



## Newsletter

### November 2016

#### Bedtime for bees...

The bees are all now closed up for the winter, but we will be checking now and again, without going into the hives, that all is well. The hives should be intact, entrances not blocked with dead bees or snow should it arrive, no dampness, mouseguards in place, no woodpecker damage. And no bears! And until the end of November keep an eye out for the Asian hornet. None have been seen this far north to date, but still beware. Top of our list for winter jobs will be making hornet traps ready for next season.

#### Meetings

We have no more Liverpool meetings scheduled for this year but look out for our 2017 calendar of events which will be circulated very shortly. In the meantime, the last meeting of the Wirral Branch for this year is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, at Thornton Hough Village Hall. There will be a Beekeepers' and Gardeners' Question time fuelled by a drink and some early festive nibbles.

Doug Jones has provided us with the following list of Wirral Beekeepers' meetings for 2017:

- 17<sup>th</sup> February, Bees in Your Garden, Mr Arthur A Gillett, Thornton Hough Village Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> March, Asian Hornet, Mr Graham Royle, Thornton Hough Village Hall
- 27<sup>th</sup> May, Different Methods of Swarm Control, Mr John Turner, Dale Farm, Heswall
- 10<sup>th</sup> June, Bailey Comb Change, Mr John Zamorski, Seabank Road, Lower Heswall
- 15<sup>th</sup> July, Apiary Hygiene, Mr Mark McLoughlin, Station Road Thurstaston
- 9<sup>th</sup> September, Heather Meeting on Heather Moors, Llandegla
- 15<sup>th</sup> September, Different Varroa Treatments, Mr Peter Sutcliffe, Thornton Hough Village Hall
- 20<sup>th</sup> October, Soil and Plant Scientist, Mr Paul Sweeney, Thornton Hough Village Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> November, Forage, Collection and its uses, Mr Stuart Hatton, Thornton Hough Village Hall

For further information please contact Doug Jones via  
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## Honey Show and AGM

Well done the Myrons who swept the floor with trophies for their enviable quality of hive products. We know they would like someone else to take the trophies off them, but in the meantime they are an inspiration! It was good to see several of our newer members entering some of the categories, despite having had little or no honey this year. Jenni got a first prize for her stunning photo (right), and Geoff won first in the Novice category for a wonderful-looking, and apparently -tasting, jar of honey. Even my slightly overdone cake got third prize!



We had a good attendance at the AGM and it was great to have so much input to discussion from the floor. In response to a request from members' we are about to set up a Facebook page and aim to offer more structured mentoring in future. There was considerable interest in a coach trip to Convention in April so we will be following that up. And to top everything off we signed up three new members on the day. Result!

## Education

As members of Lancashire Beekeepers, you can attend any of the courses below. See contact details if you want to find out more.

Preston Beekeepers are planning to start a Module 7 (Selection and breeding of honey bees) correspondence course group soon for the March exam. Contact A Manwaring at [admanwaring@googlemail.com](mailto:admanwaring@googlemail.com).

Ormskirk are running Module 1 (Honeybee Management) and Module 6 (Honeybee Behaviour). Contact Paul Roberts for more information - [pbc.anubis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pbc.anubis@hotmail.co.uk)

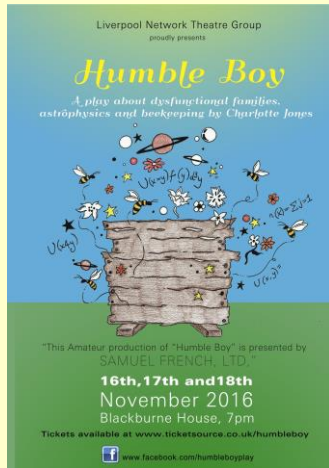
East Lancs are running Modules 1 & 5 (Honeybee Biology). Contact - Janet Murray at [scrubbers2001@aol.com](mailto:scrubbers2001@aol.com)

If you are interested in taking any other courses or qualifications please contact Cliff Porter, Branch Education Secretary, on [contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk](mailto:contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk).

## Library

Don't forget that we have a library of beekeeping books available for members to borrow upon request. You will find a list on the website under the 'Beekeeping' tab. Contact John Mooney via webmail, [contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk](mailto:contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk), if you wish to borrow any.

## Special Offer on Theatre Tickets!



The Liverpool Network Theatre Group is staging its amateur production of "Humble Boy" by Charlotte Jones at Blackburne House from 16th to 18<sup>th</sup> November. Centre stage will be Evelyn Hall's hive (minus bees!) and, as beekeeping is at the heart of the drama, Production Manager James Gray is offering all of our members a concessionary ticket price of £6 instead of £8. Tickets can be bought on the door, online at [ticketsource.co.uk/humbleboy](http://ticketsource.co.uk/humbleboy) or via the facebook page - [www.facebook.com/humbleboyplay](http://www.facebook.com/humbleboyplay).

Blackburne House's cafe/bistro and bar will be open throughout the evening and offer a pre-theatre menu which can be booked either on 0151 708 3929 or via [www.blackburnehouse.co.uk](http://www.blackburnehouse.co.uk). In addition, there is a 10% discount on all food purchased directly at the counter.

<http://www.liverpoolnetworktheatre.org.uk/>

## Coming soon...

...details of our Facebook page, annual dinner in February, meetings for 2017 and a coach trip to Convention in spring!

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