

Dear Member,

Firstly a reminder about our first winter meeting at Kilmington this Thursday 1st October 7.30pm.

The Case of the Winter Losses with speaker Dylan Gussman.

Framed as a murder mystery, this talk delves into the common causes of winter colony deaths and how to uncover the “clues” left behind. Learn how to perform effective colony post - mortems and to use that knowledge to strengthen your overwintering strategy. Dylan is a member of the Meon Valley BKA in Hampshire, co-leads the training team and organises the website and newsletter. He writes regularly for BeeCraft magazine.

We look forward to seeing you .

Advance notice - Our branch AGM Thursday 5th November 7.30pm.

WINTER VARROA TREATMENT OXALIC ACID

For those of you unaware of our oxalic acid scheme - the branch makes available to members correctly made up treatment for your convenience. Please see the instructions below for ordering, details required and how to send, collection dates etc. If you can't make the meeting opportunities for collection, please arrange for someone else to collect **and pay** for your order.**PLEASE ALSO NOTE THIS IS A CASH ONLY ARRANGEMENT.**

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER.

If you would like to avail yourself of this service, **please contact Rosemary Maggs**. You need to give her your name and number of hives you wish to treat and indicate whether you require a syringe.

E mails only please to : rosemary.maggs@hotmail.com Place your orders no later than 26th October. The subject of your email should read: Oxalic Acid Order.

You will have two opportunities to collect and pay for your treatment, each at the start of the November and December meetings at Kilmington Village Hall.

The correct money would be appreciated. **Cash only on the collection night.** £2 per hive. Syringe £1

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

October is renewal time, so with my membership secretary hat on, I will be mailing you during October for your 2027 renewal. This is the perfect time to update any contact details which may have

changed. Also if you already know that you won't be renewing your membership then please let me know in order for the necessary admin to be completed. Processing over 270 renewals is a lengthy task so the more info I can gather early the better. **ALSO REMEMBER THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP REQUEST COMES TO YOUR INBOX FROM noreply@membershipservices. This makes regular checking of your Spam folders useful.** Renewals will begin towards the end of the month.

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Looking Back and Looking Forward

To all the members who took part in preparing and presenting all our summer shows, a big thank you.

Your part in promoting our craft and educating the public is an important part of our remit.

Going forward, the 2027 beginners course is filling up with the interest in beekeeping continuing to flourish.

Other dates:

Cornwall and West Cornwall Beekeepers' Convention 17th October (see page 9 of your October *Beekeeping* magazine).

This year's National Honey Show, will be held at Sandown Park Race Course, KT10 9AJ, from **22ND-24TH October**.

A little extra - YLAH Outreach Newsletter - September edition - is attached for your interest.

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