

THE BBKA WEBSITE

The BBKA website has been upgraded to reflect the changing needs of beekeepers. The new website contains more technical information, is much easier to navigate and has a greater focus on new beekeepers.

You can now:

- Promote your beekeeping events, courses by going to the what's on section
- Promote your association website by going to the links section
- Download BBKA publications from the publication section
- Find help and advice in the Discussion forums in the Help section
- Purchase BBKA merchandise from the sales section
- Access the BBKA members' area to download BBKA news and insurance documents (log in details – user name: 221buzz, password: 1874am)
- Add the BBKA online news link to your association website by visiting the News section and clicking on News feeds
- Search the BBKA website
- Access the "Bees4kids" section where there is lots of information for children and teachers
- Download BBKA syllabuses and exam application forms.

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A hive for all your apiary equipment

Agents for Thornes

QUEEN BEE COLOURS

Since honey bee colonies and hence queen honey bees can survive a number of years a system of Queen marking colours has been devised which, if followed, give an indication of the age of the Queen. The Queen is marked with a spot of paint on her thorax (between the head and abdomen) and the colour scheme is as follows:-

Green 2009 Blue 2010
White 2011

This mnemonic helps remember it.

Be	Warned	You
Blue	White	Yellow
0	1	2
5	6	7
Require	Gloves	
Red	Green	
3	4	
8	9	

The numbers are matched with the year end number.

Executive Committee Officers

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Pennine Bee Farms

Honey jars at competitive prices
Reasonable price paid for surplus honey (in
plastic buckets)

Stoney Lane, Galgate, Lancaster,

LA2 0QY

01524-751347 daytime or 01524-791328
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Agents for Thornes and Maisemore

Beeskeepers killer jailed

A man who shot a beekeeper in the back as he slept was jailed for life last month after being found guilty of murder.

Donald Robert Alcock, 34, also listed as a beekeeper in some reports, denied the 2007 murder of Anthony Ross Knight in Woodford, a rural town in Queensland State, despite admitting to police that he shot the respected beekeeper so he could steal up to A\$50,000 (£17,000) worth of honey. But a jury at Brisbane Supreme Court, Australia took less than a day to convict him and he was sentenced on March 19. The crime came to light after Alcock, said to be in financial difficulties, was caught in a literal 'honey trap'. He was crushed by a 1400 kg drum of honey as he tried to sell it to a major distributor. Photographs taken by rescue services showed marks on the drum identifying it as Mr Knight's.

WHAT'S ON FOR CUMBRIAN BEEKEEPERS?

Fell to Table Cocker mouth Auction
Mart June 13th
Friends of the Lake District day Fitz
Park June 20th
Royal Honey Show Stoneleigh
Warwickshire July 7th – 10th
Gosforth Agricultural Show and
Whitehaven Branch Annual Honey
Show August 15th
Apimondia Montpelier Sept 18th – 20th
CBKA Autumn Honey Show and
Conference Keswick Nov 14th

and in time for Christmas!

Wax Day-Preparation and Uses
Braithwaite Dec 5th