



Bath BEEkeepers NEWSLETTER

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HELLO AND WELCOME



For those who don't know my name is Alison Hillman, and have taken on the role of producing the Bath Beekeepers Newsletter from Francesca Knight.

Moving forward I'll aim to put out a short monthly newsletter highlighting the news and events that are happening within the club along with highlighting important information. This is an **urgent issue to high-light potential starvation** that could be happening in our hives.

CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Vacancies:

We have a vacancy for the role of Treasurer an important role for the club. If you would like to take this on, you'll get a good handover and support from all the committee members while you learn the job, please contact Charlotte or Shaun at bathbka.sec@gmail.com

Supplies:

Pete Davis will be selling fondant at £25 per box of five x 2.5 kg packs

Potential Hive Starvation:

It has been noted by various Bath Beekeepers in the last few days that the stores in the hives are extremely low. This is undoubtedly due to the incredibly mild weather and the lack of natural forage available. Normally this time of year it would have been much cooler and the bees wouldn't have been so active and consumed so much food. This also, would have been down to the very wet July/Aug and the inability to store as much as in other years.

It would be prudent for everyone to check their hives. If you have not done so within the last week, they are possibly likely to require food; Fondant at this time of year.

Bees in these circumstances could easily run out of food well before Christmas (normal time to check). Once bees run out of food it's as little as 4 - 5 days before they die of starvation.

Caution



Bees

Events and Dates for Diaries:

DATE	EVENT
25 Nov	Membership Renewals open on-line
6 Dec	Zoom talk on Verroa By Prof. Steve Martin
Jan/Feb 2024	TBC— Preparing for Asian Hornet
9;16;25; 30 April	Basic (Improvers) course.
May 24	Basic (Improvers) Practical TBC
TBC	Beginners Course

CLUB VISITS

The club has recently hosted several visits from children.

Two 6 year olds girls visited with their mums to help reinforce their learning relating to the science and nature elements of the curriculum. They all got kitted up in bee suits and were out with the bees for 45 mins+. They wanted to 'see the tools used, learn about the life of a beekeeper, find out about the bees and how we can look after them through simple things we can do at

home and anything else you would like to share'. They were going to give a talk to one of their school groups about their experiences they had with us. The family messaged the club to say "Thank you so much Alison & Pete for such a wonderful morning. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and learnt so much." They added "It says a lot about the experience that the girls were able to engage for so long. I really appreciate you and the group welcoming us so warmly

and for kindly sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm for beekeeping with us. It has truly brought our learning to life!"

The other visit was from a local pre-school who posted kind words & photos on their Facebook site, highlighting Bath BKA. They wrote that the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and haven't stopped talking about it!

Thank you to all involved

If you have any stories, photos, info that you'd like included please email to:
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By 20th each month