



Newsletter

February 2020

Firstly, thanks to everyone who supported the Annual Branch Meal at West Lancs Golf Club on 31st January. A very enjoyable evening was had by all with some of the best raffle prizes ever! Those who couldn't make it missed a treat - hopefully we'll see you next time.

Important dates of events coming up NOT TO BE MISSED...

Saturday March 7th, Preston:

LANCASHIRE SPRING CONVENTION

Get tickets before 17th February and pay £16 rather than £21!

£5 SAVING! Follow this link for details:

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

SPEAKERS

JO WIDDICOMBE worked as a Bee Inspector for 5 years and with the help of an apprentice, now runs over 100 colonies, producing honey, queens and nucs for sale. Jo is author of the book "The Principles of Bee Improvement" which explains how to select and improve the quality of our bees from local stock rather than resorting to imported queens. Jo is currently President of BIBBA.

JULIA PIGGOTT works for Bee Ed which is a not-for-profit business started in 2010 to provide information and education about pollinators, particularly bees.

TRADE STALLS

Bees Abroad

Bee Ed - Thornes Beekeeping Supplies Representative

BIBBA Bee Improvement and Bee Breeders Association (TBC)

Heritage Wild Flowers

Northern Bee Books

Northumberland Honey (Mead)

V&Js Lotions & Potions

BBKA Special Editions

Friday 28th February, Netherton

'FROM BEE TO BOTTLE' - PRESENTATION BY NORTHUMBERLAND MEAD

See how the oldest alcoholic drink is made - and then have a taste!

A special Friday evening talk at the Park Hotel Netherton. We all have non-beekeeping friends who are secretly interested in keeping bees - bring them along! They will be very welcome. Free for us and only £2 for guests. Tasting session afterwards - loads of great raffle prizes and a hopefully very sociable evening. See attached document for more details - and convince your non-beekeeping friends to come along.

Saturday 22nd February

APIARY SESSIONS

Our Apiary Manager Dave Harrison has kindly made himself available again on Saturday 22nd February from 1pm onwards. This is following on from a very successful session on Saturday 23rd January - where a group of dedicated beekeepers answered the call and turned up to help. Cliff erected a fence - see photo below - volunteers cleaned equipment and had a chat over a cup of tea brewed in Dave's magic pot. This is a great opportunity to see what Dave is doing with the hives in the apiary right now - and ask him what you should be doing to your hives. Come along and ask any questions. See you there.



FACEBOOK

If you have not already joined our FACEBOOK group please contact me and I will hook you up to the information super highway.

OSCAR NOMINATED

Look out for a documentary/film nominated for two OSCARS called 'Honeyland' - in which the last female bee-hunter in Europe must save the bees and return the natural balance in Honeyland, when a family of nomadic beekeepers invade her land and threaten her livelihood. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B27ORUHlp6E> 'Half for you - Half for me!'

Also well worth a watch is 'Rotten' Series 1, Episode 1 - 'Lawyers, Guns and Honey!' This gives a little insight into the Honey business on a world scale.

Plus the Honey Show Lectures from 2019 are available on line - all 13 of them. Follow this link to view: <http://www.honeyshow.co.uk/lecture-videos.php>

APIARY OPPORTUNITY

We have had contact from Childwall Golf club asking would any of our beekeepers be interested in housing hives there. Please contact me for further details if you are interested.

Get involved - Your Branch needs YOU!

*John Mooney, Branch Secretary, contact@liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk
www.liverpoolbeekeepers.co.uk*