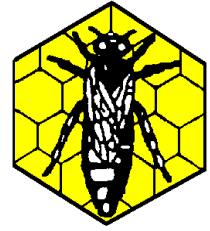


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All the bulbs are poking their heads out of the ground this month and Spring is definitely on it's way. The queens in the hives are laying more eggs now and the brood nest is slowly expanding. On the first warm weather day this month we should be looking in the hives and cleaning the floor as the accumulated debris needs removing. It is also important to check the food situation and if necessary give candy or syrup depending on the temperature. At this time of year we should be going through our equipment and putting new wax in frames and throwing out old comb. It is much better to be prepared with supers rather than having to make them up in a hurry.

The February meeting was very successful with well over thirty members listening to Professor Pickard's fascinating talk. His presentation covered the evolution of bees integrated with many other subjects and philosophies and was both interesting and enjoyable. There were many questions and everyone was buzzing with so many ideas that they stayed talking quite late into the evening. Next year he has promised to talk about practical beekeeping and research.

The March meeting will be the Annual General Meeting which gives members a chance to comment on the previous years activities and suggest venues for the summer apiary meetings. All new members will be very welcome as you have the chance to talk all evening about bees. There will be practical sessions for beginners throughout the summer at the teaching apiary, starting on Saturday April 12th at 2.30 and every two weeks after that.

Subscriptions can still be paid at the AGM if you haven't already done so. Dinah Sweet

MEETINGS

Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm - AGM at Llandaff village hall

Saturday 29th March - WBKA Spring Convention at RWAS, Builth Wells from 9am to 5pm. Trade stands, Beekeeping supplies, Refreshments, Talks.

Saturday 26th April - 2.30 pm First summer inspection apiary meeting at the teaching apiary , Caerphilly. Phone Dinah on 02920 869242 for directions.

Beginners practical sessions - 3 hours - every 2 weeks at teaching apiary from April 12th at 2.30pm - until end of August.

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A newspaper article sent to me by Hildegard Davies (one of our members), reports on a pensioner suffering from debilitating rheumatoid arthritis. This lady was stung by a number of bees from her husband's hive when she slipped in her garden and fell on a hive. She was stung badly on her face and hands and was quite swollen for a few days. However, after making a full recovery she is now in the best of health with no pain and claims her 'miracle' cure was due to the bee stings. A doctors comment was that the stings boosted her immune system so well that she now does not have to take any more medication and can go swimming and do other activities. She feels that the bee attack was an amazing experience and that she has been pain free since the incident. Although not wanting necessarily to recommend the stinging cure, she is very happy with the results.

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