

# Bromley Bee News Monthly Update

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**Janie Edwards won 1st Prize for Class 6 and Best in Show**

Welcome to the **October 2002** issue of Bromley News.

The Bromley and Orpington honey show was fabulous this year, we had a brand new venue at Emmanuel Church, just off West Wickham High Street. The honey show was staged deliberately at the same time as the West Wickham horticultural society show. We had 80 entries from 20 entrants which was better than last year. Peter Bashford didn't show this year to give other branch members a chance of winning some of the awards. You can view the honey show results from the downloads page of the Bromley Branch website. URL: <http://www.kentbee.com/bromley/hs2002.htm>

There was disappointingly little support from members considering the amount of work involved in organising a honey show. I wonder what will happen in the future to local honey shows when members do not support them. Local shows are often the nursery ground for new exhibitors and showers who want to learn their craft, later moving on to becoming winners at County and National level. The show organisers would like to thank those who did make the effort and congratulation to all the winners!



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### **Back to Bees**

You need those hive entrances reduced if you haven't done so by now. Strong stocks will probably not need any additional feeding this year as the weather has been very favourable for the Ivy and late flowering perennials. Do remember to remove all strips, I count them out 1, 2 or 1,2,3,4 depending if you used Apistan or Bayvarol, making sure none are left in the hives over the Winter.

I have been asked to remind members to pay subs promptly as this helps our Treasurer get the accounts in order for the annual general meeting on **Tuesday 19th**

**November** at 7.30pm at branch HQ.

Peter Macan can be contacted if you didn't get your membership application/subs form or need any help filling it in. Tel: 020-8657-1398.

### **The Bromley Kentish Times**

Thanks to John Henman efforts four Bromley branch members had their photograph in the paper recently. It was taken at the Bromley and Orpington Honey Show. I haven't seen this myself but I'm reliably informed it was a good picture. Excellent and good publicity for the branch!

### **Internet News**

Apis-UK Beekeeping Newsletters

With the help of David Cramp in Spain we publish a monthly beekeeping newsletter, that contains beekeeping news from around the world and UK. We publish articles written by beekeepers if you would like to make a submission. The September issue is dominated by GMO's. View from the URL:

<http://www.beedata.com/apis-uk/newsletters/apis-uk0902.htm>

### **Steven Turner**

#### **Apiary News**

Well, how was it for you? My bees have been coming and going like the clappers despite the cessation of the honey flow, but who are they trying to kid? Not me as I have one hive on the scales and the weight has hardly moved over the past three months. Fortunately it appears that most of our members have done quite well, I hope it was you.

The queen rearing has come to an end for the season and I still have some queens I don't know what to do with. I'll probably put them in my own hives in the apiary and see what happens on the swarming front next year.

As you know, Dave Harris is still in hospital but appears at last to be making good progress. He has his hives on a farm at Shooters Hill and was worried that he couldn't show his face at their Open Day, so Clive and I went along with the observation hive which we set up in the farmyard which attracted crowds all day long. At 12.00 midday we gave a demonstration to about 40 visitors which included an extended session by Clive when he installed the Varroa Strips. Small chunks of comb cut from one of the super frames and passed to the onlookers brought the usual sound of umms and errs to the satisfaction of all concerned. At the end of the day the Governor at the farm expressed his great satisfaction at our performance and almost demanded that we re-appear next year. Needless to say that Dave was also relieved that the farmer was not let down. Get well soon Dave !!

The deadline for the **National Honey Show** entries comes closer each day. I make my usual appeal to each of you to make at least one entry and thus ensure we retain that coveted award for the Branch. The closing date for entries is **15th October** so it's time to get cracking. Whilst on the subject of the National, I can do with all the help I can get to put the show together. The main date will be **Tuesday the 12th November** any time **after 6.00pm**. Can't be any more definite at this stage as it all depends on the previous hirers the actual time we can get in.

**Thursday the 24th of October** is the date this year when we make our usual excursion to the Mid Kent Branch at The Bull, Farleigh. John Powel is giving a talk on 'Bees up Close', and if the title does not appeal I can assure you that John always finds something to make the evening well worth while. I'll have to miss badminton that evening, but a small price to pay.

Have a lovely time with all that honey and don't get the kitchen too sticky.

***Peter Springall***

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Sunday 6th October 11.45am**

The branch apiary meeting. Beekeeping demonstrations and hive management. Tea and biscuits provided.

#### **Sunday 3rd November 11.45am**

The branch apiary meeting. Beekeeping demonstrations and hive management. Tea and biscuits provided.

**14th-16th November - The National Honey Show** at Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, Kensington High Street, London. <http://www.honeyshow.co.uk/>

#### **Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm**

Annual general meeting on at branch HQ (where we have our apiary meetings).

#### **Sunday 1st December 11.45am**

The branch apiary meeting. Beekeeping demonstrations and hive management. Tea and biscuits provided.

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