

**NEWSLETTER #198 – September 2014**



### **Association Meetings**

First meeting of the 2014/15 winter program takes place this week on Thursday 25 September, 7:15pm at Rhu Church Hall. This will be an evening to review the season and to do some honey tasting – please bring an anonymized jar of honey. We'll also collect some stats on honey production and number of colonies going into winter plus a Q&A/highlights of the season session.

The program for the rest of the year is:

Date	Title	Speaker
25/09/2014	Members Evening	
23/10/2014	Pollination - a wild tale of food and sex	Tim Sydall
27/11/2014	CSI Pollen project	Magnus Peterson
22/01/2015	AGM	
26/02/2015	(tbc)	
26/03/2015	Video evening	
23/04/2015	On beekeeping...	Graham Sharp (tbc)
28/05/2015	Members Evening	

### **Club Dinner**

Ben needs confirmation and cheques for the Association Dinner by **29 September**. You can pass them over to Ben at Thursdays meeting. This is going to be a really good event so book up for you and your partner!

### **Scottish Beekeepers Association Autumn Convention (SBA)**

The highlight of the bee year takes place on Saturday the 27th September 0845am - 5:10 pm the SRUC Barony campus near Dumfries. It is closer than you think and takes only about 1 and three quarters of an hour to get there. Excellent speakers and the £30 includes morning coffee/tea, lunch, afternoon tea break. There will be opportunities for bargains at the trade stands and additional 1 1/2 hour microscopy workshops are available at £5 extra with limited numbers on a first come first served basis (see SBA magazine) Mike Thornley is organising this event so we want to give it our best support. Cheques should be made out to SBA and sent to Mike at Glenarn, Glenarn Road, Rhu, Helensburgh, G84 8LL. Please indicate choice of lunch (Traditional Steak Pie, Fish, Chicken salad or Vege-

table Lasagne ) and include a SAE for programme and receipt if de-sired. We hope to organise a bit of car sharing. Alastair Cameron will try to organise that at our meeting on the 25th September but an e-mail to camay2390@gmail.com would be helpful.

If anyone hasn't booked, there may still be places available....

## **Committee Meeting**

Last committee meeting was held on 27 August. Amongst other things we noted that we had been remiss in that we hadn't been providing a summary of these meetings in the news letter as we had previously agreed to do.

- It was clarified that the association recommendation of £75 for a nuc is for a 5 frame nuc box, of which at least 2 frames are of brood and there is a new queen. Box to be returned with replacement frames (suggest £20 deposit for box and frames)
- Treasurer reported Balance of approx £900
- Membership stands at 41 (including 5 family memberships plus 2 honorary members)
- CABA:
  - Trip to John Mellis at Auldgirth in Dumfries was very successful, a full bus bar 2 es. Noted that several attendees got stung on the heather due to not wearing wellies and bees crawling up their ankles and into the legs of beesuits.
  - Note that CABA meetings will be in Scotstoun from now on.
- Date and venue of next committee meeting 15 Oct. 7:30pm.
- Committee for 2015. We have 2 committee members who are moving/have moved from the area and so will be stepping down next year; Sue Reid and Jim McCulloch. Due to work/family commitments Gordon is going to have to stand down as secretary next year but is prepared to stay on the committee and mentor the next secretary. Neil is also looking to hand on responsibility for the club apiary. It is unfortunate that these have all come at once but we felt that the membership should know so that we have plenty of time to generate interest for next years committee before the AGM