



# Buzzword

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## Honey Show

**W**e really do need your help in making this major show a success. The jobs on offer are all interesting and rewarding. Please look at page three for essential details. Pat Marshall our show coordinator will be very grateful



Are you studying for exams?

## Our new website

**H**i Michael I wonder if you could mention something in the next *Buzzword* about the new NBKA website? The new address is <https://norfolkbeekeepers.org.uk/> and there is a redirect in place in case people use the old address. I am the webmaster, and can be contacted at this email address if there are any mistakes or feedback. It would be a good idea to directly request feedback in the future, once members have had a good chance to test out the new site and see if there are any mistakes or omissions, but initially it would be good if members were more aware of the new website.

There is a small subcommittee that has been tasked with improving the website, and one of our ideas was to request photos from members, if they agree to have them posted on the website. Photos can be emailed to me, and the best ones will make their way to the website.

David Kling

**C**opy for the next **Buzzword**

To the editor

By 14th June Please

## Swarming Event

Just to let you know that the Swarming Event will NOT be taking place on 19th May as originally planned.

At this stage an alternative date has not been arranged.

Sorry

## Help Please

**W**e have received the following requests for help from two of our fellow members.

1) One of our members has some health issues which are seriously curtailing her beekeeping at the moment particularly when it comes to any lifting. She keeps five hives at the Marlpit Community Garden, Marlpit Lane, Norwich at the far end of a seven acre field. There is someone who helps look after the hives but he is not experienced enough to inspect the bees on his own.

Would anyone be able to lend a hand?

I know that any help would be very gratefully received.

2) We have another member who has 4 hives plus nucs in Hellesdon. These are currently looked after by Keith Galliford from Norwich but after this season Keith will no longer be able to look after them. Would anyone be interested in taking over the management of these hives? Keith will be able to advise and train this year so this may appeal to a newer beekeeper who is ready to take on several more hives. Arrangements over share of honey etc. will be between the hive owner and whoever takes this on.

If you are able to assist with either of the above requests then please let me know as soon as possible and I will provide contact details.

Garry Bowler

Secretary, Norfolk Beekeepers' Association (NBKA)

## A little more about our web site

**A** reminder / request for you to take a look at our re-vamped website, [www.norfolkbeekeepers.org.uk](http://www.norfolkbeekeepers.org.uk) (or you can use [www.nbka.org.uk](http://www.nbka.org.uk)).

David King is doing a wonderful job at creating a much better looking site and work is ongoing to update the content. Ian Watkinson has been revising the "Jobs To Do" content to give you pointers on what you should be doing when (assuming the weather improves).

Please take a look and make suggestions for what you would like to see on there.

We want to keep refreshing the content so would be grateful for any pictures, video clips etc. that you have. You can message us using the contact page of the site or just send it to me as an e-mail attachment.

Detailed event information etc. is only available to members and you will be asked for a password when clicking the appropriate link - the current password is 'member18'.

Gary Bowler

Secretary, Norfolk Beekeepers' Association

## Honey Exhibition at The Royal Norfolk Show

**T**he Royal Norfolk is fast approaching again.  
If anyone is able to offer their services if only for a few hours please contact me.  
I will require assistance on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June in the morning from 9.30am until around lunchtime and then on both show days 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Work will involve speaking to visitors, selling honey, candle rolling and giving general information.

If you are able to offer time please telephone or email letting me know what days you will be available.

I will try exceedingly hard not to miss anyone off the list this year.

Email [patmarshall62@btinternet.com](mailto:patmarshall62@btinternet.com)

Telephone 01328 851475

Pat Marshall

## A spring to forget

**J**ust before Easter, all was optimism, and then we had, probably, the worst spring in living memory. For me it was memorable as I fell and broke my hip whilst out delivering parish material. Now learning to walk again and regaining my sense of humour.

Even the much-anticipated Tradex at Stoneleigh lacked some exhibitors and many beekeepers were put off travelling to the show.

The as if by magic, the sun came out and switched on the yellow fields. Not only the oil seed rape but daffodils, primroses, forget-me-nots and even at this time of political upheavals, the ironic honesty (*Lunaria annua*), shows its purple majesty.

One may well marvel at the wonders of nature and reflect on the cycle of famine, feast, and then our famed June gap.

Are you ready for early (ish) swarms and then the need to nurse your bees through June's lack of forage?

Michael Lancefield

## NORFOLK BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

### **Buzzword** diary

#### **May**

|                      |                               |                             |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> | Wild about Wensum. Pensthorpe | Trevor Nash<br>01362 696737 |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> | Husbandry course              | Jeremy Quinlan              |

#### **June**

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| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> | Royal Norfolk Show. Showground | Pat Marshall<br>01328 851 475 |
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#### **July**

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| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> 19.00 | Executive committee meeting<br>Easton NR9 5DX | Secretary<br>01603 861447    |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> 10.00 | Introduction to beekeeping<br>Easton NR9 5DX  | Graham Wrenn<br>01603 260034 |

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