

# Southampton & District Beekeepers Association

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## FORAGINGS

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### Dates for your Diary –

Date & time	Venue	Topic/details
Sun Aug 19 – 14.00	Broadland's Out-apiary	Honey harvesting, swarm control & varroa management.
Sat Sep 01 - 10.00-14.00	Thornes Windsor	Sale day
Sun Sep 02 – 14.00	Nursling Out-apiary	Swarm control & varroa management.
Sun Sep 09 – 14.00	Greenmore	Heather meeting
Sun Sep 16 – 14.00	Broadland's Out-apiary	Return of spun frames for bees to clean & preparing for winter.
Sat Sep 29 - 10.00-14.00	Thornes Stockbridge	Sale day
Sat Oct 13	Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham	HBA Autumn Convention & Honey Show
Fri & Sat Oct 19 & 20	RAF Hendon, London	BBKA National Honey Show
Sat Oct 27 – 14.00	Waterloo Arms	Honey Tasting
Sat Nov 17 – 14.00	Waterloo Arms	AGM
Sat Dec 15 – 19.00	La Parisienne, Romsey	Christmas meal

**Greenmore Heather meeting** - Don't forget to be on time for this meeting as access to the site is locked & a car sharing system is used from the entrance. Also let Andy Willis know if you are attending. ([honeybees@waitrose.com](mailto:honeybees@waitrose.com) 023 8032 7686.)

**HBA Autumn Convention & Honey Show** – Honey Show schedules will be available from your Secretary early September & details will be on HBA website. [www.beetalk.org.uk](http://www.beetalk.org.uk).

**Honey Tasting** – Samples are needed from members to bring to this event. Please let me know if you are able to bring any produce.

**Christmas Festivities** – La Parisienne, Romsey has been booked for 19.00hrs. To secure this booking with the restaurant they require a deposit of £10.00 per person, (actual meal will be in the region of £25.00, extra for drinks). Those of you wishing to come along please forward deposits to me made payable to S&DBKA asap.

### **HBA:**

**Handbooks & inserts** – Any member who has not got the HBA Handbook please let me know as I have a couple left. I also have the updated March 2007 inserts. These items are available for collection from your Secretary.

**Constitution** – this is in the process of being updated to accommodate the constitution changes recently passed at BBKA. If you would like a copy please contact me.

**Delegates meeting Wednesday 3 Oct** – Any items for the Agenda to Pippa Barker by Monday 27 August, [pippabarker@aol.com](mailto:pippabarker@aol.com).

**Food Hygiene Course** – The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, (CIEH), provide a level 2 Certificate in Food Hygiene which meets the requirements of the local authority who are responsible for upholding this at Farmers markets, local shows & fetes & basically anyone who sells honey to the public. Only Farmers markets at present insist on it. It is a general certificate covering food hygiene & is certainly not compulsory at present. A course has been negotiated at the Council for Community Service in Portsmouth, details:

Date – Monday 15 October 2007

Time – 09.00 – 16.00

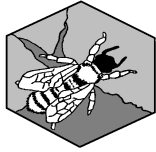
Tea, coffee & biscuits provided. Need to bring own lunch.

Cost £40.00 (payable to HBA)

Closing date **24 Sep**

If interested contact David Nield. [dfnield@hotmail.com](mailto:dfnield@hotmail.com)

**Basic assessments** – on course to present about 31 candidates this year, so far 100% success.



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## Nursling Out-apiary

Thanks to Mark, Rebecca, Jan & Hazel who helped clear some of the area at the last meeting.

**Petition** – more funding for research. There is an Epetition to the Prime Minister for more funding for research on honeybees. If you wish to add your name contact: <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/bee-unit-funding/>

**Programme 2008** – speakers booked so far are Ian Homer, Regional Bee Inspector & John Cossburn, Hampshire Bee Farmer & HBA President. If you have any ideas or suggestions for events next year please let me know.

**John Howat** – speaking to Romsey Beekeepers on 17 October at 19.30 – “Commercial Beekeeping”. Venue: King John’s House, Church Street, Romsey.

**Radio 4** – The Food Programme 8 July, The effect of CCD in the USA with Norman Carreck & Richard Jones. Listen to this programme. [http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/factual/foodprogramme\\_20070708.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/factual/foodprogramme_20070708.shtml).

## **BBKA**

Attached are the Minutes for ADM 2007 and the following reminders and requests,

### **BBKA FORUM 06.10.07**

Please remember that the deadline set for agenda item is to be received at NBC by **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September**.

### **Annual Delegates Meeting 2008**

Please be advised the next ADM is 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Nominations for **BBKA President** are needed this year as Ivor Davis retires having completed his two year term. Tim Lovett our current Chairman has indicated that he is willing to stand.

We also have six vacancies for the **BBKA Executive** though a few existing trustees are willing to serve another term.

We have three vacancies for the **Examination Board**.

Please send the above plus any **Propositions** for the ADM to Martin Tovey at BBKA, electronically or by post to arrive at the NBC by **20<sup>th</sup> October 2007**.

**ARTICLES WANTED** – Don’t forget that your, **EDITOR NEEDS YOU**. If you have any items that you think other members may be interested in please let me have them or if you would like to do a write up of one of our out-apiary meetings or indeed any event please do.