



THE LANCASHIRE AND NORTH WEST
BEE-KEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Liverpool and
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Branch

Newsletter

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Happy 100th Arthur!



Arthur was in great shape at his celebration dinner earlier this month and what a lovely night we had. As you can see, our own Queen sent a special message, as did the BBKA who gave Arthur a special award in recognition of 70 years of beekeeping! 70 years! What a star.

2019 Meetings Programme

The 2019 Calendar of Events will be sent with this Newsletter. There are still a few details to be ironed out for meetings later in the year but the dates and venues are all confirmed and our first meeting of the year is next month:

**Monday 4th Feb 7.30pm,
St Helens Bowling Club**

**Constructing Hornet Traps
John Mooney and Cliff Porter**

Upcoming meetings in the wider area:

- Friday 9th February, 7.30pm – Preston, Beekeeping in the Philipines, Vicki Cuthbertson, The Intact Centre, 49 Whitby Avenue, Ingol, Preston PR2 3YP.
- Sunday 10th February, 7.30pm - Southport and Formby Beekeepers, monthly meeting at the Fleetwood Hesketh club, Fylde Road, PR9 9XH.
- Friday 15th February, 7.30pm – Wirral, Plants for Bees, Stuart Hatton, Thornton Hough Village Hall, CH63 1JB (not located properly on google maps)
- Tuesday 26th February, 7.45pm – Ormskirk Beekeepers, Bee Products, Vicki Cuthbertson, Church House, Church Street, Ormskirk L39 3RD

Producing Bees and Queens from Local Stock

BIBBA has arranged a series of day long training presentations to take place around the country on producing bees and queens from local stock. There will be a North West one in Frodsham on 6th February. BBKA fully supports the rearing of local queens and the opportunity to reduce the number of queen imports into the country. Tickets are £11 and are going fast. More details on the attached flyer.

Lancashire and North West BKA Spring Convention

2nd March 2019,

9:00am - 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

Our parent body, Lancashire BKA is considering running some training courses as follows:

- General Husbandry Certificate course, 2019.
- General Husbandry Certificate Taster Day, 2019
- General Husbandry Certificate course, winter 2019-20
- Bee Health Certificate course

Applications to take either of these exams this year need to be with the Education Committee of Central Council by 20th February. Please contact our Education Secretary, Cliff Porter, if you want to register for the exams or are interested in the training: contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk.

Have you paid your subs yet?

Can I just remind you that anyone who has not paid by the date of our first meeting of 2019 - 4th February - will be removed from our mailing lists and if you pay after this date there will be an additional £5 fee. Please contact Geoff Todd, our Membership Secretary on beememb12@gmail.com to make arrangements to pay now.

Does anyone have a nuc for the start of 2019 season?

One of our members would like to purchase a nuc for the coming season. If you can help out please contact Reg Cromer on 0151 737 1724 or contact us at contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk and we will pass your message on.

Of course there is always a demand for nucs early in the season so do let us know if you have any.

Trainers Wanted to Teach Beekeeping to Young People

Blackburne House is recruiting tutors to deliver Taster Sessions and Lantra Level 1 Beekeeping training to young people aged 12-24 in their BEE YOU Project. You should be an experienced beekeeper preferably with a teaching qualification and a flexible schedule as hours will vary.

If you are interested please send your CV and a cover letter to Lynne Kavanagh@blackburnehouse.co.uk or give her a call on 0151 709 4356.

Sad News

We have had the very sad news this week that one of our long-standing members, Ian Naisby, passed away on Wednesday morning. Ian had been ill for several years and was being looked after in a care home. He had served as our Chairman for some years and was a very close friend of our current Chairman, Peter Wass. He will be very sadly missed by his family and friends.