



EssexBeekeepers'Association

February 2020 Chelmsford Divisional Report - submitted by Jan Tutton

On 18/2/20, CBK held its monthly members meeting at Margaretting Hall with a film night theme – More than Honey which explores the relationship between mankind and honey bees. It was extremely well received by members and we'd recommend it to other divisions.

Using eR2 Online renewal, CBK completed their subscription renewals well ahead of the 28/2/20 deadline and numbers below reflect fully paid up membership. We lost 14 members (lapsed) at the renewal cycle due to giving up beekeeping, work commitments or relocations. We used the eR2 mail shot feature for reminders, as well as online renewals. Over all we are very pleased with the new eR2 system and members have commented how easy it was to renew. We are now in a position to consider closing our Spring'20 returns.

CBK beginners Theory course started this week with 24 candidates. We have 8 people already signed up on our Swarm Course, have been taking bookings for taster days, 4 members already signed up for the Basic Assessment and have started to take bookings for the EBKA Conference 21st Oct'20.

Catering is being organised by Pam Hughes for the EBKA AGM 7/3/20, with CBK members donating home baked cakes.

The organisation of the EBKA Annual Conference 2020 Vision on 31st Oct'20 is well under way. Venue and catering booked, main speakers booked, workshops being finalised, sponsors are being approached, stall holders many from last conference have already indicated that they want to return. Everyone is feeling very positive that we will have an excellent conference for candidates. Tickets are £25 and can be purchased via the Chelmsfordbeekeepers web site.

Meetings and events

- Tues 17/3/20 CBK monthly meeting – a Box of Bumble Bees – up close and personal with Mike Abel.
- Tues 21/4/20 CBK monthly meeting – Swarm Control
- Tues 19/5/20 CBK monthly meeting – Punch and Judy Beekeeping with Deryck Johnson
- Tues 19/6/20 CBK monthly meeting – Auction

Apiaries

- We continue to use the Writtle college and Hylands apiaries for practical training

Finances

- Balance held at Metro Bank as at 26/2/20 circa £10264 following members subscriptions.

Membership (using eR2 numbers)

- Singles: 121 Partner: 12
- Associates: 9 BBKA (Honorary): 1
- Total = 143