



Newsletter November 2017

At our AGM earlier this month our super-organised Membership Secretary, John Heath stood down. But all is not lost as Geoff Todd agreed to be nominated for the position and was duly elected. Geoff joined Liverpool Beekeepers just two years ago after doing our beginners' course and joined the Committee six months ago. If you haven't paid up yet, his first job will be to track you down!

Arthur Gillett keeps his long-standing seat on the Committee but will be taking more of a back seat and having a well-deserved rest after 62 years active service with the branch.

This is the shape of the Committee for 2018

<u>Officers</u> Chairman: Peter Wass Vice Chairman: Doug Jones Treasurer: John McCann Branch Secretary: Tracey Seddon Membership Secretary: Geoff Todd Education Secretary: Cliff Porter Branch Apiary Managers: Dave Harrison Eric Graham Honey Show Secretary: Rob Myron Librarian: John Mooney Webmaster: Cliff Porter	<u>Council Delegates</u> Sheila Myron Rob Myron <u>Committee Members</u> <i>All above plus -</i> Arthur Gillett John Heath Paul Hitchiner David Thornton
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Peter Wass
Chair



Geoff Todd
Membership



Me-self, Tracey Seddon
Secretary



Dave Harrison
Woolton apiary

More mug shots for the rogues' gallery next month.

Honey Show Success!

You will get the Honey Show Report and Results with this Newsletter.

Congratulations to all who won a prize, many of whom took trophies away and well done to those who entered for the first time. We had an excellent array of hive products, cakes and photos and the judge commented that many would not have been out of place at the National Honey Show.

The paparazzi were out snapping the winners with their trophies - it would be great to share some of the pics if anyone could email one or two to us at contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.com.

Hopefully I will even get my honey back...

Don't forget your subs!

Your annual subscription for 2018 was due on 1st November. Please help our Treasurer and Membership Secretary by paying promptly or else let Geoff Todd know if you will not be renewing your membership.

The fees for 2018 remain the same as for 2017, which are:

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| · Registered Member with three hives or less | £25.00 |
| · Registered Member with up to five hives | £27.00 |
| · Registered Member with up to ten hives | £30.25 |
| · Registered Member with up to fifteen hives | £32.75 |
| · Registered Member with up to twenty hives | £34.50 |
| · Partner Member at the same address | £17.50 |

Please make cheques payable to **LNWBKA** and send (for now) to John McCann, 1 Newborough Avenue, Crosby, Liverpool L23 9TU

Alternatively, you can pay by bank transfer using the following details:

- Sort Code: 09 01 51
- Account No: 90159405
- Account Name: Lancashire and Northwest Beekeepers Association

Important - If you pay by bank transfer please send an e-mail confirmation to contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk so that we know the money that appears in the account is from you!

Meetings and Events

We are in the process of scheduling meetings and events for 2018 and will circulate full details once speakers and venues have been confirmed.

But here is the first date for your 2018 diary:

Saturday 6th January
St Anne's Millenium Centre, Rainhill
Equipment maintenance

Back in the day...

27th November 1943

Parr Central Schools - The Secretary said that he had received a report from Mr. Allen advising that he thought too little attention was paid to the Beekeeping education conducted there.

30th November 1946

Executive Committee's Report - The Chairman ... summed up by saying he was very proud of the "Branch", it's activities, Rarity of disease and in particular increased membership (32) Total 214.

12th November 1949

The Chairman thanked the members who had very kindly supplied rationed goods for use at Branch meetings. The new silver cup which had been purchased by the Branch this year, was displayed... The name finally chosen was "South-West Lancashire Bee-Keepers' Jubilee Cup", to commemorate the 50th year of the Association.

4th November 1950

A British Standards Institute specification exists for National type hives, and the Secretary stated that a Specification for Honey Grading glasses had recently been issued. (B.S. 1656:1950) for honey in 1 lb squat jars, also that a specification for honey jars was in preparation. (Unfortunately nobody told Jeni...)

News from BBKA

The papers for the Annual Delegate Meeting (ADM) have been uploaded onto the BBKA website. They are located in the Members area under ADM 2018.

New BBKA Schools Scheme

The BBKA has created a pack to support beekeepers visiting schools and other children's groups to talk about their wonderful craft. The School satchel, created by Sue Webster, is being trialled by two beekeepers who visit schools

and will provide feedback. Sue will be giving a demonstration of the games and contents at the Spring Conventions Speakers Corner at Harper Adams.

BBKA News Booklets

BBKA News is producing a series of Special Edition Booklets, the first of which includes one on General Husbandry a sheet on performing a Bailey Comb Change which is simple to read and understand and is laminated to be 'wipe clean'. All proved very popular at the National Honey Show. The next Special Edition Booklets will include Advanced Husbandry and Swarming and the next laminated sheet will be on Honey Bee Diseases. All will be ready for the Spring Convention in Spring 2018.

Calderstones School wins Eco Award

Calderstones School in Liverpool 18 has just last Friday won the Eco Project of the Year for their beekeeping activities in the North West Educate Awards at Liverpool Cathedral. Read the story here:

https://www.bbka.org.uk/news_and_events/first_school_in_bbkas_new_schools_scheme_wins_eco_project_of_the_year_award

Do you have honey to sell?

From time to time we get members of the public contacting us asking where they can get local honey. Also, one of our members has established a connection with a local retailer who is keen to stock local honey of different types. If you want to be put in touch with potential buyers just let us know by email.

Hives and bees for sale

One of our members is retiring due to ill health and has six to seven hives and bees as well as a stainless steel extractor, all of which he would like to sell.

This offer is for members of Liverpool Beekeepers only.

Please contact us at contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.com if you are interested.

Hope your bees are snug and well-fed!

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