



# ***Southampton & District Bee Keepers Association***

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As we near the end of the busy season our thoughts turn to the AGM in November. We are looking as always for more new committee members to join and support your association. It is due to the hard work of your committee that keeps club running. We especially need a permanent Newsletter Editor, so as we can return to a monthly copy.

**We ask all members attending apiary meetings to arrive at the designated time in consideration for others. Those turning up late may be asked to leave.**

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### **Dates For Your Diary**

#### **Saturday 13th August**

S&DBKA Honey Show at Peartree Church Hall,  
Woolston Doors open 14.00  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (see page 3 for details)

#### **Saturday 27th August**

Apiguard, feeding for winter  
**Prompt start** 14.00 to 16.00  
At Broadlands Apiary

**Saturday 1st October**

Feeding for winter  
**Prompt start** 14.00 to 16.00  
At Broadlands Apiary

**Thursday 20th October**

First winter meeting. Bees for Development  
19.30 hrs at Golf Academy Chestnut Avenue.

**Saturday 12th November**

HBA Autumn convention and Honey Show  
Barton Peveril College.  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Please contact  
Janice Roper on 023 80 845875

**Saturday 19th November**

S&DBKA Annual General Meeting  
16.00 hrs at Golf Academy Chestnut Avenue  
To be followed by a quizz

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**ITEMS FOR SALE**

Honey Jars still available at discount prices please contact Jan Margetts on 01489 782531

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**Bees Under the Bonnet**

An 81 year old Lancashire man took his Peugeot 106 into his local garage to find out why it was running badly and had failed its emissions test on MOT. On investigation the mechanics found two of the four inlet ports on the cylinder head were blocked with honeycomb. Although fortunately no Bees were found to be present at the time of repair it just goes to show how determined they can be, as they would have had to find their way past an air filter, a throttle valve and travel along the inlet manifold to make their nest.

## **S&DBKA Annual Honey Show – Saturday 13 August 2011**

The show details;

Exhibits are to be delivered to Peartree Church Hall, Woolston for staging between 08.30 hrs and 10.00 hrs on the day of the show or by other special arrangement with the Show Secretary.

Show opens to the public between 14.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs

Presentation of cups and trophies 15.00 hrs

Sale of produce 15.30 hrs

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE CONTACT SHOW SECRETARY .

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## **An Evening Out**

Friday 22nd July we held the Bucket of balls and a Burger evening at the Golf Academy, Chandlers Ford.

We were greeted by Clive, the owner. Who after handing out clubs and balls , provided those of us with no idea, some tuition. He showed us how to stand correctly and how to hold the club. We hadn't expected the free tuition but it made the experience more fun. There were a number of distance markers, also an old car that a number of us managed to hit , with a few balls actually entering the car by the open windows.

After all that exercise we were ready for our burgers. When we returned to the club house we bought a drink to go with our meals. As those of you who attend winter meetings will know the drinks are cheap. Some of us enjoyed the event so much we said we would return on a more regular basis. Clive said that everyone attending the winter meetings are welcome to knock out a bucket of balls either before or after the meeting. Food is also available.

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