

Brighton & Lewes Beekeepers



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EDITORIAL



2022 Christmas meal. Photo: Graham Bubloz

Joyeux Noël: B&L's seasonal meal

We had a great Christmas meal last year in Hassocks—and this year's event is getting closer. So this is your invitation to join us on 12 December at 19.30. This year we will be at [Côte Brasserie, Brighton](#).

There will be another bigger and better beekeeping raffle, a beekeeping quiz (oh yes!), and the raffle winners will be drawn and prizes awarded. And a great time will be had by all.

What to do next

If you'd like to join us, please [let Jude know](#) soon as possible, as seat availability is limited. If you haven't paid a deposit of £10.00 please do that as soon as you can.

You've had an email about the event so please look at the menu attached and reply to Jude by 7 December with your choices. If you have any specific dietary requirements, please let Jude know.

Côte Brasserie is close to bus routes to and from Lewes, near Brighton railway station and a taxi rank.

See you there!

Winter: a time for learning

A bit of a truism but nonetheless, winter is the time to consider what worked and what didn't, what to change next year, and what that means for your stack of equipment. What will you need? Certainly jars, so I hope you've taken advantage of Tony Birkbeck's superb discounted offer of jars, which was circulated in November.

Last year I decided that I wanted to increase from two to six hives in 2023 and I achieved that.

This was not without a couple of moments when I realised I didn't have quite enough kit. Not so much a lack of bees or hives—that's the easy and obvious stuff—but things like extra ekes to clear the feed and varroa treatments, one too few queen excluders and a shortage of transparent crown boards so I can monitor fondant levels without disturbing the bees any more than necessary.

Two of my hives at the moment are bursting with bees so I'm most optimistic about them making it through the winter. And in 2024, they will go into 14x12 hives via a Bailey comb change in the spring, so I'm stocking up on foundation. But then, I'll probably find I've forgotten something...

Manek Dubash, Editor

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SHARE YOUR PHOTOS AND STORIES

Do you have interesting photos or video links you'd like to share? Or an insight from your beekeeping that would could enhance the hobby for others? Do you have skills that could be useful to other members? Anything else you'd like to see in this newsletter?

Ideas and contributions welcome; all contact details are on the [back page](#).

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Seasonal tips for December

Visit your hives

December is a very quiet month in the apiary, but you still need visit your bees on a regular basis, especially if they are not at the bottom of your garden. The checks are not very intrusive, so some can be done when the weather is not at its best.

Such as: are they still upright after a storm or investigation by a passing badger? If you use mouse guards, check to make sure they are not blocked by dead bees. Do they have enough feed? Does the hive feel lighter than the last time you hefted it? Not sure, put some fondant on anyway.

When putting fondant on make sure it's placed directly on the top bars of the hive over the main brood cluster, and not above the crown board. We all know that as the temperature drops, the bees cluster more and will not — cannot—move very far to find more stores. To stop the fondant oozing down between the bars, I put a plastic queen excluder between the bars and the fondant.

I have assumed that you will be able to get baker's fondant but you can make your own. Here's a recipe I used when I first started beekeeping: Beekeeping for Beginners. Andrew Richards. Northern Bee Books 1991. ISBN 0-907908-61-6. It's an old book, I didn't start beekeeping then.

Fondant recipe: ingredients

Why the optional ingredients? Bees prefer slightly salty water; and the sugar is inverted when boiled with cream of tartar.



Hive blown over: just what you don't want to see. Photo: Bob Curtis

White granulated sugar	3lb/1.36kg
Boiling water	½ pt/284ml
Salt	Pinch (optional)
Cream of Tartar	Pinch (optional)

Fondant recipe: method

- Add sugar to pan. Add the boiling water, heat and stir. The mixture will be thick, so stir until the mixture thins. Do not allow the sugar to burn as this will produce a toxic candy.
- Add the salt and cream of tartar and allow to simmer for 20 minutes.
- Grease/oil/clingfilm the containers you are going to cast the candy in.
- After simmering for 20 minutes, let it cool but continue stirring. When it thickens, pour into oiled containers.
- Note: when pouring, it will start to set quicker as the volume reduces.
- When set, the candy should be soft enough to mark with your nail but hard enough to tip out of the container and handle.

There are many recipes out there. If all else fails, dip a bag of sugar in water, wait until it sets and use that.

Varroa treatment

December is a good time to think about an oxalic acid (OA) treatment to knock back any varroa mites still active. Either by make up a sugar solution containing the requisite amount of OA and dribble it over the seams of bees in each brood box if they are on a brood-and-a-half or double brood. Or you could use sublimation to apply the OA, using kit such as the GasVap.

Vaporisation and sublimation in this context mean the same thing and is the method where the OA crystals are inserted inside the hive and heated to produce a vapour. This vapour can be created by using an electrically heated wand or vaporiser filled with crystals and heated using your blowtorch.

The best result from both methods is achieved when the colony is broodless. How do you know when they're broodless? Unless you inspect on a regular basis you'll never know.

In the trials carried out at Sussex University a few years ago, they overcame this problem by uncapping

any sealed brood before they applied the OA treatment. You may not want to go to all that trouble and accept that you may have missed a few mites. But make sure the open mesh floor (OMF) is sealed with the varroa board to maximise the effects.

Just a few cautionary words about OA: OA is toxic to us, so avoid breathing in the vapour by using a fitted half-mask with a filter suitable for organic gases and vapours. Do not use substances from wholesaler/s, only use Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VDM) approved medicines such as Api-Bioxal. Only make up the solution as and when you need it.

Record-keeping

If you keep records (and you should), spend some time going over this year's activities; that's what they are for. They will help you to decide on whether to manage you hives differently next year. You may want to increase the number of colonies; or rear more queens; or select the best honey producers. As ever the possibilities are endless so take some time to think about it.

And lastly, whatever you decide next year make sure you have all the kit required and start building it now.

Have a very merry Christmas and a successful New Year!

The Veiled Beekeeper



GasVap kit from [Bridge Cottage Bees](#)



Graham Bubloz
Chairman

Words from the Chair

Events, events, events

On Tuesday 12 December, we'll be holding our Christmas Meal at Cote Brasserie, Brighton. I hope that you've already booked your place with [Jude New](#). If not, you might still be able to buy a ticket.

A week or so earlier, on Wednesday 6th, there's a chance to catch up with fellow members at the Bee Chat evening from 7.30pm at The Elephant & Castle Pub, White Hill, Lewes, BN7 2DJ.

And our regular monthly meeting takes place on Wednesday 20 December. This will be using the Zoom video conferencing ONLY, so don't come along to the hall at Lewes. This will be a talk by Dan Basterfield on the subject of Managing Apideas. Keep an eye open for an email with the Zoom invitation details.

Our new apiary

At the tail end of October, a couple of working parties were organised to start some ground clearance preparatory work at a new Apiary on the outskirts of Rottingdean. This Apiary will replace our existing one at Isfield. You will have seen the photos and write-up of the work in the last month's newsletter.

It was so gratifying to see 15 volunteers working together in very muddy conditions to get us to the point in just two days, where a small copse area has been cleared and prepared in readiness for hives to be moved in the Spring of 2024. The hope is that having an apiary sited more locally to members along the south-eastern corner of our patch will encourage more to attend the summer Out-Apiary meetings. I'm looking forward to seeing it in action, and to seeing you there.

Acknowledgements

There's been a lot of work going on behind the scenes. In particular, I'd like to publicly acknowledge the great work being done by Tony Birkbeck and Jude New, and thank them for their continued involvement.

Tony has been organising bulk purchases of equipment. Jude has also not let the grass grow under her feet by organising a pretty comprehensive training programme for the forthcoming year.

Previously, I missed the opportunity to mention that we have a new recruit on the committee: Mat Budgen, who has taken on the central role of Secretary. Welcome Mat.

In addition, I'd like to thank the other team players on the committee, namely: Norman, Felicity, Ian, Bob, Manek, and Gerald. These people are doing a LOT in the background that needs some recognition. They're all volunteers. So, again, I'd like to express my appreciation for their work throughout the year.

Join us!

Some of our committee members are not continuing beyond the AGM in February 2024. So, I would please encourage you put yourself forward to get involved with running our division. Please contact me if you'd be available and interested to explore this further.

Honey Show & AGM

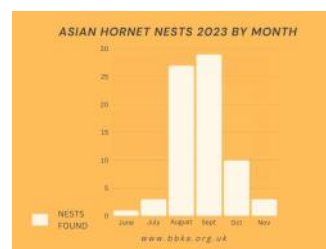
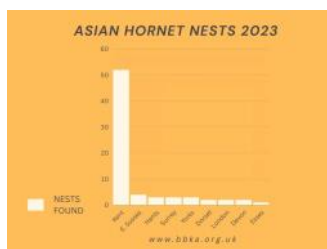
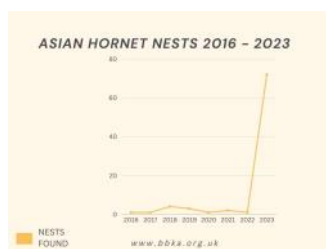
In the meantime, please make sure that you enter the Annual Honey Show (entry forms will follow, and details of classes and so on are in this issue) that coincides with the AGM on 15th February 2024.

So, in closing, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Asian Hornet report

There's very little to report this month, so I'll let these graphics from the BBKA AH Team tell the grim story of 2023. I think we will have work to do in 2024.

Manek Dubash, Asian Hornet Team Co-ordinator



AGM & Honey Show: Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 7pm

The AGM will take place during judging for the Honey Show

Invitation to submit

Are you prepared for the B&L Honey Show?

There is still time to make a nice set of candles, sort and select your best photographs and select put aside your best jars of honey. If you feel adventurous you could try designing a new label for yourself or showing us a new gadget you have made to improve your beekeeping.

New Gadget Class

The Gadget Class is new this year and will be run after the AGM. This is a fun class to show us how clever you can be. To enter, you need to have made an improvement to an existing piece of kit or designed something new that will improve your beekeeping. As long as it's your idea there is no restriction on what you can bring (but it must fit through the door!). You will be given

the chance to explain your gadget to the audience and they will vote for the one they like best. There will be a certificate for the winner.

If you haven't entered before, please give it a go, you never know you might be a winner. It's just a great way to improve your appreciation of your hobby.

Bob Curtis, Meetings Secretary

How to apply

Email your Entry Form and Photographs by Tuesday 6 February 2024 for free entry to all classes to Bob Curtis: poshpix@me.com

Bring your entries for Classes 1-9 to the AGM/Honey Show at 7pm. On the night entry fee is £1.00 per class.

Photographs for Classes 10 & 11 must be submitted digitally to Bob Curtis: poshpix@me.com

Schedule for Classes

- Class 1: One 1lb Jar Clear Honey
- Class 2: One 1lb Jar Naturally Crystallised honey
- Class 3: Two 1lb Jars of similar honey

- Class 4: One Honey Jar Label of your own design on an empty 1lb jar
- Class 5: One Moulded candle
- Class 6: One 1oz block of wax
- Class 7: One Honey Cake: As per the recipe below
- Class 8: Six Honey Biscuits: Your own recipe to be provided with biscuits
- Class 9: A wax wrap big enough to covering an orange or similar
- Class 10: A bee related photograph
- Class 11: A close-up shot of a bee
- Class 12: An invention relating to beekeeping or the bee hive (Fun Class—does not contribute to final point. It will be judged by the audience)

Prizes

Points are awarded for each class. The member with the most points across classes 1 to 11 will be awarded the Dixon Hurst Cup.

- 1st prize: 5 points
- 2nd prize: 3 points
- 3rd prize: 2 points

The Novice with the highest points will be awarded the Novice Tray, awarded to the person with the most points who has not won a first place in a previous B&L Honey Show.

The Best Honey Cake will win the Honey Cake Salver.

Rules

- All classes may only be entered by individual members of B&L.
- No entry fee for classes with Entry Forms received by Tuesday 6 February 2024, otherwise £1.00 per Class.
- Classes 1-3, 5-6, & 9-11: maximum two entries, only your highest score counts for the Dixon Hurst Cup.
- Class 4: One Honey Jar Label of your own design on an empty 1lb jar (max. one entry).
- Classes 5 & 6 & 9: The Wax must come from your own apiary.
- Classes 7 & 8: Maximum one entry
- Honey: must be from the member's apiary.
- Jars: must be unlabelled, 1lb glass jars with gold lid (except for class 4).

- Cakes and biscuits: to be presented on a plate and covered with cling film. (The Honey used should be from the member's own apiary or locally produced honey.)
- Classes 10 & 11: Photographs to be submitted digitally preferably jpg. Max 4MB; larger files accepted if sent by email. All entries remain the copyright of the author. Entries may be used in the B&L newsletter and website and will be credited to the author.

Recipe for Class 7

Honey Fruit Cake must be made using this recipe:

Ingredients

- 50g Honey
- Two eggs
- 150g SR Flour
- 60g Demerara sugar
- 200g butter or margarine
- 200g mixed fruit
- 1 tablespoon milk

Method

- Put honey, sugar and milk together in a warm place and leave until honey is dissolved. Beat in remainder of ingredients.
- Bake in cool oven for about 1¼ hours at 150°C, Gas Mark 2 (this time and temperature is only a guide).
- Size of round tin to be used should not exceed 7½" (19cm) diameter.

B&L's training schedule for 2024

Many beekeepers say they don't want to take any more exams after their 'work life' exams—understandably. But would anyone attempt a new job (and maybe beekeeping) without doing some training or assessment? Some beekeepers do join us and assume that they will find all they need by reading, talking to other beekeepers and watching YouTube. This may be true, but it depends which videos you watch and for which country they are intended. Books can be very dry or wordy but are of course superb research tools. But it's hard to beat a focused, live interactive course—and we could have just the right one for you.

Synopsis

There will be an *Introduction to Beekeeping* day in February at The Barn in Westdene, and a *Beginning Beekeeping* course. There are up to 20 places on the *Introduction to Beekeeping* day and 10 places for the *Beginning Beekeeping* course. Six places have already been taken; dates are all on Saturdays for the whole day, most are mornings at The Barn and afternoons at Grassroots after lunch at Tea Thyme London Road, Hassocks.

Introduction to Beekeeping

To be held at The Barn, Westdene Green, Dene Vale, Brighton on 24 February 2024, 10.00-16.30. The day will cover much of the information needed for new beekeepers:

- Who the Brighton and Lewes Committee are



Tuition under the trees at Hove

- The advantages of membership of a Beekeeping Association
- Tips on where to site an apiary
- Tips on where to buy beekeeping equipment
- Information about the costs of setting up an apiary
- Followed by an afternoon of practical sessions including
- Tasting honey from Brighton and Lewes beekeepers and an
- Opportunity to buy local honey from Brighton and Lewes beekeepers

Date	Time	Venue
16 March	10.00-13.00	Lunch @ Tea Thyme, Hassocks
27 April	10.00-13.00	
18 May	10.00-13.00	
6 June	14.00-16.30	
13 July	14.00-16.30	
3 August	10.00-13.00	

Beginner Beekeeper

This course starts in March and meets monthly until August at The Barn, Dean Vale Green, Brighton. There is usually a morning session from 10.00-13.00 when the group is introduced to beekeeping theory. This includes such topics as:

- Different strains of bees, different types of hives advantages and disadvantages.
- Inside a hive, the queen, worker bees and drone bees and what they do how to assess varroa and management
- Outside the hive planting for beekeeping and forage availability

Basic Assessment preparation

The BBKA no longer requires candidates to start their formal beekeeping journey with the Basic Assessment. In response I have designed a course which has the potential to prepare candidates for the Basic Assessment, if that is what they wish to do and also prepare candidates who already have their Basic Certificate, for the General Husbandry Assessment.

The Basic Assessment has to be completed by August in any season. It is possible to register with the BBKA up

to a month before the assessment is due to take place.

I will contact our assessor Mike Cullen who offers us dates in the new year, usually in late June/early July. He usually assesses four candidates in any one day so that there is space between each appointment, and an hour for each assessment for both theory and practical beekeeping. If we don't have enough candidates, we can join other divisions in Sussex BBKA. Sometimes our candidates are assessed with candidates from Eastbourne, or Rother and Hastings. I can issue you with the document to register online to make a direct payment to BBKA.

New for 2024: Stage 2 beekeeping

Our courses are not just for beginners. I am running a study group for candidates who want to take their practice further without a written exam, so I am running Stage 2. This covers the syllabus for the BBKA General Husbandry Module and will also cover the Basic Assessment syllabus.

It includes queen rearing and practical work based on the queen rearing we have completed as a Division in the past two or three years.

We will begin visiting the apiaries in spring. Queen rearing will be organised to run on Saturdays as far as is practicable. We can cover both courses by using a log book of experience so that candidates can see how much of each syllabus they have studied.

Wednesday evenings have been booked at a different venue to the one we have used for the past few years,



B&L's Hove Apiary

B&L's training schedule for 2024 (continued)

and you might also need to come along to a few Saturday sessions for the practical elements of one or both qualifications.

BBKA General Husbandry

Candidates for [General Husbandry](#) this year have to register by the end of February 2024, have runny and set honey ready for sale, a year's worth of hive notes, and beeswax ready for sale. They need to be able to explain the methods they use for a queen rearing

programme, which has to be more sophisticated than using nucs when the time is right. You will also need at least three queenright hives. Full details of the requirements are in the General Husbandry syllabus, linked above.

Lessons learnt from the Stage 2 Beekeeping course will feed into the practice and preparation for the assessment in 2025.

There are ten places for this course, which can take candidates for Basic Assessment for 2024 and General

Husbandry. I am accepting applications for Basic Assessment 2024 and preparation for General Husbandry 2025.

If you need any information, please [contact me](#) for details. The course will start in January 2024. Please look at the entry on [B&L website](#) and our Facebook events pages.

Jude New, Training Co-ordinator

Meeting report: Alex Smith on how to make a beekeeping video

On Wednesday 15 November 2023, B&L member Alex Smith gave us a fascinating talk how he makes his beekeeping videos.

He started beekeeping in 2021 after receiving some equipment and bees from Tony Birkbeck and Stephen Allen-Tidy.

Alex said he became interested in bees after he was asked to look after some bees that belonged to a friend. He had no knowledge—but thought "why not?"

He is keen on nature and saw a swarm of bees while on a country walk, and that confirmed the fascination.

He uses a Digital SLR camera on a tripod and his iPhone, and most footage is probably taken on the latter device. He takes hours of video footage and then edits the images, adds text and music, fade-ins and fade-outs etc, all using the Adobe Premiere package.

He created [one video that's nearly two hours long](#) for YouTube on the subject of "Beekeeping from day 1 to 2 years" that has had over two million views in just 11 months. That's quite an achievement and the comments that people have left on his videos have been very supportive and encouraging.

Overall, his channel on YouTube has had over 31 million views.

Alex explained that he has had no formal training in the area of making videos—and yet he seems to make it look quite easy! He has admitted that he made some rookie beekeeping errors (who hasn't?)—such as going away in May for two weeks and finding

that his hives had swarmed. He won't be making that mistake again—but in one case, he did manage to capture one of his own swarms, which he found particularly satisfying.

Life moves on, and Alex has recently moved out of our area to Bristol. Over the past two years, he has found that it is entirely possible to make a living from the YouTube channel. Not bad for someone who left school with minimal GCSE qualifications.

He hopes to return to visit family and friends—but for now, he has moved onto pastures new. We wish him well!

Graham Bubloz



Meeting report: Alex Smith on how to make a beekeeping video (cont.)



These images were drawn from Alex's YouTube video on [how he started beekeeping](#). Though over two hours long, it's composed of the various episodes he videoed while learning his craft.

B&L branded clothing is now available

Our supplier for B&L branded clothing is The Incredible Design Company. They are a small charity; their background is interesting and worthy of a read. They have a wide range of clothing—but typically, members buy polo shirts and fleeces.

You can view their full catalogue [here](#), and our contacts at IDC are Matt or Dan Barber, tel 01825 724376.

Members should place an order directly with IDC, but of course you need to ensure that you use the correct

order codes, request the B&L logo to be embroidered, and state the size etc. For an additional fee, you can also have your name embroidered on the garment. So, give them a call to discuss the order first.

Below are the order codes and colours that you should use when placing an order directly to IDC.

We are planning to produce mugs with B&L logos but we're waiting for a bit more info before we can announce it officially.



Eric Prior: a beekeeper no more



Long-time B&L member and previous swarm co-ordinator Eric Prior has—after 65 years—had to give up his

beekeeping and has offered his thanks to B&L for the support he's received over the years.

As he put it in his correspondence with our Membership Secretary Norman Dickinson: "I have unfortunately been forced to give up

the bees. This is to care for my invalid wife and also my age. A total of 65 years with bees has now come to an end. May I thank you and your team for all the wonderful support that I have received. Best regards, Eric".

Norman responded: "So sorry to hear that you will be giving up beekeeping after all this time but I suppose that it will come to us all eventually.

"I am glad that Brighton & Lewes Beekeepers have been able to support you over the years and I will pass on your thanks to the Team.

"We will miss you."

Apiary space on offer

Are you looking for an apiary site to put your bees, perhaps somewhere near Wivelsfield? Then one owner of a large garden is looking forward to hearing from you.

Katie Scott, for it is she, describes her location as: "a house down a lane with a large garden, mature trees and plenty of flowers." Katie is "looking for a beekeeper who is happy to maintain hives here and also happy if I occasionally come along to learn from them."

If that sounds like you, please get in touch with her directly on [this email address](#).

Is beekeeping all wrong?

So-called 'natural beekeeping' is the way forward, argues Sam Knight

This is an extract from a piece by a UK beekeeper in The New Yorker, which discusses the possibility of doing beekeeping—if you can call it that, as the article acknowledges that 'natural beekeeping' is hardly beekeeping at all—in another manner, in other words, keeping bees without treatments.

I'd be glad to hear from anyone who has an opinion about this issue. You can read the entire piece [here](#). MD.

"On a hot, pollen-dazed morning this summer, I stopped by the house of Gareth John, a retired agricultural ecologist, who lives on a quiet lane

above a river in Oxfordshire, to take a look at his bees. In British beekeeping circles, John, who has a white beard and a sprightly, didactic manner, is well known as a "natural beekeeper," although he acknowledged right off the bat that this was a problematic term. "It's an oxymoron, right?" he said. John cares for perhaps half a million bees, but he does not think of himself as keeping anything. "I wouldn't call myself a dog-keeper," he said. "But I have a dog." Natural beekeepers are the radical dissenters of apiculture. They believe that mainstream beekeeping—

like most human-centred interactions with the natural world—has lost its way. There is another path, but it requires the unlearning and dismantling of almost two centuries of bee husbandry and its related institutions. During my visit, John asked me not to disclose his exact location, because his hives fell off the radar of the National Bee Unit, a government agency that monitors honeybee health, about a decade ago, and he prefers it that way."

Sam Knight

News: Bees lose sleep when exposed to light at night



Honeybees sleep less when exposed to artificial light at night, which could affect their ability to communicate and pollinate plants.

"Just like humans, honeybees need sleep," says James Nieh at the university of California, San Diego. For example, honeybees that haven't slept are less precise at performing the waggle dance – which tells other bees

where to find nectar-rich flowers. Honeybees don't sleep over a single period, but take naps, during the day and night in their hives, where they are usually protected from light.

However, bees can be exposed to artificial light at night if they are overheated in the hive and go outside to fan the entrance, says Nieh, or when a young [sic] queen flies off with a

portion of the colony – a process known as swarming.

"When bees are in a swarm, they can spend four to five days outside," he says.

Nieh and his colleagues put dozens of western honeybees (*Apis mellifera*) into two clear boxes, each with air holes and food. One box was illuminated for five days the other was kept in darkness. Whenever a bee was motionless for five minutes, the researchers recorded this as sleep.

After 95 hours, bees exposed to constant light began to sleep less. Nieh says the findings suggest that bees are resilient to a few days' worth of constant light, but more than that could affect them negatively. This could affect the ability of honeybees to pollinate plants, says Nieh. "About one in every five bites of food [eaten by humans] is due to insect pollination," he says. Climate change may result in bees needing to cool their hives more often, increasing exposure to artificial light, says Nieh, so beekeepers should avoid putting hives near roadsides or where there are streetlights.

From: New Scientist 12 August 2023; JA Mrugesu



B&L events 2023-24

Winter meetings

Date	Speaker(s)	Topic
Wed 20 December*	Dan Basterfield	Managing Apideas
Wed 17 January	Neil Hulme	Rewilding—A Personal View
Wed 21 February		AGM & Honey Show
Wed 20 March	Pam Hunter	Poisonous Honey
Wed 17 April	Francis Ratnieks	TBD

* Zoom call. All other meetings to take place at Eastgate Baptist Church Hall, Eastgate Street, Lewes BN7 2LR, starting at 7pm.

Next Bee Chat

7.30pm, Wednesday 6 December, Elephant & Castle, White Hill, Lewes BN7 2DJ.

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Copy deadline: 18th of the month before the publication date (except December: 11th). Email photos etc. for the website to Webmaster Gerald Legg (details on right).

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