



Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

Thank you Juliet and Peter for hosting the BBQ last weekend, I am sure everyone who came had a most enjoyable time. It's good to catch up with the other halves as we very rarely see them.

THE WASPS are about so don't forget to close up the hive entrances to approx. 1 inch or 20mm (depending how old you are). Put wasp traps around your hives as well, everything helps.

I have wrist bands for the people who have volunteered for the tractor fest, they will get you in on both days. If you haven't seen me before the event just tell the people on the gate that you are with the bee keepers and I have your wrist band at the tent, you should be able to get in then free, see you there.

Ruth Fagg is giving up bee keeping and has all of her equipment for sale, Kath will be listing this equipment in a different section of the news letter. This section will be for anyone who

has second hand equipment for sale and a 5% charge will be made for this service with the money going to the branch.

A second batch of branch honey has now been extracted but not jared up yet, so we should have plenty of honey for the events coming up this year.

Millbrook garden centre has expressed an interest in selling our branch honey but a deal is still to be agreed, they will also be giving us any left over bee friendly plants at the end of the season for the bee shed garden.

It is time to start thinking about collecting the last batch of honey from the hives so that what they collect from here in is for their winter food, remember that a strong hive will need at least a super of honey to see them through the winter so give them time to collect this food.

John

John Priestley

Annual Summer BBQ

Fortunately the weather held out and it was not too hot (apart from the area of the 3 BBQ's). Many thanks to Juliet for hosting the event and all the people who helped in setting everything up beforehand. Unfortunately I couldn't make it but I have heard that the afternoon went well and those involved in the catering did a fantastic job. This is a popular event and hopefully we can have a BBQ next year

Gavin Rees

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Bee Shed

The Bee Shed is open on a **Wednesday** from **4pm to 7pm**.

All swarms that were in nucs have now been put into brood boxes and all of those have been allocated to their new keepers. Unfortunately the weather has not helped the bee keeping over the last 2 weeks but lets hope there is an improvement over the next few weeks and full inspections of the hives can be made. There may not have been much beekeeping carried out but there was a lot of tea drinking and talking going on but that is probably just as important.

John Priestley

Your Club Needs You - Volunteers Still Needed

To promote beekeeping and our Club, encourage new members and sell the Club honey we will be attending the following events during the summer. If you are able to come along and help at any of them please let Christine or another committee member know. You do not have to attend the whole event, an hour or two would be a great help. Anyone attending will be able to sell their own honey.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August
Monday 28th August [1-4pm only]
Saturday 16th September
Saturday 30th September
Saturday 7th October

Biddenden Tractor Fest, Beech Lane Field
Sissinghurst Fete
Weald Ploughing Match, Gatehouse Farm, Marden
Club Honey Show, Vestry Hall, Cranbrook
Cranbrook Apple Fayre



EQUIPMENT FOR SALE /WANTED

Due to several requests from retiring beekeepers we are introducing a classified advertisement section to our monthly newsletter. Whilst we generally do not recommend purchasing second hand equipment for reasons of disease control, we also realise that this can be an affordable way for beginners to get started. If purchasing pre-owned equipment, please ensure that you thoroughly sterilise it before putting it to use in your own apiary.

- **2 no. Thorne Red Cedar WBC hives (painted white) with 4 lifts (inc. porch and entrance slide), 14 X 12 brood with dummy board, Q Excluder, Super and crown board £150 each**
 - **3 no. Thorne Red Cedar WBC hives (painted white) with 3 lifts (inc. porch and entrance slide), 14 x 12 brood with dummy board, Q Excluder, 2 supers and crown board £125 each**
 - **1 no. Thorne 5-frame 14x12 Nucleus Hive £50**
 - **1 no. WBC Super £7**
 - **1 no. Ashforth Feeder for WBC £15**
 - **5 no. rapid feeders £1.50 each**
 - **14 no. Porter Bee Escapes £2 for all**
 - **2 no. Hive tools £3 each**
 - **3 no. small plastic buckets £1 each**
 - **4 no. 10L white plastic buckets with valve £6 each**
 - **1 no. stainless steel double stainer £7**
 - **1 no. Super frame showcase (unused) £10**
- Please contact Ruth Fagg
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If you would like to place an advert for items for sale or wanted or perhaps are seeking a hive-helper or mentor local to you, please contact the newsletter editor via email:

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or use this postal address:

Weald Beekeepers Newsletter, 2 Springfield Cottages, Sopers Lane, Hawkhurst, Cranbrook, TN18 5AA



Dates for your Diary 2017

The 12th August Meeting has been cancelled to allow members to support the club in some of its outreach activities the following weekend.

Weald Beekeepers will be having a stand at Biddenden Tractorfest and Country Fair 2017 on the 19th and 20th August, Beech Lane Field, Biddenden. Please come along to show support.

www.tractorfest.co.uk

Tickets online are £7.50 for adults, £5.50 for over 65s
Contact John Priestley or Christine Clark for further details.



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