



BURTON and District BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



March Meeting

We have an excellent speaker coming to talk to us about swarm control on Monday 20th March - a subject we will all be dealing with before you know it.

Jane Medwell is a member of Warwick and Leamington Beekeepers. She is a Master Beekeeper, and an examiner and trainer for the BBKA.

Jane is a frequent presenter at the Spring Convention and National Honey show. A meeting not to be missed! It will take place at our usual venue, the Henhurst Recreational Club, 7.30 pm.

Apiary site and colonies available in Burnaston

The owners of this plot of land are keen for bees to be kept onsite. Currently there are five hives, one overwintered nucleus colony and an empty Paynes nuc box. There are also many brood and super boxes available for sale. All are at this site in Burnaston which has been a top performing apiary last year.

Behind a secure gate which has a padlock, the hives are not visible to the public. They can be accessed by car most of the year (not so easily during winter if there has been rain).

It will require some strimming to keep the grass and brambles down and to maintain car access. I would prefer to sell as a joblot, but items can also be sold individually. I can be contacted on 07989 265998

Elvir Halaba

Allotments at Rolleston

There is the opportunity for a Burton BKA member to have a hive on allotments at Rolleston. If you are interested please contact Richard on 01283 812958, who can give you more details.

Jane Ratcliffe

For Sale

Very large hot **water urn** for making syrup or washing frames. Stainless steel, with electric heater. Bargain at £50. Further details 01332 556227



Large **wax extractor** for reclaiming beeswax from dark comb or scraps of comb collected from the hive. An electric element at the base boils water to generate steam, which

percolates through the crude wax above. This then melts and is filtered. Purified molten beeswax pours out of a spout to be collected. £50 Further details 01332 556227



To Do List for March/April

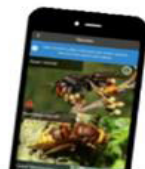
- Heft your hives and provide fondant or syrup if they feel light.
- Sample the natural mite drop and plan your mite medication if necessary.
- Start regular weekly inspections to check for occupied queen cells.
- Check that your queens are marked which will make finding them later much easier.
- Add a queen excluder and a super when the brood box is full of bees.
- Have equipment ready for your chosen swarm management method.

Help us to look out for Asian hornet! Download the **Asian Hornet Watch** app for detailed guidance on identification and to quickly report potential sightings.

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Watch**



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Items available to buy from the association shop:

HIVE PARTS:

National Super Flat Pack	£21.45
National Brood Flat Pack	£26.40
14" X 12" Brood Flat Pack	£38.50
4" Roof Flat Pack	£39.60
Crownboard	£14.85
Framed Wire Queen Excluder	£19.80
Mesh Floor	£32.50
Sloping Hive Stand	£29.70
Plastic Narrow Ends 100	£7.15
Nucleus Hive	£91.13
Flat Pack Hive with Stand and one Super	£235
10 Space Castellations (pair)	£3.78
11 Space Castellations (pair)	£3.78
Steel Frame Runners	£1.76
Budget Floor	£12.00

FRAMES & WAX:

SN4 Super Frames 10 Pack 10 PACK	£11.00
SN4 Super Frames 50 pack	£36.30
DN4 Brood Frames 10 PACK	£11.00
DN4 Brood Frames 50 PACK	£36.30
14 X 12 Brood Frames 10 PACK	£17.86
Super Wax Foundation 10 PACK	£8.80
Brood Wax Foundation 10 PACK	£12.65
14 X 12 Brood Wax Foundation 10 PACK	£19.80
National Dummy Board - Plastic	£8.25
National Dummy Board - Wood	£7.70

QUEEN MARKING:

Crown of Thorns	£6.60
Queen Clip	£4.95
Marker Pens - assorted colours	£5.50
Bee Brush	£4.40

FEEDERS & FEEDING:

English Feeder	£10.45
Rapid Feeder	£4.95
Nuc Feeder	£6.60
Small Miller Type Feeder	£1.10
Feeder Eke	£7.70

HONEY & WAX EXTRACTING:

Stainless Steel Double Strainer	£23.10
Straining Cloth	£3.85
30 lb Plastic Bucket	£3.85
Bain Marie	£15.40
Nylon Honey Bucket Valve	£9.35
30 lb Plastic Tap Bucket	£16.50

GENERAL BEEKEEPING:

Smoker	£39.38
Hive Straps	£7.15
Hive Tool	£7.70
Pin Hammer	£3.85
Bee Disease ID Charts	£7.15
Frame Nails 500 g	£3.16
Pollen ID Charts	£7.15

The Association Shop

The shop will be open every Saturday from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon.

All our stock is from Thorne's and our prices are very competitive. We can take BACS payments.

The apiary site and shop is located at the Hillfield Animal Shelter, Hillfield Lane, Stretton, Staffordshire, DE13 0BN

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