



Forest Beekeeper

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The Christmas Social

As in previous years, the final meeting of 2013 was our Christmas party, offering a chance for members to talk to each other without the interruption of a speaker or film show! Many thanks to Robin Harman for organising this, and to Sheila Morrissey and Don McHale and others for their help with the refreshments.

As you can see from the photos, there was good attendance, crackers were pulled and there were some interesting raffle prizes!



One of Santa's elves seems to have found his way to the Chingford Horticultural Hall ... no, it's our President Ken Barker getting into the Christmas mood! We hope that you all had a very happy Christmas, and are looking forward to lots of beekeeping in 2014. Notices of forthcoming events, photographs and reports of meetings are always welcomed by the Editor, so please let us have your contributions during the next year. ✂



Annual General Meeting – Thursday 16th January

This month will be the AGM of the Epping Forest Division, to be held at Chingford Horticultural Hall, Larkwood Road, Chingford E4 6NH at 7.30 pm.

All Division Members are welcome, please come along as this is an opportunity to meet the members of the Committee, vote for your representatives and to find out the ways in which you could help to support your Division's many activities over the coming year. All our activities are run and organised by members and there's always room for some volunteers if you would like to get involved. ✂

Diary Date – Spring Convention

This year's BBKA Spring Convention will be at Harper Adams College again, from 4th-6th April. Tickets on sale from 6th January on the BBKA Website. ✂

Bee Trade Exhibition

There will be a one-day trade fair at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire on Saturday 1 March. Entry will be £5 and there are over 30 exhibitors, and free lectures. Tickets can be booked via www.beetradex.co.uk ✂

New Regional Bee Inspector

Many of you will have met Alan Byham, who spoke at one of our apiary meetings last year. Alan has moved on from this post, and the new South Eastern Regional Bee Inspector will be Julian Parker, who is an experienced Seasonal Bee Inspector. No doubt we will be meeting Julian during 2014. ✂

Beginners Classes

These will be starting next month, enquiries to Robin Harman or Chris Branch if you would like a place on this year's Beginner Beekeeping course. ✂

Tips from the Bee Man

The weather recently has been relatively mild, and the bees have been flying on calm days, which means they are eating more stores than usual for this time of year. Check the stores on your hives and if necessary feed fondant (candy) to make sure they have enough stores to get through until spring. ✂

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Chair's Corner

Best wishes for a very happy New Year to all the Division Members. Last year was a very active one for the Division and we were proud to host the Essex Beekeepers' Annual Conference along with the many other social events, training courses and meetings. My thanks to all those who contributed to making it such a good year. Please play your part by coming along to meetings, telling us what you would like more (or less) of, and participating in the many events that we have planned for 2014. ✂

Ted Gradosielski

