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*Apis mellifera scutellata* (see Jane Ridler's article on page 5)

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## May 2012 and June 2012

- 3 May *Thursday 7.30pm* **Harlow** at Kings Church Red Willow. A talk by Terry Thrussell on queen rearing and selective breeding.
- 4 May *Friday 8.00pm* **Romford** Chadwick Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park RM2 5EL. 'Upminster Court with Lois Amos.
- 5 May *Saturday 7.30pm* **Epping Forest** at Wanstead Apiary. Queen rearing with Roger Paterson.
- 15 May *Tuesday TBA pm* **Dengie Hundred and Maldon**. A talk on Queen introduction, clipping and marking Queens. Please contact Jean for venue details, 07731 856361
- 20 May *Sunday 2.00pm* **Braintree** Essev Young Farmers' Show, we have a marquee in the livestock area.
- 21 May *Monday 7.30pm* **Chelmsford** Link Hall Methodist Church, Rainsford Road, Chelmsford CM1 2XB. Chelmsford auction of surplus bee equipment (no live bees).
- 22 May *Tuesday all day* **Saffron Walden**. Visit to Thorne's Factory and Showroom situated in Wragby Lincs.
- 23 May *Wednesday 7.30pm* **Southend** at Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh. Denis Lloyd, Horticultural Officer at Southend Parks Department, will be visiting us to give a talk entitled 'Behind the scenes at Southend Parks Department' and will be telling us how their planting displays are able to help our bees and the wider environment.
- 26 May *Saturday 2.30pm* **Colchester** Garden Meeting at Daws Hall, Lamarsh CO8 5EX. Major Iain Grahame, tel. 01787 269213.
- 27 May *Sunday 3.00pm* **Braintree** Apiary meeting Alison & Geoff Brewer, Langton Cottage, Felsted. Telephone 01371 822043.
- 1 June *Friday 8.00pm* **Romford** Chadwick Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park RM2 5EL. A talk by Pam Hunter, 'Are bee problems really new?'
- 7 June *Thursday 7.30pm* **Harlow** at Kings Church Red Willow. A talk by Jim McNeill on honey labelling and selling honey.
- 9 June *Saturday 7.30pm* **Epping Forest** at Willow Cottage. Dr Tricia Moxey on Honeybees, Skeps, wax and bee boles.
- 24 June *Sunday 3.00pm* **Braintree** Apiary meeting Vi Taylor, Witham. Telephone 01376 514366.
- 27 June *Wednesday 7.30pm* **Southend** at Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh. Roger Payne, Natural History Curator at Southend Museum, 'The other types of bee we may encounter in our County'

- 28 June *Thursday 10.00am-4.00pm* **EBKA** Aldham Village Hall, Brook Street, Aldham, Colchester, Essex CO6 3RE. Good husbandry day with Bee Inspectors. Bring a packed lunch. Clean Protective clothing for beekeeping will be required. Pre Booking of places Essential. Contact ; Mrs E Marrable 01708 229441 or emarrable@ntlworld.com. See advert in April issue of Essex Beekeeper magazine.
- 30 June *Saturday 2.30pm* **Saffron Walden** Apiary meeting, 'Traditional and Top Bar Hives' at John Rhodes' Apiary Widdington, CB11 3SN.
- TBA **Dengie Hundred and Maldon** Apiary tour with Peter Heath. To participate please contact Jean on 07731 856361.
- TBA **Chelmsford** Apiary Disease Tour A round robin event. An excellent opportunity for you to have your colonies inspected professionally. Please contact Jean Smye (07731856361) for details of start time and itinerary.

### **County Pheromones Richard Ridler (Chairman)**

Half of our total current membership has joined in the last 3 years. This is both an opportunity and a problem to us. The opportunity is to help these newer members grow their knowledge and experience in beekeeping beyond the basic level. We should have plans not just to get all our beginners through the Basic Assessment (which I believe we do) but to take them on towards the BBKA General Husbandry assessment and written exams, whether they actually take these or not. We are also in the fortunate position of having enough funds to do this but the problem is how best to do it.

At the March CEC all trustees were asked to seek the views of their divisions about how best we can use our funds to add to what we already do. Please give them your ideas. It will be interesting to see if others recognise the problem above, and if they do what solutions they have.

As I write this at the end of March the rape is just coming into flower and I have been told of a swarm. What other surprises does the year hold in store?

#### **Can You Help?**

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Richard Ridler.

**Beekeeping in Uganda with 'LIDEFO', a Local Co-operative– Part 2**  
**Jane Ridler**

I've been asked to write more about our recent Ugandan beekeeping experiences so.....

The photo on the front of the last EBK illustrated a Ugandan hive. Harvesting from this traditional bamboo hive (and another simple box hive, 'the Johnson') is, as I explained, *primitive*. There is only a small crop and other practical problems include moving support beekeepers and materials around, because of lack of infrastructure and basic facilities. And of course, there is the feisty nature of the bees. *Apis mellifera scutellata* also tend to abscond very easily, so the village beekeepers who are lucky enough to have a few hives often find only three quarters of them occupied. (Any ideas as to easy solutions?) Living, who is LIDEFO's only full time employed beekeeper, has also noted two different sized 'races' of bee in hives – the larger, a better honey gatherer, naturally being much preferred. So lots of interesting problem solving is still needed on the bee husbandry front.

Dealing with the unused wax (which was all of it until we arrived) was easier. Grace, in charge of sales and marketing, was also very keen to supply a health-aware clientele with propolis in some form. So we set out into Kasese town's hot and steamy open air goods market to find suitable apparatus. In exchange for a few shillings we returned to the College with steel bowls, plastic jugs, lengths of muslin and a half bottle of the local firewater to experiment with propolis tincture. All the honey (and now wax) processing had to be carried out in the little yard at the College, just outside the girls' dormitory. We always had an audience, not least the extensive family of the College Director. Our only means of heating was charcoal, so a little stove was set up for our water bath in the blazing sunshine. We had brought some reusable silicone moulds with us and the team of 2, (Living and Jockus) soon learned to make excellent candles. Of course with no electricity outside the town (and variable availability in it) candles are essentials of every day existence. I think the alien idea of high priced, well presented 'tourist candles' was grasped eventually and these candles were sent to the Queen Elizabeth National Park 20 miles away. Living and Jockus were equally enthusiastic about sourcing suitable vessels from town which could be adapted into candle moulds for local use. We had a great time experimenting with soap and honey to lubricate the moulds we'd made. However, making a solar extractor (no suitable box to start from and only perilous sheet glass near the children) will have to wait till next time when the new 'honey room' should be available.

Have you seen a splendid photo of a WBC strung high up in a tree in the African tropical rainforest? It's often used to illustrate how 'not to help' in talks given by 'Bees for Development'. Presumably the hive was given by well wishers, but was placed in the traditional 'anti-termite' mode by the local recipients of the donation. Whether a WBC is on the ground or in a tree, it represents a completely

unsustainable method of beekeeping in Africa. Equipment is lost, damaged, deteriorates rapidly or is used for something else. So the problems associated with maintaining and buying new frames and foundation etc are obvious – a non-starter.

On the other hand, the LIDEFO project is completely sustainable. It has been devised and is run by local people, who need some input for improving their expertise and funding. Daniel, the Director of the College and the project, set about finding funding and volunteers to start up about 2 years ago. The people of Kasese have no money to source essentials for development and expansion. But the honey production and sales are already running sustainably, even though Living has to make a 10 hour round trip on the bus to Kampala to get the plastic jars. (They're fine with the other luggage - sacks of grain, sorghum, bananas and furniture, as the bus is everyone's delivery van.) There is already considerable expertise to support the villagers and the bees and forage are 'on tap'. The Kenyan top bar hive yields a much better crop than the traditional ones and local carpenters are now able to make them with hard wood and a set of detailed instructions. These cost only £20 – cheap to us but unaffordable to the villagers of Kasese district.

We have been fund raising since we returned to the UK both with beekeepers and non-beekeepers and have currently raised over a thousand pounds. A number of people have specifically asked to fund beehives so that request will be forwarded to the College.

After that, equipment is needed for the honey house, which is constructed but is only a shell. Then the beekeepers can get out of the College office. The honey is currently stored in a tiny locked cupboard and then is poured, sieved and bottled next to the 2 computers and the office hen – luckily a very well behaved (and communicative) bird. As the number of hives increases so will the honey yield. So we hope and expect the project to succeed – with a little more help.

Jane Ridler

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**Beekeeping tips No. 15**  
**Summer Feeding**  
**By Pollinator**

Some years ago I was called by a beekeeper of many years because he had a strong colony at the beginning of June that had many dead bees being thrown out of the hive entrance. He asked me to have a look at this colony and when I lifted the crown board I could see several seams of bees in the brood chamber. I lifted out one of the frames at the side of the cluster to find a fully pulled out frame of wax but no honey or pollen. I then lifted out several more to find them without any honey or pollen. Going into the cluster the first frame I lifted out had the queen on it but no eggs or brood. Further examination of the other frames showed a similar situation. I diagnosed starvation as the cause of the problem.

What had happened was that the beekeeper had extracted all the oil seed rape honey in the supers and had left the bees with very little stores in the brood chamber. I suspected he had not given a thought to inspecting the brood chamber before removing all the honey supers. I said that if he did not wish to lose the entire colony he should immediately give them two gallons of sugar syrup feed. This would be at half the strength of the autumn feed. That is to say, eight pounds (3.6kg) to one gallon (6l) of water is the correct strength for summer feed.

The starvation problem can occur also if the weather is so wet as to prevent flying for eight days or more. With the present climate change it is unlikely to find this occurring, but beware. I suspect that the predicted drought situation that has been forecast for East Anglia may also cause a lack of nectar.

It is very tempting to extract all the supers when they contain OSR honey as if the extraction is left until later in the season it will then be solid in the comb and not extractable by centrifuge. But beware ... it is a fine balance, especially if the honey flow has finished at the time of extraction. This time of year was always known as the June Gap regardless of its starting date.

The type of feeder to be used can take many forms. Beekeeping appliance manufacturers offer wooden Ashworth feeders that have the feedholes at one side of the feeder ... this side must be parallel to the lowest side of the brood chamber. This is similar to the type that Ted Hooper describes, in *Bees and Honey*, as the Rowse Miller feeder. It will hold a gallon (4.6l) of syrup. It is important to ensure that the crown board is used with its completely flat side down. The side with the battens around the edges is uppermost. This will make the main feed container inaccessible to wasps from the outside and to bees on the inside bypassing the access slot. Bees must not be able to get into the main area until the feed is very low, otherwise they will drown in the main body of the feeder.

Another feeder is a contact feeder and this has a piece of gauze in its lid, or a few small holes made using a small nail. When inverted with sugar syrup inside it will at first dribble but then will only allow syrup through as the bees suck it out.

Getting even simpler, a small tin (treacle tin), or honey jar, with nail holes punched in its lid will be cheaper still. However, it would have to be refilled several times.

Often it is convenient to use a frame feeder that, as the name implies, replaces a frame in a brood chamber. It is the only type I would use for feeding nuclei since my nuc boxes are made by dividing a National brood chamber into two parts. However, it can be used in an ordinary brood chamber. The frame feeder contains a floating batten inside which enables the bees to feed without drowning in the syrup. The frame holds about 2 litres of syrup (See Thorne's catalogue p68).

### **A visit to a beekeeper in Australia II Howard Gilbert**

After inspecting Peter Treadwell's extraction room, we set off to one of his apiaries. The apiary we visited was a field, about an acre in size, approx 100 metres from residential homes. There was about one hundred hives scattered around the field, all of them sitting directly on the ground. Peter makes all the floors and roofs for his hives from a type of marine ply. The roofs sit on top of the supers/brood box; there is no lip surrounding the roofs to keep them secure to the main body of the hive. The floors have a rim in which the brood box sits. All the hives sit on the ground with grass growing around the hive. This is cut periodically. When we arrived, we walked through the apiary before putting on our bee suits, the foraging bees not bother us at all.

Bee suits on we opened up a hive in which Peter had recently installed a swarm he collected from within his own apiary. The photo shows the branch upon which the swarm had alighted and had broken. As you can see, the swarm had to be contained in four brood boxes because of its size. Just the merest whiff of smoke was required before we opened this colony. With the roof off the bees ignored us completely; bees did not fly up to us, no aggression was shown, and there was no change in the noise level of the colony. The most passive colony I have come across. The swarm had been collected seven days earlier and in that time had drawn the comb completely throughout the four boxes and had stored a huge quantity of nectar. As we progressed through the boxes it became apparent that this colony was being led by a failing queen. There were very few eggs to be seen but there was a sealed queen cell with three further partially completed queen cells. These were cut out to leave just the one sealed queen cell.



Peter does not use queen excluders as he finds that the queen naturally lays in the bottom brood box and only goes further up the hive if she needs space to lay further eggs. Peter exhibits the gentlest treatment to his bees. Each hive is carefully opened and with even greater care he removes a frame.

We went to another hive which Peter had previously noted had a failing queen. We had brought along a sealed queen cell which Peter had purchased from a beekeeper who specialised in producing queen cells. The price of a sealed queen cell? A\$3. If he wanted to buy a queen with attendant workers it would have cost A\$30. We opened up the colony and found the queen. She was clearly visible, a slightly different colour markings from her workers. Peter quickly dispatched the queen and installed the queen cell. Peter estimates that he has about 75% success rate with this method of re-queening.

Peter said that he does have a few aggressive colonies which are a result of swarms he has collected. If a collected swarm displays aggressive qualities then he dispatches the queen and replaces her with one from his own stock. Once he has reached the number of colonies he wishes to have then he will be able to organise his bee inspections and honey extraction into more ordered fashion. At the moment he is still getting to grips with his latest collections of swarms as the swarming season had just finished.

The quiet nature of his bees is sight to behold. We opened another colony without smoke and the bees just carried on their own business; none flew up and the sound level did not increase. For other colonies only minimal smoke was required. Many times the bees did not even bother to leave the hive when being inspected.



On a more general note, honey appears to be unappreciated in Australia. The favoured method of honey purchase is from a supermarket in containers which are designed to be left upside down so the honey can be squirted out. If you want to buy creamed honey then you have to go to the chiller cabinet. However, as we travelled through the Blue Mountains we stopped at Leura. A farmers market was being held and I found a stall selling honey. I bought a jar of lucerne honey which cost Aud\$ 6.50 (approx £4.30) for 500 grams.

My brother, Colin, and I had a very enjoyable day with Peter. We visited his home and were invited to stay for lunch and talked bees. Peter told us about his life and how he came to keep bees. He has been keeping bees for 40 years. He left England in 1971 by boat and emigrated to New Zealand. He brought his treasured Morris Minor with him which was kept in the hold of the ship. He started keeping bees in New Zealand and kept up his hobby/business when he

moved to Australia in the early 1990's. He is increasing the number of colonies through collecting swarms and has about 300 colonies. During the winter months he prepares the hives, frames for the bees and carries out running repairs on existing hives. As the bees are generally prolific in collecting nectar, honey extraction is a continuous process during the season as Peter has not yet acquired sufficient frames which would allow him to store the sealed honey. But he is slowly increasing the available equipment which will reduce the need for continuous extraction.

Colin and I had a fantastic day with Peter and this might have convinced my brother to take up beekeeping when he moves out to Mudgee!

**Essex Beekeepers' Association**  
**Minutes of the 132nd Annual General meeting**

held on **Saturday 3rd March 2012**  
in room E06, Writtle College, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3RP

*These minutes will be considered correct if no objection is raised in writing or by email before Saturday 2nd June 2012. Any point challenged will be brought before the next meeting for correction of the record.*

**Presiding Officer:** Jean Smye

**Also present:** As Attendance List, 43 people signed in.

Jean Smye first informed the members of a number of members who had died during the previous year, and some moments of silence were held for reflection: Doug Beard (Southend), Richard Crafter (Harlow), Lois Dawson (Colchester), Donald Earle (Chelmsford), Ted Hyde (Chelmsford), Len Littlejohn (Southend), John Rogers (Colchester), B Solomons (Harlow).

- 1 **Apologies for absence** were received from Jeremy Huband, Deryck Johnson, Derek Webber.
- 2 **The Minutes of the 131st AGM** had been published in the May 2011 edition of *The Essex Beekeeper* for review by members. No challenges to the accuracy had been received so the minutes were signed by the Presiding Officer as at true record.
- 3 **The CEC Chairman** had reported for members in the January and February editions of *The Essex Beekeeper*.



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**4 General Treasurer's Report and Approval of the 2011 Accounts**

Copies of the accounts, which had been signed by the auditor, were distributed to the members present. The General Treasurer made some comments on the figures. Income had been high in 2011 mainly because Gift Aid received was £9589.10 as it had not been claimed for two years. Expenditure was lower in part because there had been no purchases of equipment. The 2010 accounts had been overstated due to around £3000 worth of uncleared cheques. The Treasurer explained that Asset Policy was now to mark assets down to zero in the accounts, only showing as expenditure in the year of purchase, but divisions must maintain an Asset Register. Cups and trophies show a small value.

- Geoff Mills asked about insurance for the valuable trophies; the Treasurer said that divisions should take care of that themselves if needed.

- Eric Fenner asked about the donations to research; the Treasurer said that in 2011 all donations to research sent by divisions to him were put into one 'pot' (£980) and the CEC is currently canvassing views on how this should be split between EARS and BBKA. Tony Edwards said it should be up to members where they donate their money; the Treasurer reminded him that guidance to treasurers in October 2010 had been that research donations to EBKA should be non-specific in 2011. Pauline Tidmas had received this guidance but asked why this had changed; the Treasurer said that not all divisions indicate the split when paying money over to central funds and he advised that if divisions want to collect money specifically for BBKA research, they do so and send it direct to BBKA.

The accounts were approved *nem con*, proposed by Jim McNeill, seconded by Eric Fenner. A vote of thanks was proposed by David Tyler to the General Treasurer for his hard work.

**5 Written reports from other members of the Central Executive Committee**

The Examinations Secretary's report had been published in the January magazine; the General Secretary's letter in the February magazine stood as her report; the BBKA Delegate's report was circulated.

**6 Election of President**

Derek Webber had come to the end of his five year term and was standing down. Eric Fenner was proposed by Richard Ridler, seconded by Jean Smye, and elected *nem con*. Eric donned the chain of office to general applause.

**7 Election of County Officers**

CEC Chairman: Richard Ridler, proposed Ann Cushion, seconded Jim McNeill.

General Secretary: Pat Allen, prop Jane Ridler, sec Pat Rowland.

General Treasurer: Uli Gerhard, prop Pauline Tidmas, sec Danny Nichol.

**8 Notification of the 2012 Divisional Voting Members and 2013 Presiding Officer**

Braintree	James Jolley
Chelmsford	Jean Smye
Colchester	Lee Bartrip
DH & Maldon	Roy Carter
Epping Forest	Ian Nichols
Harlow	Mike Barke
Romford	Pádraig Floyd
Saffron Walden	Penny Learmonth
Southend	Jeremy Huband

The 2013 Presiding Officer will come from Epping Forest Division, not known who yet.

**9 Election and Notification of remaining CEC posts**

Advertising Secretary: Richard Ridler, prop Pat Allen, sec Jean Smye.

BBKA Delegate:	Penny Learmonth, prop Pauline Tidmas, sec Jim McNeill.
BoC Secretary:	David Learmonth, prop Richard Ridler, sec Jane Ridler.
Distribution Secy:	Mary Heyes will carry on. (CEC appointment)
Editor:	Howard Gilbert has two more years to serve.
Exams Secretary:	Jane Ridler, prop Jim McNeill, sec Danny Nichol.
Membership Secretary:	Pat Allen will carry on. (CEC appointment)
Minutes Secretary:	Eileen Marrable, prop Terry Watson, sec Pauline Tidmas.
NHS Delegate:	Terry Watson, prop Richard Ridler, sec Geoff Mills.
Show Committee Delegate:	(CEC appointment)
Spray & Disease Delegate:	Jim McNeill, prop Pat Allen, sec Uli Gerhard.

#### 10 Confirmation of Accounts Examiner

Emma Baker, same as 2011.

#### 11 Propositions from the CEC

##### 11.1 That EBKA Rule 9 be amended, to take effect at the end of this AGM, to replace the first paragraph with the following:

*The Association Year shall end on December 31st and the AGM shall be held in Chelmsford before the following 1st April. The Trustees' Report and consolidated accounts for the CEC and all Divisions shall be presented at the AGM.*

The purpose of this change is to bring EBKA rules into line with Charity Commission requirements and wording. After a brief discussion this change was passed *nem con*.

##### 11.2 That EBKA Rule 15 be amended, to take effect at the end of this AGM, to add the following paragraph:

*The consolidated accounts for the CEC and all Divisions shall be independently examined according to the current regulations of the Charity Commission.*

The consequence of this change will be that all divisions must have their accounts independently examined. This is a requirement of the Charity Commission for an organisation of the size of EBKA. After a brief discussion this change was passed *nem con*.

##### 11.3 The CEC has proposed that the Associate subscription for the current subscription year be raised to £10. *The proposition is that the membership confirm the Trustees' decision that the Associate subscription should be set at £10, with effect from 1st January 2012.*

Richard Ridler spoke in favour of the proposition, admitting that the Trustees had made an error in not referring the matter to the members first, at this AGM. He outlined the benefits for associates – monthly mailing, meetings, conference, website. Associates need to pay their share of the costs of these things too. This proposition was clearly controversial and the Presiding Officer allowed many questions and views to be expressed before calling on Tony Edwards to put the case against the proposition, but he declined to speak.

At this point the Presiding Officer Jean Smye, spoke to say that rules are made by the members and should be followed. Jean said she could not ask members to vote on the proposition as it stood as it was against the rules. She proposed an amendment to the proposition such that it would read:

*The proposition is that the membership postpone the increase to the Associate subscription until 1st January 2013, and that the increased Associate subscription should be no greater than the amount retained by the Division from a Single Member subscription.*

There was much vigorous discussion about the benefits or otherwise for Associates, and the justice or otherwise of any increase in the subscription. Then a further amendment was proposed, *that the increase to the Associate subscription should be pro rata to that portion of the Single Member subscription that is retained by the Division.*

This second amendment was voted on first: 17 for, 25 against. Amendment failed. Then the first amendment was voted on: 18 for, 27 against. Amendment failed.

As both amendments had failed, and the original proposition was disallowed by the Presiding Officer, the Associate subscription for 2012 will remain at £5.

**12 Conference 2011 Report: given by Roy Hardwicke**

The Conference was hosted by Chelmsford Division and held at Barleylands. The venue was very good and praised by delegates. The food was excellent and, although the meal sitting times had to be changed, everybody was well fed. There were 98 delegates, three excellent speakers, four trade stands. Everyone had an enjoyable day. Roy hopes the 2012 conference goes as well.

**13 Conference 2012 Preview: given by David Tyler**

The Conference will be hosted by Harlow Division, on Saturday 10th November 2012, at Stewards Academy in Harlow. There are modern media facilities, plenty of parking space, large lecture and food halls. Tickets £20. The theme will be *Beekeeping in the 21st Century*. Speakers will be Terry Clare, BIBBA, *Why swarms? Is control possible?*; John Hendrie, BBKA & Master Beekeeper, *Senses of the Honey Bee*; Mike Brown, NBU, *Workings of the NBU and BeeBase*. There will be trade stands and a raffle.

**14 Installation of 2012 Presiding Officer**

David Tyler will be Presiding Officer for 2012. David read from the Book of Commemoration.

The AGM business over, the meeting broke at 3.25pm for refreshments.

The break was followed by a very interesting and illuminating talk by Will Messenger, Cheltenham & Gloucester BKA, about the History of Essex Beekeepers' Association, and before – Will went back to the Little Domesday Book, at which point in time there were surprisingly few beekeepers. There were familiar names and some forgotten, but it is clear that there have always been controversial issues amongst Essex beekeepers – we just are an argumentative lot.

Finally, Jane Ridler gave out some Basic Assessment certificates for successful candidates in 2011.

The meeting closed at 4.55pm.



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Touched by Nature, Inspired By The Sea,  
Loved by You.



### About Us

From the beginning of b2 our ambition was to create a 100% natural, simple, effective & ethical skin care range for men & women, that delivers amazing results whatever your stage of life or skin condition at a competitive price.



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### Naturally Active Ingredients

Skin care is an essential part of our life and should never be a chore, it should be a rewarding daily experience every time you use b2, nourishing for your skin, your senses & well being.

These elements are at the heart of every product, through using our unique blend of botanical extracts, plant oils & Bee Hive extracts, all rich in natural, active ingredients, antioxidants, & vitamins.

Skin looks plumper, has improved tone and texture, whilst the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles is minimised. Leaving your skin with a youthful radiant glow.

How do we do this? By growing the flowers & herbs ourselves, (where possible), picking them at their optimum potency and tending our own bees in their hives, who in turn produce for us the most amazing honey and beeswax, we blend these elements to produce some of the most effective products on the market. All of which are made on the coastal region of Essex. For Sales, enquires and latest offers including our latest price list please email [debrbscott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:debrbscott@yahoo.co.uk) or visit our website on [www.b2beautyproducts.co.uk](http://www.b2beautyproducts.co.uk). Alternatively call Deborah Scott on 07886135954.

**Pia free** All our products are free from artificial ingredients & parabens.



We are members of the truth in labelling organisation. Assurance from us to you, that our products only contain natural ingredients.



The Foundation of bee-autiful Skin

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The beekeeping team at Lidefo College cleaning the bottom of a block of wax before melting and filtering . .



Other tasks occupy them to prepare the bee products.