



# BUZZWORD

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### Next issue in September!

All articles, events and things of interest to the beekeeping world (and maybe some other things too...!) should be sent to the Editor by **2 September 2019** at: [buzzwordnbka@gmail.com](mailto:buzzwordnbka@gmail.com)

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## Chairman's Buzzwords

Graham Wrenn



I hope that your season is going well and that your early summer crop was plentiful. Many of us are now looking at our main crop and thinking ahead to extraction. Don't forget that if you do not have your own extractor the Association has two, which you can borrow for a small deposit, which is returnable if the equipment is returned clean and undamaged.

You may also be considering which treatments to use for Varroa before feeding and bedding your bees down for the winter. With so many treatments available it is always worth asking your fellow members what works for them and the advantages/disadvantages of each. You will get plenty of different answers, but it may help you determine which suits you for use this time around.

We had a successful couple of days at the Royal Norfolk Show (report on p.2) and, although the Wednesday was certainly colder than many years, the plant and honey sales did brisk trade. My thanks go to all who were involved and particularly to Pat, our Show Secretary, who worked tirelessly along with her band of volunteers.

Every year we hear of hives full of bees being stolen and it makes us consider if our own are vulnerable. If you have not looked at the BBKA website for a while you may not be aware that their brokers now offer us the chance to cover all of our equipment on an All Risks basis in addition to the BDI cover.

Details can be found by going to [www.beekeeperinsurance.co.uk](http://www.beekeeperinsurance.co.uk). Cover starts at £5,000 for which the charge is only £12.00 per year for up to 5 hives. Hopefully we will never need to claim but it is nice to know that cover is available.

I have just learned that Bookers are selling 25kg of sugar for £15.50 or 2 bags for £22.00, a saving of £8.00 until the end of August. Bookers, although wholesalers, let members of Beekeeping Associations purchase without a trade card merely on production of proof of membership.

Best wishes, Graham ([chairnbka@gmail.com](mailto:chairnbka@gmail.com))

### WANTED: Membership Secretary for the NBKA

The work commitments of our current Membership Secretary means that he needs to pass on the role to a new person. This is a vital part of keeping the Association running smoothly and comes with a seat on the Committee and a small honorarium.

For a flavour of what the position entails, please see p.10 of *Buzzword* in March 2019 (<http://bit.ly/30FR7PK>).

If you think you have the organisational skills and temperament to perform such a task, please submit your application (covering letter and brief CV) to the Secretary ([secretarynbka@gmail.com](mailto:secretarynbka@gmail.com)) by 19 August.

# The Royal Norfolk Show: Honey show

Pat Marshall, Show Secretary

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the people who helped at the show, from planning the event, setting up in the days beforehand, taking it down, those who helped on the show days and to the honey judges.

This is a huge event that requires a lot of time and patience as well as stamina over the days of the show and those leading up to it.

I have presented the details of who won in the honey show, along with some of the judges' comments. If you didn't win, please try in the Autumn honey show and again next year – you may well have only just missed it!

Prizes will be handed out at the President's Evening on November 15 (Felthorpe Pavilion, 19.30–22.00) this year. I very much hope that as many members (not just prize-winners) will come to the evening as it is a good event and we have a quiz too!

## Judges' comments:

**Liquid honeys:** Some fantastic tasting samples. Most, although clean were let down by fine insipient granulation, and many also underweight. Also, another common fault that nearly everyone had, was not washing the fine chalk residue away from the liners on new lids, this falls into the surface of the honey on opening, not helpful when trying to win an award!

**Set honeys:** Mostly good, although a few were unset, any movement will preclude a winning ticket.

**Meads:** Some fantastically good exhibits, both clean and with excellent taste and bouquet. Perhaps a little tip would be to ensure bottles should be filled properly with a smaller air gap between top of mead and cork.

**Cakes:** Some truly delicious samples; a tip would be to use a non-

ey with a distinctive flavour and avoid using spices that would overpower and camouflage the taste of the honey.

**Photos:** Always a delight to judge, keep at it, everyone is doing the right thing to catch those special moments.

**Wax:** Some great exhibits. Tip, always use filtered wax, no debris should be visible on either surface. The 1oz blocks were particularly good.

**Candles:** Some nice exhibits, again it's down to cleanliness. Also a tip would be to always prime the wick and always use the lightest wax you have, dark wax is full of impurities and will sparkle and spit when lit.

For more tips, see *It's not just about the taste: Fiona Dickson's talk on showing honey* (Buzzword March 2019).

## Results of the Honey Show

Category	Name of person taking first prize
MEMBERS CLASS	
A Two 1 lb jars light liquid honey	Clare Jarrett
B Two 1 lb jars medium or dark liquid honey	Mr & Mrs A Marshall
C Two 1 lb jars creamed or granulated honey	Garry Bowler
D Novice Class	Chris Battrick
E Six 1 lb jars honey labelled for sale all the same	Mr & Mrs A Marshall
F Composite Class. Three 1 lb jars, all different	Mr & Mrs A Marshall <b>(Best in show)</b>
G One shallow frame	David Goodwin
H One 227g (8oz) cake of wax, plainly moulded	Jill Tinsey
I Honey Cake	Peter Lavender
J One bottle sweet mead	Alan Chapman
K One bottle dry mead	Lynne Pettit
OPEN CLASS	
L Two 1 lb jars light liquid honey	No first
M Two 1 lb jars medium or dark liquid honey	Mr & Mrs A Marshall
N Two 1 lb jars creamed or granulated honey	Mr & Mrs A Marshall
O Six 1 lb jars labelled for retail sale	Mr & Mrs A Marshall
P Two 227g (8oz) packs Cut Comb honey	No award
Q One 1 lb Cake of Wax, plainly moulded	Jill Tinsey
R Six 1oz blocks of wax, all the same	Jill Tinsey
S Any beeswax candle	Jill Tinsey
T 4oz sweets containing honey	Lynne Pettit
U Any honey cake	Pat Marshall
V Photograph related to bees & beekeeping	Lynne Pettit
W Display of hive products	No entries
X Decorative or artistic exhibit	Venetia Rist
GIFT CLASS	
Y One 1 lb jar liquid honey	Mr & Mrs A Marshall
Z One 1 lb jar creamed or granulated honey	Mr & Mrs A Marshall



Above, the impressive display of honey for judging, with mead in the background



Right, the new interactive display panel proved popular among old and young alike

# The Secretary Matters

Garry Bowler

For this issue I'm going to focus on the Royal Norfolk Show, after a really good couple of days on our stand. We had plenty of visitors and lots of questions were answered, advice given, candles rolled and honey and plants sold. The exhibits for the Honey Show made a great display and, as always, drew visitors to see the range and quality of honey that members of NBKA produce.

It is our aim to educate, inform and interest visitors to our stand and I think we did that well this year. Pat (Marshall) does an amazing job pulling it all together and huge thanks go to all members who volunteered to lend a hand.

We try to bring something new to the stand every year, it wouldn't do to keep it the same. Last year we had the full-size observation hive in the centre of the stand. It provided a good focal point but there were some issues. This year we couldn't resolve those issues in time for the show but hope to for the future.

Additions to the stand this year were a touchscreen attached to a computer with an interactive quiz for children visiting the stand (see p.2). We also purchased a TV screen to be able to continually run beekeeping DVDs. Add to these the large-scale brood frame complete with eggs, larvae, stores and bees plus a display of models of all sorts of beekeeping equipment and the display boards with posters, there was a good amount for people to see. Candle rolling is a regular and continues to be very popular.

## Sale of plants

Plant sales have become an additional feature over the past few years. We used to get plants to decorate the stand and visitors often asked if they were for sale as they looked so good. So, we decided to have more plants on display outside the stand which we would try to sell.

This year we almost sold out, much to the amazement of Edgefield Nurseries who supply such excellent quality plants. We sold over £2300 worth, 50% more than in 2018. Our aim is to at least break even financially, and the proceeds of sales of honey, plants and candles helps achieve that.

If you are helping on the stand during the morning a bonus is bacon rolls, provided by George Male using his own home-smoked bacon.

## Information and apiary offers

Over the two days our Information Desk receives a lot of visitors with bee questions of various sorts. We have offers of apiary sites throughout the year but at the Show we get something of a surge. You will see from the summary and details below that there is an interesting range on offer.

Please take a look and if any are of interest to you then let me know as soon as you can and I will provide contact details so you can arrange to visit. People have been kind enough to offer their gardens and property as sites so it

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would be good to be able to take advantage. Although having bees in more than one place does make a little more work I find there are advantages including different honey from different forage.

Amongst other enquiries at the Information Desk: a lady in Worstead is looking for a local mentor to help her get started; a lady in Bawdeswell would like to get involved with helping someone with their apiary. Doesn't mind what she may have to do but keen to be involved. Again, just let me know if these are of interest.

## School trips

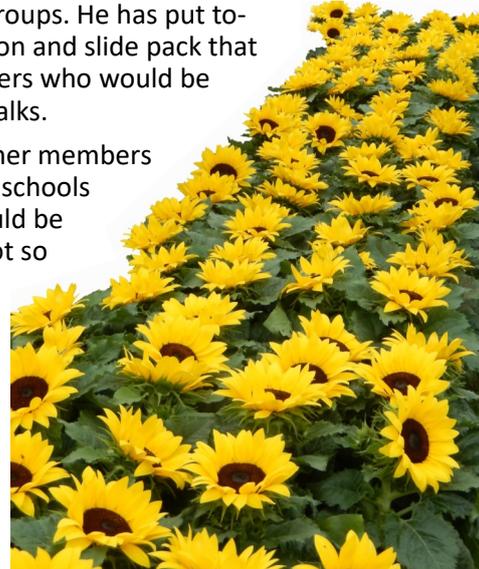
Just to finish, on a relatively regular basis I have requests from Primary Schools for beekeepers to visit and give a talk as bees and other insects feature in the school curriculum. Many of these requests are at short notice and often we are unable to help but NBKA member James Page has kindly agreed to do a few of these for schools and scout groups. He has put together an information and slide pack that he is offering to others who would be happy to do these talks.

I know there are other members who visit their local schools but if members would be prepared to visit 'not so local' schools so we can help with more of these requests then I would be grateful if you could let me know.

[secretarynbka@gmail.com](mailto:secretarynbka@gmail.com)

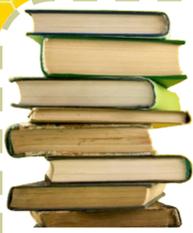


Below, the striking display of sunflowers on the NBKA plant stall



## Apiary Offers from the RNS (plus a couple received previously)

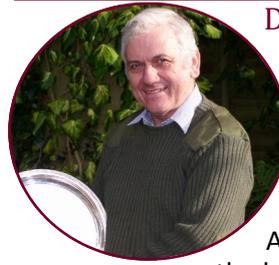
Address	Notes
Necton, Swaffham, PE37	Farm site
Norwich, NR1	City, residential garden, allotments & parkland
Wymondham, NR18	42 acre woodland, next to meadow
Hellesdon, Norwich	WBC hive in garden, with frames no foundation. Would like it put to use
Westfield, Dereham, NR19	Farmer with SSSI CWS HLS ELS Pollen and nectar plots
Catfield, Gt Yarmouth, NR29	Garden near broads
Tuttington, Aylsham	Village site, trees, shrubs, woodland. Lockable gate
Hildebrand Farm, Beeston Hall, NR12	600 acres, mixed farming. Lakes, woodland. Mid-tier CC agreement. Leniently grazed fields and wildflower plots
Norwich, NR2	Large garden
Brandon Country Park	Bees in walled garden (open to public) or other location.
Hingham, NR9	Manor house, walled garden and grounds



# Book Reviews

## Don's take on the season so far

Don Cooper



So far, this year is proving to be one of the most difficult that I have experienced for a very long time.

### *The Asian Hornet Handbook*

Sarah Bunker

Psocid Press, 2019, £16

Michael Pfeil

In 2016 Asian hornets were found for the first time in the UK. These incursions are increasingly frequent, and given the rapidity with which these fascinating insects progressed through Western Europe, their first sighting in Norfolk is only a matter of time.

For beekeepers, Asian hornets represent two major problems. Not only can they be very aggressive when their nest is disturbed, they excel as predators of all insects and especially honeybees.

This practical handbook is aimed at beekeepers at all levels. It provides a lot of information. Part 1 introduces the reader to Asian hornets, their identification, life cycle, biology and behaviour, without ever losing sight of the relevance of the information for beekeepers.



Map of Europe, showing colonisation, in yellow, by Asian hornets. The initial introduction into France is marked with a red spot. We do not know whether Asian hornets might already be established in the UK, hence the question mark

The second part considers the spread of Asian hornets across Western Europe and into the UK, including the National Contingency Plan and an introduction to Asian hornet action teams. The final part deals with the detection, tracking and control of Asian hornets and their nests. This includes what individual beekeepers can do when these insects arrive in their apiaries.

The author, Sarah Bunker, is an entomologist with a PhD in insect flight as well as a beekeeper for many years. She has worked as one of the UK volunteers with John De Carteret and Bob Hogge in Jersey and the book benefits substantially from this hands-on experience. I found this book to be fascinating and very readable. The multitude of photographs and illustrations contribute to making this book very accessible.

You can buy this book for £16 directly from the author ([www.asianhornethandbook.com](http://www.asianhornethandbook.com)).

As with many field and garden plants, the bees seemed to be pushing forward and by the beginning of May were at least two weeks ahead of normal, and this is where all my planning went 'askew'.

I had an arranged 'Total Hip Replacement' operation at the hospital, to take place in June. I thought this would allow me ample time to sort pre-ordered nucs, to put on queen excluders and supers and hopefully take some early honey off the remaining stocks. But the operation was unexpectedly brought forward to April 4th – my plans were in shreds!

I have on several occasions helped out fellow beekeepers when they have had a period of illness or a bereavement of a partner. This is a situation where all beekeepers ought to have a 'back-up' plan should they themselves be incapacitated. Fortunately, I had such an arrangement, with offers of help from other local beekeepers, but the bees didn't want to comply fully with this new situation.

I had a cunning plan for the nucs. I also used double brood boxes on most stocks, thereby giving the bees extra room, and a new set of brood combs for most stocks – so far, so good. So what did the bees do? They filled them all up with honey, then several planned to swarm! A situation not helped by me having a six-week period of no driving after my operation (my apiaries being a 20-minute drive away), plus other medical complications.

I am writing this personal account of my year because I have been aware of several occasions where the non-beekeeping partner or friend has suddenly been left with a number of hives of bees to attend to, for most an impossible task (see, for example, *Stepping up to the plate* in the January issue). Feeding the neighbour's cat or chickens is a bit different to inspecting large numbers of strong colonies of bees.

The active beekeeping season is quite short, basically being April to August, just five months with a month each side to do the preparations or bedding down for winter. So during those active months a lot can and should be done.

Re-queen 'slow' (or stingy) stocks, move old combs to the outside of the brood box, do the normal inspections, honey removal, monitor/treat stocks for varroa control, and (please) watch out for small hive beetle in your hives and Asian hornets around your apiary. If in doubt, catch a sample if possible, place any back-up specimens in the freezer and contact your local NBU Inspector or your Association's Area Advisor immediately to get positive confirmation, or not, as the case may be. Remember, varroa was in England 4 to 5 years before it was found by a couple of beginners in Devon.

# A Norfolk beekeeper's record 1918–1932

Peter Beckley

I was pleased that my contribution in the last issue of *Buzzword* inspired our Editor to do a little research and we have identified Mr Henry J. Thouless (the keeper of the record) as a significant entomologist who bequeathed a collection of insects he had collected, which included two named after himself, to the museum in Norwich Castle. Incidentally, he is also the grandfather of David J. Thouless, a winner of the Nobel Prize in physics for 2016 for “theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter”.

The notes of his second year of beekeeping are quite fulsome and I am pleased to present them in full since they reflect the experience so many beekeepers have in the early years of beekeeping.

I think it is worth remembering that 1919 was not that many years on from bees being kept in skeps and there were still ‘skepist’ beekeepers at that time.

## “1919

*Divided colony on June 6th.*

*Weather very hot and dry from beginning of May to middle of June. Cold and wet from middle of June to end of July.*

*On July 19th the original colony came out as if to swarm but returned to the hive. We made an artificial swarm with the idea that this would prevent a further attempt, but on August 3rd they swarmed and were hived in a fresh position.*

*On August 4th the stock left on June 6th swarmed and having no hive available they were added to the swarm of the previous day. They were well floured\* and united without trouble. Ten minutes later one of the queens had been thrown out. (\*Sprinkling flour on bees and frames was a common way of uniting even as spraying bees with water is now – Peter.)*

*August 5th Original colony which had swarmed on the 3rd threw off a second swarm which was returned same evening without killing queen.*

*August 6th Yesterday's swarm came out again & also a swarm from the artificial swarm made July 19th. Before returning them both hives from which they had come were opened and queen cells removed. There were a considerable number in each, some ready to hatch. Both swarms were returned to their respective hives in the evening.*

*August 7 Received Italian Queen from Penna\*. (\*These queens were held in high regard and maintained their popularity as imported queens for many years. Unfortunately, it is not recorded how much Mr Thouless paid for her – Peter.) Decided to give it to the double swarm of Aug. 3&4. Removed queen from hive but accidentally allowed her to escape, and were unaware what had become of her. Fearing she would return to her own hive, queen was taken from the artificial swarm of July 19 and Italian queen was given to them in her travelling*

*cage with her attendant bees, but found them and a dead queen outside the hive the second day. Ordered another queen from Penna which arrived September 1st. A few days after this same hive was found to contain a laying queen. Probably she was the one which had escaped on Aug 7th and returned to the hive from which she had taken her wedding flight. A frame of brood was given to the double swarm but no queen cells were built. A fortnight later the hive was found to contain a laying queen but where she come [sic] from is unknown. Two virgin queens had been introduced but we thought they had been rejected.*

*September 1st Original colony left July 19th. Removed the young laying queen August 31st and introduced Italian queen September 2nd received from Penna in travelling cage, without attendant bees. She was accepted without mishap.*

*September 8th Italian queen at work, and a number of eggs were seen.*

*At end of season the hives were in the following position:*

*No. 1. Highbury. Stock left after taking swarm July 19th. Headed by Italian queen received from Penna Sept. 1st.*

*No. 2. Highbury. Remainder of stock divided July 19th. Queen of doubtful origin probably the one which escaped on August 7th.*

*W.B.C. Stock left June 6th headed by queen hatched first week in August.*

*No1. Long Hive\* Double swarm of August 3–4. Queen probably one of the virgins introduced after August 7th. (\*This would not be the Long Hive as we know it today – Peter.)*

*In the Autumn all colonies shewed signs of I.O.W.\* disease and died out in February.”*

(\*Isle of Wight Disease. Subsequently established as Acarine. This experience was commonplace for beekeepers at that time.)

It is, perhaps, worth reflecting on this period. It was less than a year since the end of the Great War with the enormous loss of life it had generated. This was exacerbated by the outbreak of ‘flu which killed many more than had died in the war. And yet here were beekeepers contacting each other across a Europe which was desperately trying to put itself together.

Today, older beekeepers who had the privilege in the early days of their beekeeping to know and listen to beekeepers who had experienced the devastation of I.O.W. disease know, that from their demeanour when recounting this event, it must have seemed as if all the horrors of their contemporary experiences were being visited upon their bees.

The rapidity with which this rapacious disease spread across the British Isles resulting in an almost complete eradication of the indigenous honeybee in a few short years is something that has not been experienced since. Peter

## 50 years of bee-keeping

Clive Wakes-Miller



So, how do you start on 50 years of beekeeping? Well, largely by accident!

My fascination with bees started at the age of fourteen, in 1951, when a swarm swept across the tennis court to land in a nearby tree. Our host, who was a beekeeper, dressed me fetchingly in his wife's long trousers and jacket and asked me to climb up, cut the branch the swarm was on and gently bring it down. I then first saw one of the wonders of beekeeping as we emptied the box of bees before the hive and they all followed the queen in.

This event stayed with me until I was able to have my own hives, living in the countryside as a General Practitioner in Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk. In the early days, there were no evening classes or set courses; you were taught by your bees to recognise the murmur of a happy hive – the smooth melodic sound in a summer's evening compared with the staccato, sharp, prickly sound of unrest within a hive. After a busy surgery, I used to walk up the garden to the hives where I learnt to judge from the colour of the pollen on their legs where the bees had been visiting each day.



Beekeeping: a game for all the family...

Where did my bees come from? Over the years, I have collected swarms from bathrooms, attics, chimneys, garages, green houses and gardens. In Norfolk, bees seem to have an affinity for medieval churches. I have tried to get my queens from a range of sources, including the famous Father Adam at Buckfast Abbey.

Holidays abroad have given me the opportunity to explore the wider aspects of my hobby. I make a point of meeting local beekeepers and share the problems they are faced with. I have scrambled down caves in Egypt, have attended formal Apimondia conferences in France and Ukraine and have given talks in Australia. In all my talks, I have relied on my medical experience to voice my concern about the effects of neurotoxic chemicals on humans, as well as on bees. I have also been a great advocate for the use of raw honey for dressings for varicose ulcers.

And what is my message after fifty years? Beekeepers, as a group, need to be more vocal about what is happening to our environment – the bees are telling us something and we must listen.

I am now over 80 and find beekeeping a little too physical so I am looking for someone to take over my bees. I have all my hives and equipment for sale and am looking for a good home for my bees (see p.7).

## Thoughts on swarm control

Elaine Gibbs, Cromer

The Secretary's plea for wider help with the large number of swarms at the beginning of the year had a good response. Many members came forward to help house the swarms, but it seemed to be a case of bolting the door once the bees had gone.

Perhaps we all need to be a bit more proactive in preventing our hives from swarming. They don't just come from thin air and I don't believe that these days they are all from 'wild' colonies.

Personally, as soon as I see drones emerging from my hives I consider 'the bullet is in the gun' for swarming. This was especially true this year as the colonies were expanding fast (generous winter stores) and filling their boxes with brood. Because of the NE wind and cold weather here on the coast this year, hives bursting with bees had nothing to collect and no chance to collect it.

I decided to seize the possibility of increasing stock by removing from each colony a large, well-stocked nucleus with the queen. I then fed them to get new frames drawn out. The parent hives soon built queen cells of good quality and were allowed to keep one really good one. They all mated successfully and are laying out.

When the weather warms by night as well as by day and foraging really takes off at last, I have the chance to boost one of each pair with bees and emerging slabs of brood and bring in a harvest.

This splitting in very poor spring weather almost always pays off: new queens, doubling stocks and more bees available for collecting when it warms up. What does it cost? Time, effort and some supplementary feeding as opposed to losing swarms, with colonies depleted so as not to be able to respond rapidly when spring does kick in.

## E.W. Madoc remembered?

Do you have any memories of E.W. Madoc or the Madoc Apiaries based around Watton and the battle area from the 1920s to the 1960s? If so, Paul Metcalf (President of the Association) would like to hear from you. Please contact: [paul.metcalf@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.metcalf@btinternet.com).

In its early years Madoc Apiaries was at the forefront of the advancement of honey farming in England, along with Gale and Manley. Madoc's operation was one of the early commercial English honey farms.

During the early days of the Second World War, "Teddy" Madoc employed George Moore, a jeweller from Birmingham, as his foreman and then partner. David Moore, George's son, is now happily enjoying retirement in Sydney, and has been researching Madoc. He and Paul Metcalf have been putting together what they hope will be an interesting story of the life and times of E.W. Madoc.

However, the story is not complete. The collapse of the business (late 1950s/early 1960s) is still unclear and they are hoping that some members of the NBKA will have some memories that could help fill in the gaps.

## Members 'Wants' and 'For Sale'

Adverts are free to members. Contact the Editor on [buzzwordnbka@gmail.com](mailto:buzzwordnbka@gmail.com)

### For Sale and Wanted:

Elderly beekeeper retires (see left) after 50 years and has:

20 national hives, 10 with healthy bees; 8 WBC hives; Training observation hive; 1 Universal range extractor; Standard un-capping tray; Cold un-capping tray; Queen excluders x 50; Wax melter; Coverboards x 50; Crown boards x 50; Mouse guards; Warming cabinet.

Miscellaneous items to run 2 x apiaries of 50 hives

POA Contact Dr Clive Wakes-Miller 01485 512525;

[alison@wakes-miller.com](mailto:alison@wakes-miller.com)



James Walker has an extractor for sale. He also has some WBC parts as well.

He is looking for £100.00 for the extractor. (New price around £400.00).

He will negotiate prices for the WBC parts.

James's contact number is 01362 698860.

A lady in Salhouse has a large sized Sherriff Honey Rustler in khaki (never worn, normal price £118, see <https://www.bjsherriff.co.uk/product/honey-rustler-khaki/> for more information) plus an empty nucleus box and a smoker. These belonged to her husband. She would like £50 for the jacket, oiro £25 for the nucleus box and £10 for the smoker. Please contact the secretary for more details: [secretarynbka@gmail.com](mailto:secretarynbka@gmail.com).



### Great Yarmouth Tourist Centre seeks honey

The Great Yarmouth Tourist Information Centre sells local gifts/produce for our visitors to take home.

They are keen to start selling local honey from within the borough.

Would any members in the borough be interested in supplying them? If yes, please give them a call on 01493 846346 or contact their manager, Sheila King, on 01493 846344 and they can discuss it.



Two former members of NBKA have had to stop keeping bees for health reasons and they have some equipment they would like to sell.

Stainless steel 9-frame radial electric extractor with variable speed and reversible action motor. This was only used for about 4 seasons on two hives so is in very good condition, £600.



WBC white-painted hive with 4 lifts, galvanised roof, varroa mesh floor, brood box, 3 supers, crown board and framed wire queen excluder. The hive does need a small amount of work and coat of paint otherwise all quite serviceable, £175.00.



All enquiries to Graham Ford (who is selling on behalf of the vendors), email [graemarbees@btinternet.com](mailto:graemarbees@btinternet.com), 01508 493430.



## Association extractors

The Association has two extractors. One is in Norwich and comes with a separate settling tank, the other, which has no settling tank, is in Reepham. (See NBKA website for terms of borrowing.)

For the one in Norwich, please contact Gerasi-mova by email or text but please don't phone, [kittykat3756@gmail.com](mailto:kittykat3756@gmail.com), 07837 797013. She lives in the Earlham Green area of Norwich, NR5.

The other is in a temporary home: Alvan Parker, The Cottage, The Moor, Reepham NR10 4NL phone 01603 873383. If you can provide a permanent home for this extractor, please contact the Secretary ([secretarynbka@gmail.com](mailto:secretarynbka@gmail.com)).

## We are not worthy...

Congratulations are in order for **Venetia Rist**, the Examinations Secretary and the Chair of WNKLB, on passing the Advanced Husbandry Module of the BBKA and with that she also becomes a **Master Beekeeper**, and is exalted almost to god-like status.

Congratulations also go to **Tish Kerkham** on passing Module 3, Honey Bee Pests, Diseases and Poisoning, with Credit. Well done!

### New beekeeper in North Walsham

Would any member in the North Walsham area be happy for a potential beekeeper to accompany them to get a feel for beekeeping. Please contact the Secretary.

## Apiary sites offered

Enquiries to the Secretary ([secretarynbka@gmail.com](mailto:secretarynbka@gmail.com))

### Apiary offer Brandon Country Park

Brandon Country Park, Brandon, Suffolk are interested in introducing a hive (or two) to their walled garden. These could be from an existing beekeeper interested in the location as an out apiary or potentially Council owned hive(s) which a beekeeper or, ultimately, the Country Park care for. Should the walled garden be unsuitable due to proximity to the public there are other possible locations in the grounds. Wildflower planting is under way to supplement existing forage.

### Apiary offer Hingham

A lady in Hingham has a large and beautiful garden full of flowers which borders woodland on the outskirts of the village. There is an enclosed 'kitchen' garden now just used for flowers and at the back of the garden are the

woods. There is masses of space and she would love a beekeeper to use this as an out apiary.

### Apiary offer near Aslacton

We have 4 acres of land including a small orchard planted two years ago. Would anyone be interested as this would help us to decide if bees could live alongside us and horses (we have an area where the horses and other animals would not be able to reach the hives or we could do some fencing depending on what would suit).

### Apiary offer Rackheath

I would be very interested to hear from anyone in the area who would like to bring a hive to my garden. My garden is allowed to go wild alongside plants and trees with no artificial fertiliser or weed killer used. My husband and I keep chickens and ducks in a part of the garden that has four apple trees. We have a section behind the garage that has wild raspberries in that could easily store a hive.

## Local suppliers listing

Please note that this list is made up only of the suppliers in Norfolk who have confirmed that they are still 'in business'; to add your name to this list (for which there is **no** charge), please contact the Editor at [buzzwordnbka@gmail.com](mailto:buzzwordnbka@gmail.com)

### Applebee Apiary, Rockland St Mary

John Everett, Master Beekeeper

We carry a large range of beekeeping equipment from Thornes and other suppliers.

We breed and sell honey bees. Large stocks of hives, frames, foundation, jars and other beekeeping sundries always in stock; beginner's courses from May.

01508 538231 [everettapplebee@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:everettapplebee@hotmail.co.uk)  
<http://applebeeorchard.co.uk/>

Closed Sundays

### Don Cooper, Roughton NR11 8QP; 01263 761517

5/6-Frame BS nucs available in May from £150

30lb Buckets of honey

Advice on "all things bees"

### Glebelands Apiary, Rocklands St Mary NR14 7BX

Peter Beckley, Thornes agent (reportedly the longest serving in the UK)

01508 480262; [orns@btconnect.com](mailto:orns@btconnect.com)

## Forthcoming Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
<b>August</b>				
3	14:00–16:00	New members' day, incorporating closing down	Stiffkey	Lynne and Guy Pettit
<b>September</b>				
13	19:00 – 21:00	Executive committee meeting	Easton College*	Secretary
21	14:00 – 16:00	Talk by Chris Evans	Easton College*	Secretary
<b>October</b>				
5	All day	Autumn show and social	Easton College	Secretary
13	All day	Apple day	Gressenhall Museum	Secretary
<b>November</b>				
8	19:00 – 21:00	Executive committee meeting	Easton College*	Secretary
9	All day	BBKA exams	Easton College	Examinations Sec
15	19:30 – 22:00	President's Evening	Felthorpe Pavilion	Secretary
<b>December</b>				
15	All day	Christmas lunch	TBC	Secretary
<b>January</b>				
3	19:00 – 21:00	Executive committee meeting	Easton College*	Secretary
11	All day	BBKA ADM 2020	Venue TBC	Secretary

\*Rooms are on the first floor of the Sports Centre