

# KENT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

## WESTERHAM BRANCH NEWSLETTER April 2012

### Next Meeting

**April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Westerham Hall**

Diane Steele - "Swarm Control"

Think the timing for this might be just right!

*Directions for Westerham Hall: From the A 25 in the centre of Westerham (by the Green), take the London Road towards Biggin Hill; turn first right into Quebec Avenue; the car park and Westerham Hall is on the right hand side. OS Ref: 447542*

### Dates for summer meetings

These are being finalised. If you would like to offer your apiary as a venue please speak to one of the committee. So far:

#### **Saturday 19th May 2.30 pm**

At John and Margaret Williams' home apiary at 132 Sutherland Avenue, Biggin Hill TN16 3HJ.

*Directions: Travelling north from Westerham on the A233, go past the x roads at Westerham Heights Garden Centre for 1 mile and turn 1<sup>st</sup> left into St Winifred's Road; turn left into Lotus Road and right into Belvedere Road; 132 is on the corner of Belvedere and Sutherland. OS Ref: 425581*

**June Any offers**

**July Any offers**

#### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm**

**Bob Smith**

At Mick Andrew's home apiary, Mead Bungalow, Pootings TN8 6SD

*Directions: Travelling south from Crockham Hill on the B269 towards Four Elms, enter Pootings and look for a red telephone box on the right. Mead Bungalow is the house just to the right of it. Some cars may park in front of the house while some can park in the field. Access to the field is via the drive the other side of the right hand neighbour's house.*

### Club Microscopes

These are available for use by interested members. Contact Richard Wildy for details

[wildyatmagpies@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:wildyatmagpies@tiscali.co.uk)

### Apiguard – Bulk Buy Opportunity

Bromley branch, in the shape of Clive Watson, are planning to make a bulk purchase of Apiguard at a favourable price for this year's varroa treatment, and he's invited us to join in. He will need to know quantities by the end of the month so he can place the order near the beginning of May. He will be negotiating a price when he goes to the BBKA convention next weekend and it will undoubtedly be the best price around. Please can you e-mail Nick Withers [nickwithers@madasafish.com](mailto:nickwithers@madasafish.com) to place an order or talk to him at the meeting.

### Bore Place Open Day

If anyone is interested in setting up an observation hive and selling honey at his event, please contact Meriel on [mspalding08@btinternet.com](mailto:mspalding08@btinternet.com).

### Bee Display Stands at Summer Fairs and fetes

The usual round of summer fetes and fairs is coming up. (Crockham Hill, Four Elms, Edenbridge, Biggin Hill and Limpsfield.) Please speak to Sian New (01959 563356 ) if you would like to help with the stand and sell some of your honey.

### Committee for 2012

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**Diana Pickard 19.04.2012.**