



October 2015

Enid Brown "My Beekeeping" WEDNESDAY 21 October 7.15 pm Rhu Church Hall

Enid Brown is one of Scotland's most respected beekeepers. At her local association in Fife she has introduced literally hundreds of people to beekeeping through its beginners programme. She is an SBA trustee and an international honey judge. "My beekeeping" is an easy to understand and clearly illustrated talk that provides useful, core information for beekeepers at all levels of experience: not to be missed (and note it is on Wednesday).

Honey for Sale There will be an opportunity to buy association honey at £5 per jar. Not much left so grab it while it is there!

An October Check list

- 1) Put in reduced entrance block or mouse guard
- 2) Take out queen excluder
- 3) Remove Varroa treatment (after checking that the fall from treatment has declined to the natural drop rate)
- 4) The above is an opportunity to heft the hive which needs to feel very heavy. If not feed straight away with Ambrosia (not sugar syrup) or put on fondant now or later.
- 5) Ensure that the hive is well ventilated. This should not be a problem if a Varroa floor is used (with the slide out)
- 6) Secure the hive against wind by tying down with a rope or strap to pegs or ground anchors. (Bricks etc on the roof might stop the roof blowing off but it won't stop the hive being blown over (or knocked over by roe deer for instance).

Programme for year

Thursday 26th November Dr Ewan Campbell Aberdeen University

Thursday 28th January AGM

Thursday Feb 22nd Practical Beekeeping

Thursday March 24th to be announced

Thursday April 28th Film The beekeeping year

Bees plus hives for Sale

With regret I am moving to England and disposing of all my bee equipment. The following are available. Alastair Cameron 01436 674707

3 full hives each with a varroa floor, 2 deeps, 2 supers, crown board, roof and queen excluder plus strong colony of bees recently checked by bee inspector and found to be healthy £150m each

Burco Boiler for melting large quantities of wax £5

Fridge Honey warmer with thermostat and light bulbs to warm honey in a controlled manner £5

Thorne's steam wax extractor with special roof, floor and steam generator to extract wax from deeps/supers full of frames £50

2 Thorn's 5-6 frame wooden nucleus boxes with elevated roof to allow space for a feeder £50 each, (cost £100), hardly used.

5 Simple wooden 4 frame nucleus boxes plus roofs £5 each (to go to club)