

CBKA - January Newsletter

Message to Conwy BKA members and friends.....

Last Sunday's Winter Apiary Meeting was a great success, with a record 35 people attending from Beijing, Betws y Coed and beyond.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is on **Monday 28th January** at St. David's College, starting at 7.30pm prompt. Come along and air your views on the running of your Association. Ideas and suggestions welcome.

We still have a vacancy for a new committee member. Could it be you?

The AGM will be followed by a talk by **Mr. George Burgess** of Pwllheli on **My method of Integrated Pest Management**. Mr. Burgess successfully runs 30 hives without using any hard chemicals for varroa control. A well-recommended talk.

The AGM is usually our best attended meeting of the year, so please arrive early to be sure of a good seat.

See attached minutes of the last AGM.

Subscriptions for 2008 are now due. We are recommending no change to the subs for the third year. Please print the attached form and bring it to the AGM with your cheque, or send it to the treasurer. Please pay promptly and save us the tiresome task of chasing slow payers.

Saturday 19th April, BBKA Convention at Stoneleigh. Beekeeping's biggest one day event with bargains, lectures, demonstrations. We are again organising a coach, approx charge £25 including entrance ticket, heavily subsidized by Conwy BKA. (Ticket price alone is £18)

See <http://www.bbka.org.uk/convention.php> for Show details! Contact Pete Barrar to book your place. pete.barrar@virgin.net

Evening class We are now recruiting for the third **Basic Beekeeping Course** at Henfaes, near Llanfairfechan, starting in September 2008. Contact Pete Barrar to book a place. Suitable for newcomers and those with some experience.

See website for syllabus www.conwybeekeepers.org.uk

Bee equipment winter sale. See attached list of items available from Wynne Jones, Ruthin wynnejones@btinternet.com

Oxalic Acid kits available from Chris Clarke. bwlch@enterprise.net Treat your bees now to knock out the overwintering varroa mites.

I'm off to Fuerteventura tomorrow for some more sunshine. (Well, it beats looking out of the window at a field of wet sheep).

See you at the AGM.

Regards.

Peter McFadden

Secretary, Conwy BKA.