



THE LANCASHIRE AND NORTH WEST
BEE-KEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Liverpool and Merseyside Branch

Newsletter September 2019

Liverpool AGM and Honey Show

Our AGM and Honey Show take place on Saturday 9th November at Rainhill.

The schedule for the Show was sent out recently and you have plenty of time to prepare entries. I will send it out again in October. Remember that this year we have the new Arthur Gillett Trophy to be awarded to the entrant who is placed with the most entries. You can be placed with a First, Second and Third prize, Very Highly Commended and Commended.

At the AGM we will be very happy to receive nominations for any position on the Committee and especially for Chair, Branch Secretary and Treasurer.

It is very rewarding to be involved in the running of the Association, a good way to get to know the members and can be actually quite good fun.

Search for a New Branch Apiary

An exciting suggestion from Ray Hines that we will be discussing at the AGM is that of finding a new branch apiary site, to provide improved facilities such as parking, toilets, teaching facilities, equipment storage etc. From a conversation that Ray had with Councillor Linda Mooney we understand that our local authorities are committed to making positive impacts on the environment up to 2030 and that Liverpool City Council apparently owns a lot of smallholdings in the area which could be made available for activities such as ours. We would like to appoint a small working group to investigate the possibilities. Do let us know either now or during the discussion at the AGM if you would be interested in being part of this team.

Meetings

Our next branch meeting will be at St Anne's Millenium Centre, Rainhill, on Saturday 19th October at 2.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Karl Colyer of the Bee Improvers and Bee Breeders Association. The subject will be "Simple preparations for easy bees and queens next year".

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. t: 01772 872000

This is a great venue, easy to find and well worth a visit any time.

You can find the Show schedule and programme on www.lancashirebeekeepers.co.uk.

Click on the Honey Show tab in the menu on the left and click on the 'Honey Show Schedule' link.

It would be good to have Liverpool well-represented so why not submit your entries to this show in preparation for our own show?!

Most of the Lancashire branches are involved in running the show and Liverpool has been asked if we can offer some help. If you are able to volunteer in some way please let us know or just contact the Exhibitions Officer, Elaine Hargreaves, 07770 646958.

This is what other branches are doing:

- Southport branch to man the Virtual Hive stand
- Ormskirk & Croston to man the "Hive to Jar" stand
- East Lancs to run the "Kids Activities" stand
- Preston to run the Candle Rolling stand
- Barbara Farbon to run the raffle
- Vicki Hall to run the "Taste the Difference" honey stand
- Karen Reid to run the shop
- Geoff Pearson to demonstrate skep making

'Old Comb to New Candles'

Viki Cuthbertson of Preston BKA is offering workshops on candle-making during autumn.

Each three-hour workshop will demonstrate some methods of extracting wax from old comb, how to clean and cast it into blocks and how to turn it into candles.

Cost: £20

Dates: Thursday 10th October, Saturday 2nd November (choose one)

Each will be 10am until 1pm

Venue: 18 Highgate Avenue, Fulwood, PR2 8LL

If there is sufficient demand Viki will run the course again on a Saturday.



To book, phone Viki Cuthbertson: 0778 071 5803

Maximum six people per workshop

BBKA Honey Survey

The annual BBKA Honey Survey is open until 30th September. Please go online to take part, it only takes a few minutes:

<https://www.bbka.org.uk/honey-survey>

The results will be published to coincide with Honey Week and the National Honey Show at the end of October. There has been good media interest in the results of previous surveys and it gives us the chance to raise again the crucial role of the honey bee and beekeepers.

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