



Newsletter

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Bee BBQ

Our annual barbeque will be held at Woolton apiary on 30th June. There is no charge but bring your own food for us to cook for you and any boozy sustenance you fancy. We will provide soft drinks, tea and good company. I am sure Dave and Diane will appreciate anyone prepared to take a turn slaving over a hot stove. I can't offer to help cos I'll be doing my barbecueing on the creek quayside in lovely Cornwall!

This has been a good month for reviewing what kit we need. Last month's Newsletter gave details of lots of second-hand kit, much of which is still available if you are in the market for stocking up at a good price. Contact Gaynor at info@clementevans.co.uk.

At our meetings we were shown some intriguing off-the-wall gadgets. Ray Hines showed us his swarm catching vacuum, seen here, built by his own fair hands from a 12 volt battery, a bit of plumbing hose, sturdy golf buggy wheels and boasting a discreet re-charging point. It hasn't seen action yet so we await news of its inaugural flight. Not to be beaten, Doug Jones demonstrated his wondrous brush machine for clearing bees from supers at our last meeting. It may not be for the faint-hearted, and a bit over the top for us hobbyists, but certainly effective and the bees seemed completely unfazed by their rude eviction from the frames.



Meetings

We had a lovely afternoon and a great turnout at Tony Gordon's place the other week. It's a while since we had such a lavish spread for tea, mostly prepared by Tony and his lovely wife, Kath, but with a good few contributions from other members. We even got posh chairs provided by John Mooney. The weather was

fabulous and when the sun kept on shining Tony was to be seen dispensing sun block to everyone! Meanwhile, Doug Jones, that magnificent man with his brushing machine, held forth with his vast knowledge of beekeeping before giving us an entertaining demonstration of his machine to revert Tony's bees from double to single brood. Tony says *"...it was a real pleasure to be able to host the last meeting. Thanks to Doug Jones and Elaine for the talk and all their help in setting up. Also, thanks to everybody else who turned up....what a great bunch of people."* I can only agree.

Following the barbecue next week, our July meeting will be at Woolton Branch Apiary on 14th when Dave Harrison will demonstrate taking the honey off.

Upcoming meetings in the wider area:

- Saturday 23rd, 30th June 11.00 am – Preston, Demonstration of Managing New Queens at the Club Apiary, Myerscough College.
- Sunday 24th June, 2-4pm, Preston, Hive Opening, Great Nelson Farm, Ulness Walton PR26 8LT. To Confirm Attendance Call Bill helm 01772 733928
- Saturday 7th July, Preston, Microscopy Disease Inspection at Myerscough College Laboratory. This a joint venture with Blackpool BBKA. This is a chance to bring a sample of your bees to check under the Microscope for disease.

Do you have spare honey that you would like to sell?

Tony Gordon would be happy to buy any honey you have spare, in any form... buckets, capped frames or jarred.

We do also occasionally get requests for honey from members of the public through our website.

So if you have any spare honey to sell send a message to our webmail address and we will forward it: contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk

Have a lovely barbecue!

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