

# Cymdeithas Gwenynwyr Conwy

## Conwy Beekeepers' Association

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Dear Beekeeper,

Welcome to our new season of indoor meetings. We hope that you have enjoyed summer with the bees.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at St. David's College at 7.30pm. **Mr. Geoff Critchley**, Chairman of South Clwyd BKA, Master Beekeeper and Bee Inspector for North East Wales (and he makes a great jar of Pickled Onions with honey as well) will give a talk on ***Rear your own queens and get the best from your bees.***

This unusual honey season has seen some hives give four supers of honey and some give none. Geoff will point the way towards getting the best results with your own homegrown queens.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.** The new ***Conwy Farmers' Market*** starts at the RSPB Reserve, 9am to 2pm. Conwy BKA is having a stall. Contact the Secretary if you would like to join us and sell your honey or hive products.

**Bees for Development** [www.beesfordevelopment.org](http://www.beesfordevelopment.org)

Alan Morley is appealing for members to donate a jar of honey, labeled ready for sale, to be sold in aid of Bees for Development at Alan's stall at **Gwledd Conwy Feast**. Please bring a jar to the September meeting. The October meeting will be too late. Many thanks to the members who donated a jar at the Honey Fair.

**Sat. and Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October** ***Gwledd Conwy Feast***, North Wales' best food and drink festival. Venues on the Quay and throughout the town. More than 100 stalls. £2 admission. [www.conwyfeast.co.uk](http://www.conwyfeast.co.uk)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** ***Association Honey Show***. Including a new class for A Photograph of Beekeeping Interest. Get ready with your entries now. Schedule to follow.

Plus..a talk by **Mr. John Verran**, Regional Bee Inspector for Wales on ***Exotic bee pests, and an Update on Bee Health in Wales.***

***Basic Beekeeping Course.***

Our new evening class starts on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at Henfaes, just off the A55, Junction13, near Abergwyngregyn. The course, which is supported by CALU, the Centre for Alternative Land Use, consists of eight Tuesday evening lessons at monthly intervals and two apiary meetings. It is aimed at new beekeepers and those with some experience, who want to learn more. The course, led by Geoff Critchley, costs £50 including course notes. Contact Pete Barrar, details as above, to book a place. **Space is limited to 20 people**, so please do not delay.

We cannot refund the course fee after the course has started, and please note that there are no concessions.

***New members.*** Welcome to Glynne and Susan Andrew, Pentir. Enjoy your beekeeping!

Best wishes. *Peter McFadden*