



Essex Beekeepers' Association

Saffron Walden: Nov - Jan 2019

Brief overview of talks at meetings:

A Christmas Quiz was held at the end of November, with a celebratory bee-themed cake in honour of the division's centenary.

The divisional AGM and annual dinner will take place on 1 February 2019, followed later in the month with a talk by Jonathan Baynes, our local bee inspector, on *Foulbrood, Apiary Hygiene and the Role of the NBU*. There is an Asian Hornet trap-making session planned for March, as well as theory classes for beginners and discussion classes for second-year beekeepers. In April we have arranged three Saturday afternoon practical sessions: *Wax Extraction, Putting Your Hive Together, and From Comb to Jar*.

Any administrative issues:

Any questions raised for CEC to consider: Any questions about BBKA's eReturn2 system will be raised once 'editors' have tested the site.

Upcoming external events: The division will organise a stand and divisional honey competition at the Countess of Warwick Show at the end of August.

Out-apiary update: Discussions about the proposed divisional apiary are still not resolved and will be discussed again at this year's AGM.

Swarm activity: None

Disease presence: None reported.

Future aspirations/ideas: The 2019 EBKA conference organised by the division will take place at Felsted School on Sunday 20 October. A draft programme will be available shortly, with information about topics and speakers.

Brief overview of Division membership: 117 members in 2018 - renewals in progress.

Financial position as of 15 Jan 2019: The current account balance is £ £9,920 (includes 2019 membership subscriptions) and deposit account is £1009.

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