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Pieter_Brueghel_the_Younger.....'Spring'

Hi All

April has been a very wet and cool month which has curtailed much work in the Apiary. Nonetheless the bees will be moving on in the hives and by the time we can get in them they may well be making swarm preparations.

So there is no time like the present to think about how you are going to deal with this.

Select a method of swarm control and make sure you are familiar with its process. Also, be sure that you have all the components required to carry out the manipulation if need be.

The May meeting; If you attend one meeting then this is the one you shouldn't miss.

Whilst our meetings are usually just for members or invited guests on this occasion we'd like to open it up to anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the Asian Hornet.....If know anyone that may be interested in the talk then let them know.

May Meeting

Andrew Durham

Asian Hornet Beekeepers Guide

Wed 01 May 2024

From 19:30

At Hanchurch Village Hall

122 Whitmore Road

Newcastle under Lyme

ST5 4DG

One you shouldn't miss!

Please make every effort to come along as the AH is a real threat not only to our bees but to the delicate balance of our eco structure – from threatening the pollination of flora to its secondary effects upon wildlife from the largest to the smallest creatures including birds that rely upon insects, seeds and fruit to survive.



This will be Andrew's last talk on the subject as he concentrates on the threat to his own apiaries in the south and as such we are privileged that he has agreed to visit North Staffordshire in person.

Andrew Durham is a Cambridgeshire beekeeper who has travelled extensively in France and who has spent the last seven years researching the Asian Hornet. He has written articles on the Asian Hornet for the BBKA News and given a number of briefings to local beekeeping associations.

He is the acknowledged expert in the field and his briefing will cover all aspects of the AH threat including predation, nests and life cycle, the invasion of the AH in France and its impact, spring trapping of foundress queens, defences against the hornet and management of the bees under predation.

On the evening we will have traps for you to view and material for you to disseminate in your local community.

Note; Raffle prize donations would be gratefully received

SCHOOL VISIT

**Another successful event
We recently attended
Saint Peters CE
Primary School Alton
to speak to the children about beekeeping and the honeybee.**



A message from our new Honey show Managers Jennie & Mike

The Honey show is back
and is planned for October as usual.
We would like as many members as possible to take part and
help us make it a real success.

The Honey Show schedule can be seen on our website under 'Events'.

Take a look
there is a class for all.



In preparation there are plenty of things you can be doing. For example, check out the rules for preparing your honey entry.

These will be posted on the website too.

Don't wait until the last minute to take those photos. When you go to your hives or when visiting the Apiary at Longsdon or even a country walk take your phone with you, you might just get the winning shot.

Also, you could be practicing making the honey cake or flapjacks so that you get them perfect on the day.

You will see we have added a children's class for the first time in a long time. Please get you children or grand children involved it might just give them the push to take up beekeeping.

The schedule this is a broad class with any type of craft allowed such as painting, model making, candle making, knitting, etc. If this children's class is successful this year we could expand it to include other age groups and other challenges in future years.

Regards Jennie and Mike



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