

# Chelmsford Beekeeping Association

## Newsletter September 2011

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### Next Meeting

Monday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> The Link 7.30

**Small Hive beetle and Exotic Pests.** Have you ever seen a small hive beetle caged and fed by bees? This fascinating powerpoint presentation will be given by **Mike Brown** Head of the Bee Unit at York.

### Message from Jean. Chair

I would like to thank the Editor for his kind words about me regarding the conference, as well as those that contacted me regarding my health. We must give credit though where credit is due. Ian Grant has been my rock as well as my right hand man (sometimes the left as well)

He has worked so hard, quietly doing all that needed to be done, and more. So a big thank you Ian from me, and from me on behalf of the Division.

**REMEMBER** TO BOOK YOUR CONFERENCE PLACE

### Order your Jars by 23rd Sept 11

The order form is on the back of this newsletter. Note the closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Cheque with order. Jars are to be collected around the end of November.

### Garden meeting. It rained!

Fortunately David Lockie has a very large conservatory where we had several demonstrations, and a good feast. Our host provided tea and coffee, also things a little stronger. Discussion centred on the necessary jobs for Autumn - extracting, feeding and varroa treatments.

### BBKA <http://www.bbka.org.uk/>

You must see the new BBKA website. It has eight sections, containing at least 98 pages, with many links to further pages. This interesting article has been edited from their recent news.

#### **SUSSEX HORSES DIE FROM BEE STINGS**

It appears that one horse managed to jump into a section of a field containing several beehives, knocked over one hive and was stung. The horse not unnaturally panicked, more hives got knocked down and the horse was severely stung. Both the bees and the horses were owned by the same person. Attracted by the disturbance, the other three horses in the field came over and were stung too. All four horses died of heart failure.

This is a rare occurrence-but horses and bees don't generally make good neighbours. Once they are stung the odour of the sting can attract other bees to sting that animal leading to large numbers of stings as seems to have happened in this case. The BBKA has an advisory leaflet on siting beehives that can be accessed. This gives information to both beekeepers and members of the public about appropriate locations for hives to be sited. In particular they should not be sited near footpaths or bridleways.

#### What's this? Now what do I do?

