

# Harlow Bees-letter - March 2018

**Upcoming Meetings - March 1** - Soap making with Sarah Robb & EGM -

**April 5** - The shook swarm with Robert Smith NDB



## Secretary Notices

**This month's speaker** Dr Sara Robb Was going to speak last month but was unavoidably unwell and had to cancel at the last minute - we look forward to her visit this month.

**Last month's speaker** Last month we had Alternative bee hives with Peter Aldridge - it was a very interesting talk about Top bar and related hives

**Facebook** - Ben Hart is going to be pushing the facebook page for the group forward <https://www.facebook.com/harlowbees.co.uk/> to increase social engagement and help us look for speakers.

**EBKA AGM** Saturday 24 March 2pm at Writtle College - Propositions are as follows:

**Proposition One** put forward by the Central Executive Committee:

That some Essex Beekeepers' Association (EBKA) Membership Categories be amended to align with those of the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA), with effect from 1st January 2019.

The main change would be to replace the EBKA Joint (also known as Dual) Membership with Registered Member and Partner Member.

EBKA Single Membership would be renamed Registered Member.

EBKA Group Membership category, which in terms of benefits is Single Membership by another name, would be dropped altogether.

Note:

EBKA Life Membership categories will remain unchanged. Other categories, such as Associate and Junior, would be unaffected as these are purely Divisional categories and do not involve BBKA capitation.

The reason for making this change is to simplify the calculation of capitation. The cost of EBKA membership to members will not be affected.

The above proposition, if carried, will involve a change to the EBKA rules, for which business an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held later in 2018 to enable adoption of the new rules on 1st January 2019.

**Proposition Two** put forward by the Central Executive Committee (CEC):

That the Essex Beekeepers' Association (EBKA) and Divisional Subscription/Capitation rates be increased annually by the rate of inflation, as determined by the annual rise in the Consumer Price Index for the 12 month period to September of the previous year.

The EBKA and Divisional rates shall be calculated separately and rounded to the nearest 20p. This proposition, if carried, to be effective from 1st January 2019.

From the same date, Junior Membership rates should be fixed at the discretion of Divisions, together with Associate Membership rates and these will not be subject to this annual automatic increase and the cost of these remains at the discretion of Divisions.

This change proposed by the County Treasurer, who has advised the CEC that the EBKA's annual expenditure has been exceeding income in recent years and that EBKA must be adequately funded by its members in order to ensure that the Association can continue to carry out its aims of furthering the craft of beekeeping in the County.

The above proposition, if carried, will involve a change to the EBKA Rules, for which business an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held later in 2018 to enable adoption of the new rules on 1st January 2019. The result, using the 2018 subscription rate as an example and annual inflation of 3%, would be that EBKA capitation would go up to £7.20 and Divisional portion would go up to £7.70. Overall the subscription rate would go up by 40p (rounded to the nearest 20p).

For the avoidance of doubt, this proposition excludes consideration of the membership subscription to the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) which is set by resolution of the members at the BBKA Annual

Delegates' Meeting. BDI Insurance rates are also excluded from the matters addressed under this proposition.

If you wish to comment on either of these propositions please do so at the AGM or by email to your secretary to represent you.

### **Beekeeping Course**

Our Annual course starts again 27th February 2018 for 5 weeks 8-10pm and 2 apiary sessions, only £50 or £90 for 2 people sharing 1 set of notes - For Further Information ring David on 07988 595054 or email [davidmccorkindale@hotmail.com](mailto:davidmccorkindale@hotmail.com) - **LAST FEW SPACES**

### **Parndon Wood**

At the EGM a new team came forward to maintain the Divisional Hives. Unfortunately before we even start the season we have lost 2 National Colonies; that leaves 2 reasonable size colonies, 1 Commercial & 1 National. Starting and maintaining the apiary has been enjoyable over the last couple of years but to lose 2 colonies with sufficient stores has been quite a blow. If any one has any calm colonies they wish to donate we would be extremely grateful.

**Subs** - 2018 Subscriptions: Unfortunately there have been various delays with members paying their subscriptions which has meant chasing members well into February.

Also there has been a quite a problem with me being able to receive emails containing scanned versions of the subs form where members have paid by BACS

I am really sorry for the time and effort these members have had to go through.

### **For sale**

#### **Buckets**

- Honey buckets £2

David Tyler (01279 730228)

#### **Wax for sale**

Roy Copley (01992 626668)

### **Division committee**

**President** Danny Nicoll

**Chairman & Librarian** David Tyler

**Vice Chair** Mike Barke

**Secretary, Divisional Trustee & Web**

**Editor** Nick Holmes

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