

Liverpool and Merseyside Beekeepers

Newsletter

December 2018

Christmas is coming and the bees are getting cold. Don't forget to pop along and make sure they have enough food and are well protected from wood rot, mice, woodpeckers and weather. It is time for their winter varroa treatment too and with the cold snap just hitting us Christmas will be a good time for an application of oxalic acid, but only use an approved product such as Api-Bioxal.

Celebration Dinner

The Dinner will come hot on the heels of Christmas so I need to confirm details of our booking with West Lancs Golf Club in the next two weeks. If you haven't booked yet or have still to give me your menu choices please let me know now! The Golf Club is at Hall Road West, Blundellsands, L23 8SZ and the dinner will be a carvery with three courses for £25 plus a non-meat option.

The menu is below. You will be able to help yourself to all three meats at the carvery. I just need your starter and dessert choices and any other dietary requirements.

Starters

Soup of the day: Vegetable

Fresh melon

Three-meat Carvery

Honey roasted ham, Roast turkey and Sirloin of beef

Served with all the trimmings: roast potatoes, Yorkshire puds, veg, gravy, sauces

Or

Non-meat or vegetarian option - details on request

Desserts

Fruit crumble with custard

Fresh fruit meringue

Places are limited but hope you can make it.

Have you paid your subs yet?

Membership renewal was due on 1st November and I'm afraid anyone who has not paid by the date of our first meeting of 2019 - 4th February - will be removed from our mailing lists. Please contact Geoff Todd, our Membership Secretary on beememb112@gmail.com to make arrangements to pay now.

A payment of £25 has been made recently by bank transfer with insufficient details to allow us to identify who it is from. If this could be you could you please let us know.

2019 Meetings Programme

As our dinner is in January, the first meeting of 2019 will be in February:

Monday 4th Feb 7.30pm

St Helens Bowling Club

Constructing Hornet Traps

John Mooney and Cliff Porter

The programme for the rest of the year will be circulated once finalised.

Lancashire and North West BKA Spring Convention

2nd March 2019, 9:00am to 4:45pm

Archbishop Temple School, St Vincent's Road, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire

PR2 8RA

The fee is £21, £16 for early birds, £11 for under 18s. Morning and afternoon refreshments and a lunch of chicken curry or vegetable quiche, plus dessert is included in the price. Speakers are to be confirmed but will include a presentation on mead making. Trade stands will include Hatton Apiary, Thornes, Northern Bee Books and Bee Improvement and Bee Breeders Association (BIBBA).

See the web page for further details:

<https://www.lancashirebeekeepers.org.uk/spring-convention>.

Education

If you are interested in taking Modules this year please contact Cliff Porter, our Education Secretary at the address below. You don't have to have taken the Basic Assessment first.

***Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas,
peace, merriment and bees on earth!***