



# Southampton & District Beekeepers Association

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## FORAGINGS

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### Dates for your Diary –

Date & time	Venue	Topic/details
Sun 24 Jun – 10.00	Nursling Apiary	Working party to clear site.
Sat/Sun 7 & 8 Jul – 10.00 – 17.00	Sir Harold Hillier's	HBA Festival of Beekeeping
Sun 22 Jul – 14.00	Broadlands Apiary	Swarm prevention
Sun 05 Aug – 14.00	Nursling Apiary	TBA

## HONEY SHOW

As you are all aware we have lost our annual Honey Show event with Hampshire County Council's Southampton Garden Festival as they have decided to cancel this event due to budget constraints. However don't despair all you budding show enthusiasts, Andy has found us another venue, SAGA, no not the oldies travel group but, Southampton Allotments Gardens Association. We will be holding our annual show this year on Saturday 11 August. Details are as follows:-

- Open for staging 08.30-10.00
- Open to public 14.00-16.00
- Presentation on trophies 15.00
- Sale of produce 15.30

Our Show sub-committee will be in touch.

**Nusling Out-apiary:** Hampshire County Council have let us continue with the rent of this site. Richard will be organising a working party to clear the site as it has become quite overgrown. If you are able to help, would you please contact him on the above email or tel 023 8026 2277. Topics for future meetings will be advised in newsletters or minutes depending on the association hives progress.

**BAR-B-Q:** please contact me, (Helen), by **6 July** if you wish to come along to this event, as I need to let the caterers know numbers to ensure we have enough food! Venue: The Waterloo Arms on 14 July at 19.30. Once I have final numbers I will be able to cost this event.

**Heather permits:** are now available from HBA. Please submit applications ASAP. Contact Jim Stuart, 01246-323185 or [pearity@lemonia.org](mailto:pearity@lemonia.org).

**Christmas Festivities:** for those members who expressed an interest in having a get together at Christmas the majority decision was to have a meal at a restaurant. Please let me know of any ideas on venue, as time is now running out if we wish to book for a party of 20 or more.

**Sign of the times:** with the unfortunate thefts of members hives, John Howat has provided us with details of a company that can supply branding irons suitable for marking all hive parts: Rockler Woodworking. [www.rockler.com/contact.cfm](http://www.rockler.com/contact.cfm)

**Honey jars:** the bulk purchase went well & all members had now either collected or are about to collect their orders. 1lb honey jars are packed in boxes of 72 & hex jars are packed in trays of 36.

**Association storage:** - can members please contact me if they have any association items stored, as we need to make an inventory & look at the options available to have all equipment stored in one place.

**HBA Festival Of Beekeeping:** HBA are still looking for Stewards for the Festival of Beekeeping Event on 7 & 8 July, at The Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum, Ampfield. If you are willing to help, please contact Alan Johnson on 01489 89 23 90 [am.johnson@bfineternet.com](mailto:am.johnson@bfineternet.com)

Terry Lacy, the Treasurer of Meridian is running the sales table of honey and other products. Honey will sell at £3.50 (454g), £2.50 (340g) and £2.00 (227g) of which 10% will go to HBA to defray costs.

The 125 Committee have produced T-shirts, (white), with the 125 logo. To obtain these contact Mike Lambert, [mikelambert@waitrose.com](mailto:mikelambert@waitrose.com), tel 01794 515134 – cost £3. Order cut-off for festival is 26 June, however can still be purchased after the event.

Other commemorative items available are: honey-pot & bookmarks.



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**BDI Ltd:** have appointed Glyn Davies as BDI President. Glyn is known to many beekeepers as a former Chair of BBKA & President from 2004 to 2006 & is also editor of Devon Beekeepers' Association magazine – "Beekeeping". In his speech after being appointed, he noted that there were a number of complex issues surrounding beekeeping in the UK saying. "The future is uncertain regarding government support; climate change; exotic pests, resistant varroa & now CCD. The work of BDI is increasingly detailed as the bee disease status in UK is changing rapidly." BDI was established by beekeepers with the following aims:

- To provide a measure of compensation in the event of colony destruction under the control orders
- To support research into bee health in general
- To educate beekeepers to ensure that our bees are healthy & productive

Glyn Davies may be contacted at [landscore@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:landscore@eclipse.co.uk).

**Agricultural spraying & notifying beekeepers:** beekeepers were given to understand, that from this year, Farmers & Contractors were obliged, by law, to notify local beekeepers of their spraying activity. Spray records were to be kept online, (with DEFRA), & the site used had a link to BBKA & local Spray Liaison Officers. It appears that none of Hampshire's Spray Liaison Officers have been notified of spraying activity this year. In previous years HBA placed adverts in the agricultural press, which was suspended this year in anticipation of the new contact route. For more information: [www.pesticides.gov.uk](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk) or more specifically the following link: [http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/uploadedfiles/Web\\_Assets/PSD/Code\\_of\\_Practice\\_for\\_using\\_Plant\\_Protection\\_Products\\_-\\_Section\\_3.pdf](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/uploadedfiles/Web_Assets/PSD/Code_of_Practice_for_using_Plant_Protection_Products_-_Section_3.pdf) section 3.8.5 refers to bees. (Courtesy of HBA)

**BBKA Spring Convention 19 April 2008:** Andy Willis is one of the speakers booked for this event. If you wish to see him talk & get some photographs of him before he becomes famous, you can also listen to him at W&DBKA on 11 Mar 2008 & Hedge End Horticultural Society on 18 Feb 2008.

## Recipe for those long hot summer evenings:

### Honey Lemonade

6 lemons  
100g sugar  
4 tbsp honey  
1 ltr water

Peel lemons thinly & put the peel into a bowl with the juice of the lemons, sugar & honey. Boil the water, pour over the lemon juice & stir well. Cool & strain. Serve chilled with water, soda or tonic water.