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WORKER BEE



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2016 DIARY DATES

June

16-19: Gardeners World Live

18: EC Meeting

July

23-24: Pet show

August

4-7: Countryfile Live

6: ADM Notification

25: Capitation Checklist Return

September

3: EC Meeting

22: BIBBA Conference, IOM



BEN FOGLE GETS BUZZY WITH BEES

As the face of plenty of TV nature programmes and a veteran champion of Britain's wildlife, Ben Fogle knows all about creating a buzz around the things he loves.

Now he's teamed up with Eat Natural and the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) to get the whole country involved in the [Build the Buzz](#) initiative to help the honey bee, whether that's by planting a few seeds in a flowerpot or by getting more hands-on.

30: Capitation payment due

October

24: Proposition Deadline

27-29: National Honey Show

January 2017

14: ADM, NBC

Event Promotional Literature

Each local branch is entitled to 100 leaflets + pnp at cost. All orders over 100 will be charged at £10 plus pnp at cost.

Order forms can be downloaded from the Members Area of the BBKA website.

Please send your orders to

[Letitia](#)

National Honey Show leaflets & posters are available. To order please email [Val](#)

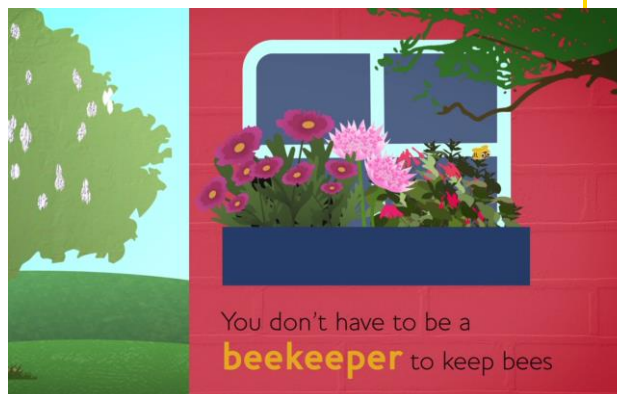


Ben will be helping to launch Eat Natural's new Honey Bar, made with the produce from their own hives and designed to remind us all, in the most delicious way possible, of why bees are so important. But the special edition bar raises more than just awareness: the proceeds from its sales go straight to the BBKA's Build the Buzz national research project, which is funding technology to help scientists look at the lives and activity of the honey bee so they can come up with innovative solutions to the plight of this vital creature.

Get your hands on some honey bee seeds and an Eat Natural Bar by [clicking here](#) ?

BBKA INSURANCE

Attending events? Found a new site? delivering a course? Then don't forget your certificate of insurance can be downloaded from the Members Area of the BBKA website. www.BBKA.org.uk





Between now and August if you buy a bottle of Belvoir Fruit Farms Elderflower Fruit Presse you could enter their FreeBees competition.

There are 1,000s of beauty prizes, eVouchers and eBooks just waiting to be won. When you release your FreeBee its flight will take it from webpage to webpage and where it lands... you win that prize!

Belvoir Fruit Farms are making a £5,000 donation to Friends of the Honey Bee as part of this promotion.



MEMBER OFFER



New Wild Garden by Ian Hodgson includes 15 step-by-step projects and an essential plant

New Forage Animation

Great to use in schools and presentations this is the first public information animation from the BBKA. It's objective is to tackle the need for forage and to raise awareness of the importance of honey bees. Funded by our partnership with Winnie-the-Pooh.

Also look out for the short animations on our [vimeo](#) channel & website!

Bee Connected

BeeConnected plans to operate on a very simple, yet efficient, two-way communication process: farmers will register and, in just a few simple clicks, inform local beekeepers registered on the system when they intend to spray an insecticide in particular fields. Beekeepers will plot the location of their hives, whether permanently or temporarily placed, and will receive a simple notification when a farmer within their locality (up to a maximum of 5km) is undertaking a spray event.

The website will maintain users' anonymity by default, but it also provides a great way for farmers and beekeepers to communicate directly with each other if they both wish. The notification will provide all the relevant information beekeepers need to make a decision about what action to take, if any, including the field location and day of spraying, the insecticide being applied, and the crop being treated. The website will not hold historic information and events will be deleted automatically once the date has passed.

Hertfordshire is the trial association and it is well

list, as well as offering inspiration to gardeners and an overview of the most influential movement in garden design over recent decades.

The perfect companion for gardeners, wildlife lovers seeking creative planting in spiration.

To order *New Wild Garden* at the special price of £20 including p&p* (RRP: £25), tel: [01903 828503](tel:01903828503) or [email](#) quoting offer code QPG431.



WASP TRAPS

For bulk orders

please [contact us](#) for details or order [online](#)

Inspired Ideas



[Gisela Graham](#) have partnered with Friends of the Honey Bee

under way with sign up exceeding the target number hoped for.

ASIAN HORNET CONFUSION



We have been inundated with calls and photographs, just like the one above, all claiming to be sightings of the Asian Hornet. We do need to be on our toes and aware and the public response to media coverage has resulted in lots of these beautiful native insects being culled in their quest to help honey bees.

If you get enquiries then refer them to the following [leaflet](#) for identification and if they have photos then they should be sent to: alert_nonnative@ceh.ac.uk.

joules

Out and about this coming half term? Why not pop into the Joules clothing store and support local beekeepers who will be promoting the craft and informing all customers about the importance of honey bees and the craft of beekeeping. See them at *Birmingham, Aldeburgh, Padstow, Harrogate, Cheltenham, Bury St Edmunds*

with their delightful Winter Garden collection of household accessories.

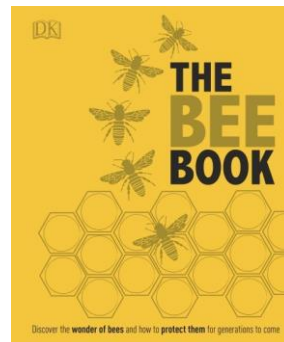
Why not pop into your local gift shop or Garden Centre and see what's on offer.

Thank you ...

..to our donors and partners raising funds and support the work of the BBKA via our Friends of the Honey Bee scheme - New partners include Joules, Planetbee Wines & Cider, Gisela Graham, Just Bee Drinks, Mighty Fine Chocolatiers, Henryka, Anita Harris Art Pottery, Maya the Bee, Winnie-the-Pooh, Boodle, Big 60 Million, Attic Self Storage, Jub Bulbs and most recently Joy Everley, CKS and Benzuzo who have committed to us most recently.

For contributing funds for educational resources for children, the public and to build our research fund

BBKA Members Contribute to New Book



The Bee Book shows you step-by-step how to create a bee-friendly garden, get started in beekeeping, crafts and harnessing the power of honey for well-being.

Fully illustrated with full-colour photographs throughout, this beautiful guide covers everything you need to know from setup to harvest. Practical beekeeping techniques are explained with clear step-by-step sequences, photos and diagrams on dealing with diseases, collecting a swarm, and much more.

A comprehensive gardening chapter features planting plans to fill container and border gardens, bee "hotel" and habitat projects, and an at-a-glance flower gallery of bees' favourite plants. *It also includes* 38 recipes for home remedies, beauty treatments, and candle-making.

The Bee Book, lavishly bound in a beautiful gold-foil and texture cover and perfect for gift giving.

Congratulations to those members who contributed.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - THE HIVE at KEW

Kew are interested in staging a range of talks with a focus looks on bees and pollination. Kew will offer the speaker and a guest free entry to the gardens for another date in 2016 and they will obviously have free access on the day of their talk.

The format will be 5 x 30min talks on a Sunday (the same talk repeated with opportunities for Q&As). Exact times TBC but looking like they will be between 11 - 5pm. Kew is offering the BBKA the last Sundays of the month from July to October (31st July, 28th August, 25th September, 30th October). To register your interest please [contact Kew](#)

It Has Been A Pleasure

I take this opportunity to recognise and offer sincere thanks to Clive Joyce for his contributions to the BBKA over many years. His management of the BBKA Apiary - preparing colonies for the Exam Board Assessments and providing stocks for BBKA shows and events has been driven by a passion for bees.

The transferral of the apiary site in 2014 provided an opportunity, with the aid of our corporate

friends, to begin a wild flower meadow and re-establish the BBKA Apiary closer to our offices. I also thank him, and Eileen, for their support of both myself and BBKA office team; as he now hangs up his BBKA smoker. Jane Moseley.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITY

The Crowood Press, an independent book publisher has published several books on beekeeping including Clive de Bruyn's highly acclaimed Practical Beekeeping.

Crowood Press would now like to publish a completely new and up to date book on beekeeping, provisionally entitled The Beekeeper's Manual. The book would cover the most recent research on diseases and would include the latest developments and thinking. Notwithstanding this, the book would need to be intelligible to beekeepers and we do not wish to publish a technical scientific treatise. The volume would need to be a worthy successor to Clive de Bruyn's book and would be aimed at serious beekeepers who are interested in all aspects of bees and beekeeping, including their diseases and disease prevention.

Interested? Then please [email](#) Commissioning Editor
Dr Robert Neville.

Thank you to all contributors. Please feel free to share with fellow members and interested parties.

Jane Moseley

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