



THE LANCASHIRE AND NORTH WEST
BEE-KEEPERS ASSOCIATION

**Liverpool and
Merseyside
Branch**

Newsletter

October 2019

Don't forget...

Saturday 9th November
St Anne's Millenium Centre, Rainhill

Annual General Meeting

2pm, Ellis Room

Liverpool Honey Show

Critchley Room

Staging of entries 1pm – 1.50pm, judging 2pm – 4.30pm,
Show opens and award of trophies 4.30pm – 5pmh

Attached with this Newsletter are all the relevant AGM documents and the schedule for the Show.

Election of Committee Officers

Nominations should be submitted to me, Tracey Seddon, by 2nd November and are very welcome for any position on the Committee. We would particularly like to have a new beekeeper on the Committee to represent the interests of beginners. I will be standing down as Branch Secretary and we have one nomination so far for this role.

Search for a New Branch Apiary

As mentioned last month an item for discussion will be the proposal to look for a new branch apiary site. If the branch is in favour of this we will appoint a small working group to take this forward. Please give some thought in advance to what works and what doesn't work with our current facility and what you would like in a branch apiary in the future.

Submission of entries to the Honey Show

There are plenty of categories to enter so even if you have no honey you can still submit something. See the Schedule attached. It is not difficult to enter, just read the criteria for each class carefully and you'll be fine. Please submit your entries to Rob Myron by 2nd November, either by email, phone or post.

You can pay your entry fee at the Show. Make sure you arrive in good time to set up. You will need to collect labels to attach to your entries from the Stewards. And please note, **you must not touch anyone else's entries before judging takes place and you must not enter the Show room while judging is in progress** - we should all be in the Ellis Room by 2pm for the AGM.

Meetings

Before the AGM we have one more branch meeting, at St Anne's Millenium Centre, Rainhill, on Saturday 19th October at 2.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Karl Colyer, a bee farmer and member of the Bee Improvers and Bee Breeders Association (BIBBA). The subject will be "Simple preparations for easy bees and queens next year". Should be very interesting!

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

- Friday 18th October – Preston, Provisional Microscopy, Janet Priest, 7.30pm, The Intact Centre, 49 Whitby Avenue, Ingol, Preston PR2 3YP.

Lancashire Honey Show, Sunday 13th October 2019

Brockholes Nature Reserve, Preston New Road, Preston, PR5 0AG
Just off Junction 31 of the M6. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Remember to contact Elaine Hargreaves if you can help out on the day: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Hives for sale

We have been notified of someone on the Wirral who has hives and bees for sale. There are five National 14" x 12" hives (ie, deep frames) with bees, available at £300 each plus one poly nuc box with bees for £150. Do remember that this is not the usual time of year to buy bees as there is no guarantee that they will survive winter. The owner has been forewarned that he may need to wait until spring before securing a sale. We have passed this on to Wirral Beekeepers but if you are interested please give the owner, Dougie (not our Doug) a ring on ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Possible site for hives available

We have been contacted by a chap recently retired in Whiston who would like someone to place and manage a small number of hives in his large back garden. As a keen amateur gardener he would be interested to design part of the garden around the needs of the bees. Please contact us if you are interested - contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk