



Newsletter

May 2019

Meetings

The next branch meeting will be on Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm, at Woolton Apiary, where John McCann will demonstrate making up nucleus colonies.

Thanks very much to those members who have provided lovely cakes and donated raffle prizes for our meetings. The meetings are all the better for them and it is much appreciated!

Upcoming meetings and events in the Lancashire and North West Region:

- Friday 17th May – Preston, Beekeeping In Ethiopia, Sheila Birkby, 7.30pm, The Intact Centre, 49 Whitby Ave, Ingol, Preston PR2 3YP.
- **Saturday 18th May, Healthy Bee Day**, 9am - 4pm, Norton Priory, Runcorn. National Bee Unit in conjunction with Cheshire Beekeepers. £10. Please book in advance. *This is a great chance to get up to date with pests and diseases so I hope you've managed to book.*
- Saturday, 18th May – East Lancs, “World Bee Day” Celebration, 11am – 3pm, Offshoots Permaculture Project, Towneley Park, Burnley, BB11 3RQ
- Saturday 18th May, 2pm – Wirral, A demonstration of swarm control at Ness Gardens apiary, Marshall Pugh.
- Sunday 19th May – Ormskirk Beekeepers, Branch Meeting: Swarming and Bee Health Certificate; Out apiary, Fir Tree Farm, Pimbo Lane, King's Moss, St Helens WA11 8RG
- Wednesday 29th May – Southport, Margaret Wilson BBKA Chairman, The Role of the BBKA, 7:30pm, Fleetwood Hesketh Social Club, Fylde Road PR9 9XH.
- Wednesday 13th June – Southport, Sue Hornby, Making Cosmetics/balms from Bee Products, 7:30pm, Oakbridge Building at the branch apiary, Hesketh Park.
- Sunday 15th June – Ormskirk Beekeepers, Branch Meeting: General Husbandry and Making up Nucs; Out apiary, Fir Tree Farm, Pimbo Lane, King's Moss, St Helens WA11 8RG

Latest Research into Deformed Wing Virus and it's Effect on Honey Bee Mortality

The final paper from the ReVive project, by the PhD student, Jessica Kevill, has been published in an open access journal and can be found here:

<https://www.mdpi.com/1999-4915/11/5/426>

This project looked at the evolution of the A, B & C strains of deformed wing virus and its interaction with Varroa. The ReVive Project was supported by BDI and a group of its member associations.

The Salford team is now working on a follow up project looking at ways in which this information could be used to manage colonies with Varroa in a non-chemical routine.

Interested in Skep Making?

Barry Milner will be demonstrating the art of Skep-making at the Royal Cheshire Show, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th June, at Tabley near Knutsford.

Got equipment to sell?

Doug Jones is looking for second hand National hives to use in an upcoming beginners course. If you have any you would like to sell contact him.

Swarms

Swarm season is here and if you are aware of a swarm which you do not want to collect yourself you can contact one of our swarm collectors to deal with it and get it rehomed. See details on the swarm page of our website :
<http://www.liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk/bees-in-garden-or-house/>

Do let me, Tracey, know if you have spare bees, nucs for sale or if you collect a swarm that you don't want to keep - contact me on the webmail address below. We have several members in need of bees.

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