

NEWSLETTER 233 – March 2018

Next meeting: 22 March 2018. Rhu Church hall, from 7.15pm:

External speaker.

Plus: Jackie has donated two boxes of SN5 (shallow) frames to be sold at the meeting. Each box has 7 drawn frames, plus 3 or 4 frames without foundation. Additionally there is a box of 6 SN1 Hoffman frames. Anybody who starts out in beekeeping soon realizes the value of having drawn comb available.

AGM

The AGM, chaired by Nick Davies, was followed by a fascinating talk by Norrie Foster about another of his passions: hawking. Somehow holding a hawk on his arm for the entire time, Norrie discussed the finer details of what it takes to look after a hawk.



Exams

If you intend taking any of the practical exams (Basic Beemaster, Junior Beekeeper, Intermediate Practical, The Apiarian) with the SBA the deadline for notification is the 10th April.

What's happening in the hive?

Hopefully things are beginning to roll into action following winter. There are high demands on potentially limited stores at this time of year, so keep checking to ensure that a sufficient supply is available, particularly given the chilly start to the year.

SBA convention - 22-23 September

This year the SBA convention is being held in Glasgow. Reports are that it's fully booked but that more tickets may become available. At this point it's probably best to get on a 'waiting list' by emailing the Glasgow beekeepers secretary: glasgowbeeksec@hotmail.co.uk.

Ideas for website

The HDBA website is migrating to a new platform. This is an opportunity for everybody to have an input into a concurrent re-vamp. What would you like to see incorporated? Do you have a vision for the website? Any thoughts and ideas please email Gordon: gordon@windsmiths.co.uk

Link of the month: <https://www.kkmoon.com/p-c1335.html>

In light of Ben's donation of his microscope to HDBA, here is another type of microscope, a stereo dissecting microscope for big magnification of your bees whilst you dissect. Also available on Amazon.

Public engagement

Michelle has been busy influencing the next generation of beekeepers by visiting the 4th Helensburgh Cubs as well as B.A.S.I.C And Corner House Crèche. Here are some pictures:



