

NEWSLETTER 234 – March 2018

Next meeting: 26 April 2018. Rhu Church hall, from 7.15pm:
Stewart Campbell will be giving a talk about the Friends of Duchess Wood

What's happening in the hive?

A warm day in April is the traditional first post-winter inspection, hopefully with good news. The colony should be expanding now so things to consider are space and the necessity for any supers. With fewer bees it will also be easier to find and mark/clip the queen. As always continue monitoring for Varroa and make sure things are prepared for the coming weeks, including the plans and necessary kit for swarming.

CABA picnic

To mark the centenary of Glasgow and District Beekeepers they will be having a picnic at Kelvingrove, 12.00pm Sunday 20th May. Beekeepers and their families are invited to come, along with their beesuits and smokers for a massed photo on the steps of the museum. In addition, they aim to make a 'bug hotel' so please bring along any materials that you feel might be useful for this project: straw, pipes, bricks with holes in, sticks, moss, wood chip, old terracotta pots, roofing tiles, bark, pine cones, hollow bamboo canes, hollow stems from shrubs etc..

Geilston Gardens

Geilston Gardens are holding an open day on 1st September and would like a manned beekeeping stand to chat to the public. Please get in touch with Colin if you think this is something that you might be able to help with: secretary@helensburghbees.com

SBA convention - 22-23 September

This year the SBA convention is being held in Glasgow. Reports are that it's fully booked but that more tickets may become available. At this point it's probably best to get on a 'waiting list' by emailing the Glasgow beekeepers secretary: glasgowbeeksec@hotmail.co.uk.

Ideas for website

The HDBA website is migrating to a new platform. This is an opportunity for everybody to have an input into a concurrent re-vamp. What would you like to see incorporated? Do you have a vision for the website? Any thoughts and ideas please email Gordon: gordon@windsmiths.co.uk

Link of the month: <https://www.netflix.com>

I'm sure many will have access to Netflix. Buried among the documentaries is an episode of Rotten, called Lawyers, Guns and Honey, which sounds like an interesting delve into the world of illegal honey.

