

KENT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
WESTERHAM BRANCH
NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Spring & Summer Apiary Meetings

(Weather permitting – Meetings to be followed by Tea & Discussion – All Welcome!)

If you have not been to an apiary meeting before, do please come to one or all of these! And if you are coming, we ask, as usual, that you kindly bring along a contribution to the tea that follows the demonstration – a cake, some sandwiches, a savory, sausage rolls...

Saturday, 17 June 2017, at 2.30pm

Location: Carol Taylor's apiary, Piper's Farmhouse, Piper's Lane, Brasted Chart, Westerham, TN16 1NE.

Contact: 01959 562355 or 565188.

Demonstrator: Steve Riley.

Directions: From Westerham, take the A25 in the direction of **Brasted**. Entering the village, take the first right-hand turn, **Chart Lane** (in the direction of Toys Hill). After two miles, just past a **recreation ground** on the right, turn right into **Piper's Green Road**. Go down a narrow switchback, with an imperfect surface, and follow the road round to right. **Piper's Farm House** is at the end of the metaled road, on the left. Parking will be signposted. *(Please note: do not follow SatNav instructions. These may take you down an impassable slip road off Chart Lane...)*

Saturday, 22 July 2017, at 2.30pm

Location: Jane Skinner's apiary, Oakfield Farm, Main Road, Crockham Hill TN8 6SG.

Contact: 01732 864916.

Demonstrator: Nick Withers (to be confirmed).

Directions: From Westerham, take the A25 in the direction of **Limpsfield Chart**. Turn left on to **Goodley Stock Road**. Turn left at the T-junction on to **Kent Hatch Road**. One mile past the Royal Oak pub, in **Crockham Hill**, is Oakfield Farm – which will be signed on the right-hand side.

Autumn Meetings

Wednesday, 27 September 2017 – Westerham Hall, at 8pm

Two months before our Annual Honey Competition, Maggi Pratt, of The Bee People, will tell us about 'Preparing Honey for Showing'...

Directions for Westerham Hall: From the A25 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.

Wednesday, 15 November 2017 – Westerham Hall, at 8pm
Annual Meeting and Honey Competition – followed by a Social.

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In the interests of internet security, the Westerham Branch now has its own Gmail account:
westerhambeekeepers@gmail.com

If you would like to send an email to any member of the committee or to a 'Useful Contact', please use this account.

Useful contacts

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John Pym, 27 April 2017