

Cymdeithas Gwenynwyr Conwy Conwy Beekeepers' Association

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Dear Beekeeper,

Happy New Year to you and the bees! The bees will soon be out collecting pollen.

Monday 30th January Annual General Meeting at St. Davids College, starting at 7.30pm.

Come and have your say about the running of your Association.

Vacancies for two new committee members. Two nominations have been received. If you wish to stand for election, please contact the secretary before 26th January.

The AGM will be followed by a Question and Answer Session led by **Mr Dennis Adams.**

Our AGM's are usually very well attended. Arrive early to be sure of a seat!

Annual Subscriptions are due at the AGM. We are recommending a small increase of £1 to £16 per individual member and £1.50 per family to £18.50, the first increase for two years, to cover our planned running costs for 2006. BDI insurance is now free for your first three hives, instead of just two. Please do pay promptly and save us having to chase the few slow payers.

Association Website Visit the website to see an update on Steve Porter's Bardsey Island adventure and other recent updates www.conwybeekeepers.org.uk

We want more input from members: beekeeping photos, anecdotes, recipes, ideas and tips.

Centre for Alternative Land Use (CALU), Bangor. CALU are keen to encourage beekeeping as an alternative farm enterprise. They have offered us generous grant aid towards the cost of setting up a queen and nuc rearing project, towards the cost of meetings and events, and towards a beekeeping info leaflet.

Monday February 27th Mr Brian Goodwin, Shrewsbury. ***Managing the bees for maximum honey.***

Sat and Sun 4th and 5th March Spring Food Fair at Bodnant Garden Craft Studios, 10.30 am til 4pm.

Saturday 25th March WBKA Annual Convention, Builth Wells.

Monday 27th March Mr David Culshaw from South Clwyd BKA. ***Making Mead, making merry.***

Conwy Seed Fair Monday 27th March in Conwy High Street. Enjoy the fun of the fair!

The Seed Fair is now a much bigger and better event than a few years ago. Stall space is free of charge. We welcome plant and seed stalls, crafts, honey and home produce. See website for more information.

Saturday 22nd April BBKA Spring Lecture Convention and Exhibition, Stoneleigh.

The coach is costing £16 per person, **but you pay only £5**, CALU pay £11.

Entrance £11 at the group rate. Total cost to you is £16. Ample space for purchases on the coach.

Coach pickup at Conwy. Limited spaces. Book early!

A bit of TLC.... I'm off to Thailand, Laos and Cambodia for a mini-break in February. You can reach me by email.

Best wishes.

Peter McFadden