



CROYDON
BEEKEEPERS

Croydon Beekeepers Events August & September 2015

Candle making with Tamar - Wednesday 12 August 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.: learn how to make hand-dipped beeswax candles. See separate flyer attached to this email Please email to reserve a place: buzzibeez@gmail.com

Garden Meeting at John Lunn's in Sevenoaks – Sunday 16 August at 2.00 p.m. Please RSVP to buzzibeez@gmail.com

Extraction meeting at John Collett's Farm – Sunday 23 August 2.00 p.m.: please RSVP to buzzibeez@gmail.com

Meeting for honey processing and bottling – Sunday 6 September. Again, please RSVP to buzzibeez@gmail.com

Honey Tasting - Wednesday 10th September: an opportunity to taste different honeys and chat to fellow beekeepers in a relaxed and social atmosphere. The event will start c. 7.30 p.m. at a central Croydon venue. Venue and time will be confirmed shortly.

Croydon BKA Honey Show – Saturday 26 September. It's that time again – an opportunity to show the results of your labours or simply enjoy some tea and cake with fellow beekeepers. Last year we had over 100 entries and we want to surpass that in 2015. You don't need to have honey to enter, there are a wide range of classes from baking to candles, crafts and photography. The Show Schedule is attached to this email (apologies for poor quality, scanner not working as usual), the full programme will follow in September's newsletter.

Surrey BKA Training Day - Saturday 19th September: 'The Sussex Plan for Honey Bee Health & Well Being' and 'Bees in the City: the effects of urbanisation on honeybees'. Speakers will be Professor F Ratnieks from LASI (Laboratory of Social Insects and Apiculture at Sussex University) and Elizabeth Samuelson from the School of Biological Sciences at Royal Holloway University of London. See attached flyer. £15 for Surrey Division members.

CBKA Notices for August

- There is a new form for 2016 Membership which is attached separately to this email.
- Epsom BKA have nucs for sale at £125. If interested please email Phil Shepherd at shepland1@gmail.com
- Problems with Wasps?: this seems to be a particularly bad year. If you are having problems the recommendations are:
 1. reduce entrances as much as possible (if necessary to one or two bees wide)
 2. combine weak colonies (strong hives are better able to fight off wasps)
 3. if necessary use wasp traps but bait them with jam not honey and don't put them too close to the hive because they actually draw more wasps into the area. So put them a good distance away or start close to the hives and move them a big further away each day
 4. if a hive has already been robbed place a board or sheet of mesh in front of the hive so the bees have to fly around the sides
 5. If things are really bad consider moving the hive temporarily to a different site.