

Cumbria Bee Times

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Oh sting, where is thy death?

An elderly Polish beekeeper who passed out after being stung, woke up inside a coffin. Josef Gozef Guzy 76, from Katowice, was pronounced dead from a heart attack, covered in a white sheet, collected by undertakers and taken to a funeral parlour.

It was then that Mr Guzy woke and shouted for help."He was shouting and banging on the coffin-he made enough noise to wake the dead so we couldn't miss him" said Darius Charon, the undertaker. Mr Gutzy was taken to hospital and released after a few days."The undertaker saved my life" he said. "The first I thing I did when I got out of hospital was take him a pot of honey"
DT Jan 26th 2010 (Thanks to R.Cowan for spotting this article)

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Annual General Meeting Cumbria Beekeepers Association

Held on 6th March at Southey St Methodist Hall Keswick

The numbers attending this year were small again, but those who made the trip were rewarded with a demonstration of the Projector, laptop and digital Microscope attachments which are now available for any of the CBKA Branches to borrow. Walter, who was the driving force in obtaining the grant for this equipment had set up the system and ran through the sequence for it's use in talks, and bee disease recognition through microscopy slide projection. There will be a guidance sheet for users to accompany the equipment when out on loan. It is hoped that members will put their contributions such as talks and slide shows aimed at a variety of audiences (Schools, W.I.s ,Youth Groups, other beekeepers etc) onto the hard drive for others to use.

Following that, Christine Matthews presented a guide to the benefits and disadvantages of taking out insurance with the BDI. This clear and concise presentation answered a lot of the questions that we have had about BDI and allowed the members to make an informed choice when it came to the propositions.

Officers reported a year of increased membership. The Treasurer presented healthy accounts. (copies can be obtained from the treasurer)

The election of Officers followed with no contest for the posts of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary so these remain the same. Only one new candidate -Richard Robinson stood for the Executive committee, and he was duly elected to serve with the

remaining members who all agreed to continue. This leaves two unfilled places.

Propositions:

1. That Cumbria BKA opt back into BDI.

After discussion an amendment was accepted "That CBKA encourages Branches to join BDI"

2. That the subscription remains unchanged. Accepted unanimously.

3. That Walter Mc Phee be made a life member of CBKA. Accepted unanimously.



Walter accepted his certificate from President Nick Mills.

Following this, recognition was made of long serving Beekeeper Lou Patch (100 years old and still keeping bees!)
The meeting ended at 16.00 hrs.

Branches and Secretaries The Cumbria Beekeepers Association currently has five branches, whose contact details are:

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Foulbrood outbreak hits Stranraer

American Foulbrood (AFB) has been confirmed by the Scottish government at one hive in the Stranraer area. An infected area has been declared 5km (3 miles) around the apiary involved, prohibiting the movement of bees or equipment in or out of the area.

Foulbrood is caused by a bacterium getting inside bee larvae and using up their food supplies, starving them to death. Hives with AFB cannot be treated with antibiotics and have to be destroyed. There were outbreaks of the disease and European Foulbrood (EFB) in Perthshire last year. The Scottish government is currently working on a control strategy for the diseases. There is no public health risk from the outbreak.

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Forthcoming events in Cumbria

Basic Beekeeping Examination

If you plan to take this in 2010 please notify your Branch Secretary or Peter Matthews as soon as possible.

June 19th Diseases Day

Houghton Village Hall near Carlisle. Run by NBU with the emphasis on AFB and EFB recognition. The Bee Inspectors hope to bring samples of both infections and also live bees for examination. Further details including how to book and programme are available from your Branch Secretary.

July 10th Lakeland Rose Show.

Entries are needed for the honey show please. Contact Roger Blocksidge 01539 734436 for more information.

August 8th Pollen Recognition Day

Hosted by W&DBK at Lamplugh Village Hall. If you are interested in attending keep samples of pollen in paper bags (not polythene) to bring along. More information in the May CBT

Nov 13th CBKA Autumn Conference

This will be held at Thelkeld Village Hall.

Dec 4th Wax Day A day exploring the uses to which you can put your surplus wax including Foundation making, creating Wax flowers, and Candle making. This will only be open to members of the CBKA. so please let your Branch Secretary or a member of the Exec know if you are interested.

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Sale of Hives and Equipment

10am-4pm Sat 10th April
Houghton Hall, Carlisle.
SBI will answer questions and give advice.
Demonstrations of encaustic art and candle making

Report of Carlisle Branch AGM in November

There was with a reasonable turn out. Last year's executive were re-elected:

Chairperson

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Christine Matthews

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It was good to see some new members stand as members of the committee. We roughed out a programme for 2010.

At the end of the meeting an excellent cedar wood hive made by Peter Harris was auctioned and made £500 for Hospice at Home.

Winter Programme

Monday 29th March - Practical Wax Evening

Monday 26th April – Bee Disease Identification

Evening meetings commence at 7.30pm, and are held in Houghton Village Hall

Apiary Days

Will be held at the association apiary, Walby (or as advised) commencing at 2pm on the following dates:-

Saturday April 10, clean up day. May 8, June 5, July 3, July 31, August 1, August 29, Sept.25.

Sunday April 25, May 23, June 20, July 18, August 14, Sept.11, October 9 tidy up day.

Richard & Anne Kenyon

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