) can be omitted, but reduces the success rate. Occasionally, if the queen is in the bottom box at this stage, the top box will start making queen cells. The main reason for this stage is to reduce pheromones in one box, and thus the shock of queenlessness, while keeping the brood warm.
- Handling within boxes is mostly while the boxes are separate. So fewer bees and easier work.
- Don't be afraid to reduce the queen cells to 2 or 3 good big ones, or even to split again if the good queen cells are on different frames.

