

Next meeting: 23rd February. Rhu Church hall, from 7.15pm:

A last minute plug for “**A lifetime in Beekeeping with Ben Bellamy**” during which our very own Ben Bellamy will be discussing his experiences in beekeeping and the fascination it holds.

What’s happening in the hive?

Not much if they’ve starved – please ensure there’s plenty of food available. Hopefully though everything is becoming established for the coming spring and summer. Now is also an opportune time to finish cleaning your kit and get everything prepared, establish any plans etc. It’s still winter so there’s still the chance of storms and/or snow, so keep checking everything is OK.

AGM outcomes

Thank you for all of those who attended the AGM. A few things to note. The committee has altered a bit and now stands as follows:

President:	Tim Syddall
Vice President:	Nick Davis
Secretary:	TBD [Colin Campbell has now stepped up to this post – thank you Colin]
Treasurer:	David Norton
Committee Member:	Sandra Crawford
Webmaster:	Gordon Smith
Newsletter:	Andrew Shaw
Librarian:	Nikki Monaghan
CABA rep:	Neil Sandison
Hall Set Up:	Sandra Juster
Swarm Control Contact:	Eddie and Nikki Monaghan
Minute Secretary:	Nikki Monaghan
Club Apiary Manager:	People interested as part of a team: David Norton, Norrie Forster, Sandra Juster, Robert Dalglish, and Sandy Abel.

I think Cameron deserves a big thank you for all that he has done over the last few years, working tirelessly both as HDBA secretary as well as being a representative for CABA.

Lastly, subs are due by the end of March in order to remain a member.

SBA workshops

The Scottish Beekeepers Association are running a collection of workshops:

- 4th March - Wax workshop at Thornes at Newburgh
- 15 April - Skep making at the Pyramids at Bathgate
- 19 August - Processing and preparing honey at Thornes at Newburgh



Club Apiary

Neil Sandison has stepped down from the position of apiary manager. Neil deserves huge credit for the way in which the apiary has been established and run over the years, so thank you Neil. The situation needs a final resolution, but there are a collection of people interested in helping it run.

Looking for a new apiary?

Mike Thornley has been approached by a lady who interested in having bees in her garden. She's therefore offering to provide space for a beekeeper to establish an apiary. Anyone interested should contact Janet Gibb:

Uplands,
Upper Flat,
2 Easterhill Road
HELENSBURGH
Tel 01436 268748

Link of the month:

<http://www.helensburghbees.com/index.htm>

Quite simply this is a plug for our own web page. Gordon maintains the website and keeps it up-to-date. It serves as a great go-to site; if you use it, simply import meeting dates into Google Calendar, for example.



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