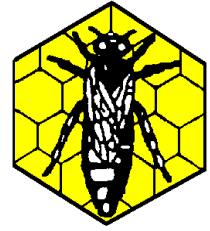


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It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of our Treasurer Jim Coombes. He worked hard for our local association, always offering good, sound financial advice and also kept the Welsh Beekeepers Association (WBKA) on the straight and narrow. He was a stalwart committee member and will be sadly missed.

Although we voted to raise the subscription at the last AGM we have found that it hasn't been necessary so the committee has decided to keep subscriptions the same for another year at £18.00 for individual membership and £22.00 for family membership with payment due now for 2009.

Beginners classes have started and we have a record number this year which is fantastic. At about the end of April we will also be starting classes for those who have had a year or two's beekeeping experience and would like to take the WBKA Basic exam; enquiries for this to John King (but numbers will be limited).

The WBKA have their Spring Convention on Saturday 28th March at 9.45 and Iolo Williams of BBC2 TV fame will be opening it and giving a talk on Welsh wildlife. Barbara has tickets for this at £5.00 or they can be bought at the door for £7.00. It will be held at the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth as in previous years but this time everything (stalls and lectures) will be together in one hall - Hefn y Hendre.

Dinah Sweet.

DIARY - EVENING MEETING DATES at Llandaff Village Hall

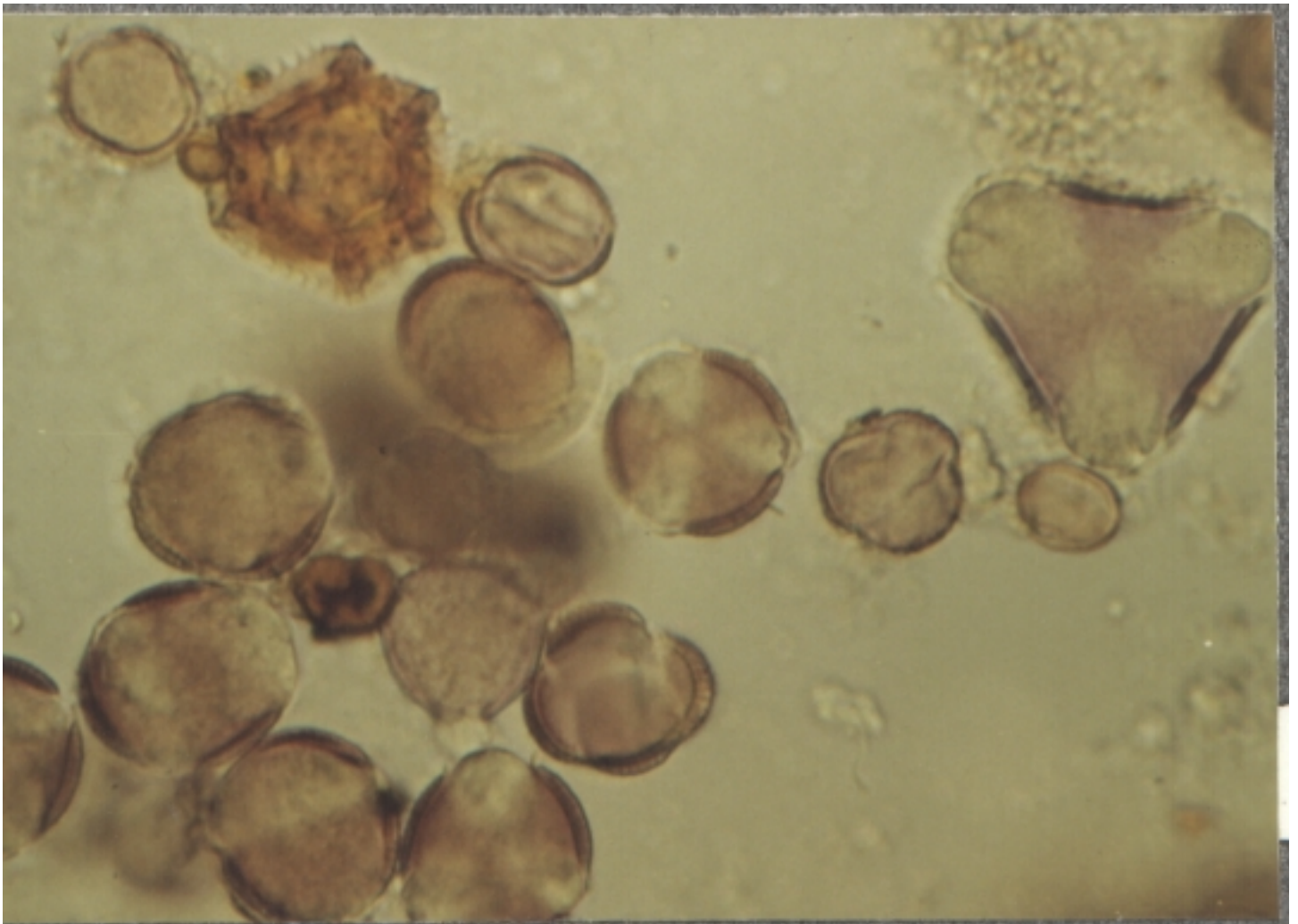
Tuesday 10th February at 7.30 pm Association AGM and also as an item of interest Harold Williams will show his invention for treating Varroa Destructor with Oxalic acid fumes.

Tuesday 10th March at 7.30 pm To be arranged

Tuesday 14th April at 7.30 pm To be arranged

Out apiary meetings once a month during the summer. Venues needed for these please for May, June, July and August.

Newsletter contributions If you have any contributions for the newsletter such as letters, articles, poems, cartoons etc. copied from elsewhere or made up please send them to Dinah Sweet, GraigFawr Lodge, Caerphilly, CF83 1NF. Advertising rates for commercial / semi-commercial traders at £5.00 per year for approx. 1/6th page in 12 monthly issues. One off adverts at 50p/month. Non-commercial adverts i.e. for sale of surplus equipment are free to members for a single entry.



Above is one of my photographs of pollen in honey. The really pretty pollen grain with spikes and pores that look like windows, in the top left hand corner of the photo is dandelion pollen. These slides have to be stained to see the characteristic features of the grains so their true colour does not show however, flowers like dandelions and sunflowers have very oily pollen. This causes the honey to look very yellow in colour and the pollen grains, as the dandelion above to contain oily droplets. The other pollens are from fruit, clover and other spring flowers.

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