



KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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Citation for John David Hendrie 50 years of Beekeeping

Introduced to bees before his teens and became a Junior member of the Tunbridge Wells branch of the Kent Beekeepers' Association in 1961. Saw his first case of AFB in 1961 but it was in somebody else's bees.

1967 saw him elected to the Committee of Tunbridge Wells branch and he served for 2 years before going up to University. On his return as a B.Sc. he transferred to the Sevenoaks branch of the Kent Beekeepers' Association and became Programme Secretary in 1971. He became Secretary in 1972 and then both Secretary and Treasurer in 1974. 1975 saw him also becoming a member of Medway BKA. In 1981 he became Kent BKA County Treasurer until 1989. In 1982 he became Sevenoaks Apiary Manager. He was Kent County Secretary and Newsletter Editor from 2003 to 2011. He has been membership Secretary to the present. He has also served on Kent County's Education Committee from 1981, and from 2003 the Beekeeping Show Committee at the Kent Showground.

John passed his Basic Assessment examination in 1976 and became a Master Beekeeper in 1986.

From 1977 to 1978 John was the Beekeeping Lecturer (temporary) when a new CBI was appointed.

He began his long career with the National Honey Show on his election in 1981. In 1994 he became Vice Chairman and a Director and is still a Director having ceased to be Vice Chairman in 2006 when he became Entries Secretary.

He became Treasurer of Medway BKA in 1981 until 1989 and Auditor from 1984 to 1985.

Due to work requirements saw John relocating between 1989/1992 and becoming a member of Worthing, then Portsmouth and then in 1991 Petersfield. From 1994 to 2002 he was a member of Nottingham.

John has served on the Executive of the BBKA from 2000 to 2006 and again from 2009 to 2012. He was Secretary of the Finance Committee from 2005 to 2006. He became an Examiner in 1988 and Secretary of the Examination Board from 1989 to 1994 and then was elected from 1995 to 2012 and became an Assistant Moderator from 2008. He served on the Education and Husbandry Committee from 2000 to 2006 and again from 2008 to 2012. He was member of the Technical Committee from 2009 to 2012. He has also been a member of the Stoneleigh Show Committee covering the BBKA's presence at the Royal, Edible Garden Show and Gardeners' World.

Since 1981 John has been a Director of Bee Diseases Insurance Ltd.

In 1981 John became a Director of Bee Craft Ltd and since 2002 Company Secretary. First elected in 2007, John became Treasurer of the Central BKA in 2008.

John was elected to the Central Committee of the Bee Improvement Bee Breeders' Association (BIBBA) in 2006 and was Secretary in 2007 and 2008 and has since continued on the Committee.

For many years John has organised and manned Show Stands at International, National and County level for the BBKA, Bee Craft and BIBBA.

In 2006 John was made an Honorary Member of the BBKA.

Terry Clare

Around the Branches

Please see branch websites for details of winter programmes

County and other events

Saturday, 12th January 2013 **ADM at Stoneleigh** Brian Palmer is Kent's delegate

Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th April 2013 **Spring Convention** Harper Adams University College, Newport, Shropshire

Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th July 2013 **Kent County Show** Detling

BBKA Examinations Board Examination Dates 2013

23rd March 2013 Module 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 Examinations
(Applications in by 10th February 2013)

9th November 2013 Module 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 Examinations
(Applications in by 30th September 2013)

15th/16th June 2013 Advanced Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry
(Applications in by 28th February 2013)

General Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry and Microscopy
Date by arrangement with the Examinations Board Secretary
(Applications in by 28th February 2013. Microscopy Assessment takes place in the autumn.)

Basic and Junior Certificates
Date by arrangement with the County Examinations Secretary Angela Merritt
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CORRECTION: In the November 2012 newsletter no. 64, please note under Insurance, paragraph 2, the first line should read "All categories of members.....apart from **Country** members....."