

## CBKA - March 2008 Newsletter

Tuesday 11th March *Evening class* at Henfaes ay 7.30pm

Monday 17th March, not 24th or 31st at St. David's College, Llandudno starting at 7.30pm.

Mr. Wally Shaw, Anglesey BKA will give a talk on *Four uses for the Snelgrove Board*.

Queen rearing, raising nuclei, swarm control and preparing strong hives for the heather are all made easier with the Snelgrove board. If you thought Snelgrove's methods were too complicated, Wally's talk will offer you enlightenment. See attached pic of Snelgrove with the bees.

Also on Monday 17th March *Anglesey food Island tour*. Conwy Agri-Food day trip to several of Anglesey's best food producers, with lunch and minibus from Conwy. See attached details. Contact Sarah Gardener now to book your place <[sarahgardener@talk21.com](mailto:sarahgardener@talk21.com)>

Wednesday 26th March *Conwy Seed Fair* in Conwy High Street, 9am to 4pm. Stall spaces are still available for plants and seeds and honey stalls. See website for Info for Stallholders. [www.conwybeekeepers.org.uk](http://www.conwybeekeepers.org.uk)

Saturday 12th April *Apiary Meeting no.1* at Tal y Cafn at 2.30pm. Bee suits and gloves available for newcomers. Spring inspection and transfer WBC colonies into new hives.

Sunday 20th April *Conwy Gardeners' Market* at Conwy RSPB, previously at Glan Conwy. Many specialist nurseries attending.

*Into spring*... Another active bee season is about to start, my 31st year with the bees, and I love them more every year! They call it bee fever, and there's no known cure. Check your bees have enough stores to last until the sycamore honey in April / May. Plan now to replace your oldest manky combs. Chris Clarke can provide you with new frames and foundation <[bwlch@enterprise.net](mailto:bwlch@enterprise.net)>

We regret there is no oil seed rape at Kinmel this year. Poor germination and pigeons put paid to the 100 acres of rape, now resown with barley.

*Beevening class*. The 2008 /2009 class is filling up well. See website for dates and details.

*CALU, The Centre for Alternative Land Use*. CALU don't just support Conwy BKA! Visit the Events page on their website for a taste of their many other activities. <http://www.calu.bangor.ac.uk/>

*Beat the price rise*. The cost of posting a letter goes up on 7th April: Second class by 3p, First class by 2p. Buy your stamps now and save money. Better still, use email!

Best wishes.

Peter McFadden

Secretary, Conwy BKA.