

## Autumn Convention

The 16<sup>th</sup> Cumbria Convention run by Cockermouth Branch on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October was well attended and those who came were rewarded with a most entertaining day of talks. Ian Craig, past president of Scottish Beekeeping Association talked about the challenges that face us in beekeeping and how to deal with them effectively. Ben Emmet gave a most entertaining illustrated talk on the challenges to the Entomologist keeping bugs out of our vegetable goods when we buy them at the Supermarket, and John Crouch of Radio Cumbria cooked with honey while keeping up an accompanying talk, and managed to do both things splendidly – we all had a chance to taste the resulting food. Some of the recipes are available from the Editor for anyone who missed the day, and there will be a further chance to improve culinary skills in March(see forthcoming events)

## Forthcoming events

**Beginners Course** This is being held at Braithwaite Hall on SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February. Application forms can be downloaded from the CBKA website.

**Cooking with Honey** Following on from the successful cookery demonstration at the Cumbria Convention, Whitehaven Branch are hosting a “Cooking for Easter with Honey” evening at the Lamplugh Village Hall (between Cockermouth and Rowrah) on Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 19.00. All welcome. Further details from the Editor, and available on the Cumbria BKA website.

**Cockermouth Beekeepers** Hold regular winter meetings and a Christmas Dinner. For details get in touch with Bill Mackereth on 01900 825188.

**Carlisle Funding Fair** on 28<sup>th</sup> January 9.15 -15.00 sees a gathering of bodies with funding to give to suitable projects/causes. If you have any ideas which may require funding talk to a member of the Executive for more details.

**Carlisle Branch** AGM is coming up at the end of November.

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## Web-sites of interest

Friends of the Bees - [www.friendsofthebees.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthebees.org.uk)  
 Natural Beekeeping Network - [www.naturalbeekeeping.org.uk](http://www.naturalbeekeeping.org.uk)  
 Co-op Plan Bee - [http://vanishingbees.co.uk/plan\\_bee](http://vanishingbees.co.uk/plan_bee)  
 Vanishing of the Bees screenings - <http://vanishingbees.co.uk/screenings/>  
 Bumblebee Conservation Trust - [www.bumblebeeconservation.org.uk](http://www.bumblebeeconservation.org.uk)  
 Bees for Development - [www.beesfordevelopment.org.uk](http://www.beesfordevelopment.org.uk)  
 Global Bee Project - [www.theglobalbeeproject.com](http://www.theglobalbeeproject.com)

## Equipment

Cumbria beekeepers are lucky enough to have a professional hive-maker in our number with a joinery in Carlisle. Pete Harris can be contacted by phone or e-mail. His web-site address is [beehivemaker.co.uk](http://beehivemaker.co.uk) and phone number 078304-32014. He offers a variety of hive types in Red Cedar and White Pine.

## Beehivemaker

Beehives made to order at our joinery  
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

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**Treasurer:** Christine Matthews

**Secretary:** Stephen Barnes

**Exam Secretary:** Peter Matthews

**Chairman:** Val Sullivan

**Next Executive meeting:**

Sat Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Southey St Keswick

## The Queen creates a royal buzz

As part of the biodiversity strategy of the Crown Estate, bee hives have been placed on the roofs of it's buildings in Regent Street in London. These will complement the hives already kept at Royal Lodge, Windsor. The Queen is said to enjoy honey from her hives.

**Richard & Anne Kenyon**

**Burnsmead Farm,**

**Little Urswick, Ulverston**

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