



THE LANCASHIRE AND NORTH WEST
BEE-KEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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Well, we had a great time at the barbecue earlier this month. There was such a lovely relaxed atmosphere that it may not have been obvious how hard Dave and Diane Harrison worked getting the site ready and keeping us all well fed. Thanks are due as well to Jen, who made huge quantities of delicious salads for us, Karyn and Izzie for the cake which disappeared rapidly without a trace, Paul and his wife who brought a job lot of crisps and Trish for the special celebration '75' balloon! Entertainment was provided by the bees, who also came out to party and swarmed at regular intervals throughout the proceedings, and by Barry, who was up the various trees like a rat up the proverbial drainpipe collecting them. Meanwhile Freddy had his phone glued to his ear taking calls about swarms elsewhere, ready to shoot off with Batman Barry to the next mission. Never a dull moment.

At the meeting at Melling it was interesting to see John McCann explain the punch method of queen rearing and then to compare other queen rearing methods with the input of other experienced members. We await a positive result from the exercise in the form of a good supply of new queens.

So far our bees have provided more honey than last year and we still have the bulk of the harvest to take off. I hope your bees have also been productive and healthy this year.

Back in the day...

5th July 1972

The Chairman raised the question of the proposed Communal Branch Apiary... Discussion took place as to the correct person or department of the Corporation to approach in the matter...

11th July 1973

Venue for Annual Show - Mr Thornton stated no firm booking had been made for a Hall. He was enquiring into the question of costs and the possibility of a new hall being available at the Rainhill Village Centre.

Meetings and Events

Our next meeting will be on 12th August at 2.30 at Woolton Branch apiary where our own members will discuss and demonstrate various seasonal aspects of our beekeeping.

The following events are taking place in the wider area over the coming weeks: *(Please check times and dates with the relevant branches if you plan on attending any of these events as I can't be responsible for errors on the web pages)*

Sun 30th July, **Ormskirk** - Practical Beekeeping, 2pm, Out Apiary, Fir Tree Farm, Pimbo Lane, King's Moss, St Helens WA11 8RG

Sat 5th August, **Preston** – Hive Opening and demonstration at The Bee Centre, Salmesbury Hall, Preston PR5 0UP 2-4pm. Speaker Kath Cordingley. For directions ring 07971 956148.

Sun 13th August, **Preston** - Hive Opening and demonstration. Speakers Bill Helm and Dorothy Todd. PLEASE RING 01772 601264 TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE

Friday 18th August, **Preston** - Practical Demonstration on Extracting Honey using club extractors. 7.30pm at Longsands Lane PR2 9PS. Viki Cuthbertson and various speakers.

Sun 20th August, **East Lancs** - Preparing for the Honey Show, John Zamorski will be passing on advice and tips, Off-Shoots, Towneley Park, Burnley

Sun 27th August, **Ormskirk** - Honey Extraction and Preparing for Winter, 2pm, Out Apiary, Fir Tree Farm, Pimbo Lane, King's Moss, St Helens WA11 8RG

Bear in mind also, the Midlands and South Western Counties Beekeeping Conference in Cirencester, 15th-17th September. Booking is open at <http://www.mswcc.org.uk/products-page/>

See you on 12th August!

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