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CBKA member Ricky Christie demonstrates the art of skepmaking at the Bee aware weekend at the Botanical Garden of Wales, Llanarthney. Carmarthenshire.



THE NEXT MEETING IS A FIELD DAY ON SUNDAY JUNE 21ST at 2.00 p.m. FOR CBKA MEMBERS, BY KIND INVITATION OF BILL BRADLY AND LORNA JONES AT THEIR HOME

HAFOD WEN, BRECHFA, CARMARTHENSHIRE. SA32 7QR Tel: 01267 202359

Bring along something for the Buffet / Barbeque and perhaps a raffle prize and don't forget your bee suit and veil etc. If the weather is fine we shall open up some hives.

BEE AWARE WEEKEND AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF WALES



THE BUMBLE BEE CONSERVATION TRUST STAND



CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS EXPLAINS THE USE OF THE MOVEABLE FRAME



ROWSE HONEY STAND TASTING HONEY FROM AROUND THE WORLD



THE JUNIORS ROLLING WAX CANDLES



FACE PAINTING



STEPHEN COX HELPING ON THE CARMARTHENSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION STAND

FIELD DAY SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2009

Direction to Hafod Wen - Brechfa Lies on the B4310, 6.5 miles from the main A40.

In Brechfa at the community shop take the road to NEW INN.

About 500 mtrs take the small left fork signposted Felin Marlais. Please drive carefully down the hill and through the small farm. Follow the road up the hill until you come to a small tarmac road on the right, signposted CNWC YLLWYN, take this turning and continue up twisty lane until you come to the house and Hafod Wen is the small cottage on the left.

We will have a BBQ on the go so please bring any food you would like to cook and all food donations welcome.

Lets hope the weather is good and we will open the hives about 2:30 ish. I will give a short chat as to how I got to where I am since starting beekeeping in 2006.

Bill Bradly

BEEKEEPING ON THE INTERNET

This is a good website if you have not seen it before. Some interesting articles.

<http://www.beedata.com/apis-uk/newsletters09/apis-uk0509.pdf>

NEXT APIARY MEETING

Sunday 28th June 2.00 p.m. Cwmoernant Farm, Reservoir Road, Tanerdy, Carmarthen.

BEES FOR SALE

Brigadier Jenkins has 5 stocks of bees in Nationals for sale Tel: 01994 231407

If anyone has bees for sale let me know as we have beginners waiting.

SITES FOR BEES

Dr Kit Evans has a site available for beehives 13 acres two marshy fields in Rhydargaeau

Tel: 01267 253889

Chrisy Wildwood has 3 acres wild meadows wood and ponds inn Rhydygoch, Brechfa. Tel:01267 202202

From John Verran regional bee officer

Steve Hughes Upper Tumble, Llanelli has a site for bees Tel:01269 842702 or Mobile 07973452327

SPRAYING

If you are worried about spraying in your area you can contact The Environment Agency phone Neil Tel:07768730463

Most of their spraying in the county is Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam along river banks using a biodegradable spray similar to round-up.

As your spray liason representative I am informed of spraying in a particular area and inform them of any beekeepers in the locality.

OTHER NEWS

Two new publications from IBRA. Please see attached flyers.

<http://www.ibra.org.uk>

Request from Donna Clark, Moray College. Varroa Survey

I am conducting research into the spread of varroa and the effects on beekeeping nationally, and am contacting you as secretary for a UK beekeeping group to ask if your group would be prepared to assist in this project.

This phase of the project asks beekeepers to complete a questionnaire which will enable us to build a comprehensive picture of the situation. The questionnaire is available in two formats: as an electronic survey, available at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5epFW3jcaifsi6oZ7zcdLq_3d_3d and as a pdf (attached) which can be printed off

I would really appreciate it if as many members of your group as possible would complete the questionnaire. To save resources the electronic version is the preferred format but I appreciate that not everyone will have access to a computer, hence the pdf which can be printed out and distributed. If you would like me to send you some printed copies and an SAE please let me know. The closing date for returns is 1st July 2009.

I am grateful for your assistance and time, and hope that the findings will assist in finding a solution to the current difficulties relating to varroa. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Donna Clark Lecturer in Sustainable Science, Heritage and Development Moray College Moray St Elgin Moray IV30 1JJ Tel: 01343 576272

SOME NICE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM STEPHEN COX



Bombus hortorum working on chives



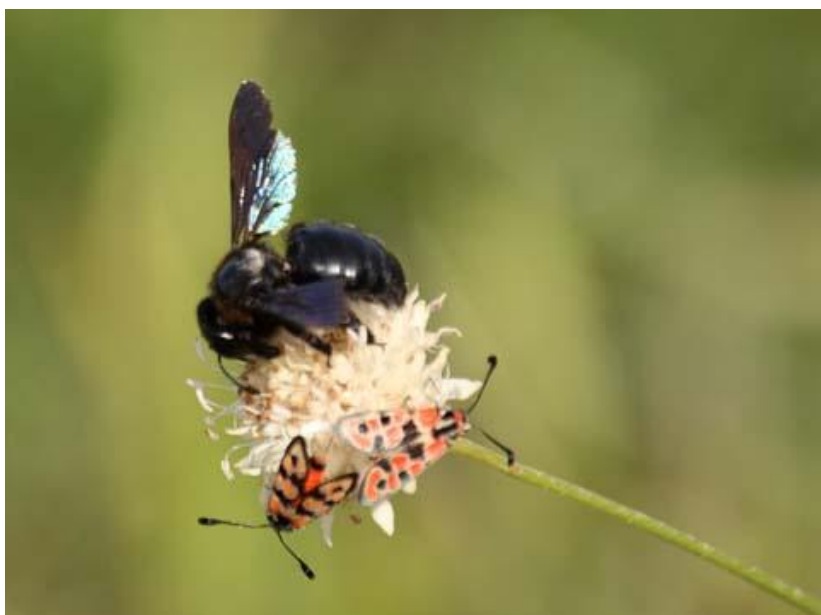
Hover fly on chives



A very dark bumble bee in France species not identified so far. Any ideas ?



JUSTDOWN THE VALLEY WAS AN APIARY SEE PHOTO ABOVE



THIS IS A PHOTO OF A VERY BLACK BEE TAKEN WHEN STEVE WAS ON HOLIDAY IN FRANCE

COULD IT BE A EUROPEAN BLACK BEE *Apis mellifera mellifera*

OR IS IT *Xylocopa violacea* The largest and most robust of the European solitary bees

THE MOTHS ARE VERY COLOURFULL IN COMPARISON

THANKS STEVE.

FIRST PRACTICAL BEGINNERS CLASS AT THE NEW APIARY SITE



LITERALLY A HIVE OF ACTIVITY MAKING UP BROOD CHAMBERS AND SUPERS



TOM WITH HIS WBC HIVE BUILT IN TWO WEEKS

Many thanks to Maureen Macleod for her instruction at the practical bee classes. Also to the regulars who turn up and help her.

From John Verran Regional Bee Officer Ref. National Bee Unit Husbandry Survey
Hello WBKA secretaries and Officials

I've just had a conversation with Giles Budge that has alarmed me somewhat.

Very few surveys have come in from Wales via the internet. (We are much better with the paper version). This could mean that it will be difficult to run comparisons on such matters as winter losses.

Can I ask you to make an enormous effort to get as many of your members as possible to go on line and complete a survey.

The link is below.

<https://secure.csl.gov.uk/beebase/public/News/news.cfm>

PEMBROKESHIRE BEE SALE



A LARGE SELECTION OF HIVES GOOD AND BAD INCLUDING SOME WBC DOUBLE WALLED HIVES



BEEES ON COMBS AND SOME IN HIVES STRONG STOCKS MADE OVER £300

SECRETARIES RAMBLINGS

A large selection of photographs this newsletter as I have not had much spare time to find articles. Some input from members would also be appreciated.

It looks like summer has arrived at last and the bees are busy after a slow start. My swarm control as usual is a bit hit and miss. I wish my bees would read the manual. All swarms apart from one have been hived. But queens are still a bit slow to venture out and get mated. Let us hope the weather lasts for a few weeks for the main flow.

Brian.



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