

## October NEWSLETTER 2007

### Ormskirk & Croston Beekeepers Branch

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### Introduction:-

Greetings Everyone – here we are in October already a very busy month and we are swiftly approaching that first of several important dates for the diary:-

**The Lancashire and North West Beekeepers Association Members' Annual Show and Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at:-**

**West Bradford Village Hall  
Grindleton Road, West Bradford  
Clitheroe BB7 4TE**

This is a wonderful opportunity for both experienced members and indeed novices to enter any of the 23 show classes across the various categories of honey, beeswax, candles, mead & confectionary. Our branch featured quite well last year.

This of course will be swiftly followed by the:-

**The Lancashire and North West Beekeepers Association Annual Convention which will be held on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the same venue:-**

**West Bradford Village Hall  
Grindleton Road, West Bradford  
Clitheroe BB7 4TE**

This years guest speakers will be Prof. Robert Pickard the Director-General of the **British Nutrition Foundation** and Dr. Juliet Osborne a Pollination Ecologist from **Rothampstead Research**.

Prof. Robert Pickard will be giving two talks entitled 'The Wonderful Things About Bees' and 'The Evolution of Societies'.

Dr. Juliet Osborne will be giving a talk entitled '**Bumblebee Behaviour & Ecology**'.

### Admission:-

The ticket prices will be:-

£8.00	Full day
£4.00	Half day
FREE	Juniors (under 18)

### Contact

Contact the Education Officer:-

Barbara Roderick by *e-mail* or on (01704) – 877855 for more information.

There is also a link to the Convention on our own website:

<http://www.ormskirkbeekeepers.co.uk/lancashire/convention>

Then on the following Monday we have :-

### **THE BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007**

**7.30pm for 8.00pm**

**The Eagle and Child**

Bispham Green

Ormskirk

L40 3SG

Tel: 01257 462297 Fax: 01257 464718

A wonderful opportunity to meet and relax with branch members, family and friends in pleasant surroundings. Attached for your information is the selected menu which caters for most tastes including a vegetarian course.

Should anyone require a special diet or perhaps something different then I'm certain we can accommodate you. Either way would members kindly advise me by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October** (a) confirmation of attendance (b) your preferred selection from the attached Party Menu . This will give the chef Paul Hogan some idea of the numbers to cater for. Thanks in anticipation

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#### “BAKING WITH HONEY”

Our sincere thanks to Barbara Roderick who gave her splendid talk at the Eagle & Child on Wednesday evening to an enthralled audience. Whilst one invariably thinks of perhaps “*honey glazed/roasted ham,*” Barbara took us on a stimulating journey of discovery. I was personally inspired by the thoughts of ‘Honey Malt Loaf’, ‘Lemon, Ginger & Honey Cordial’, ‘Flapjacks’, plus a veritable host of Salad Dressings, Sauces, Marinades, Cakes/Biscuits and Breads. Many of which we were able to taste at first hand! Thank you once again Barbara for opening our minds to the endless possibilities.

#### ONE-DAY MICROSCOPY COURSE Pollen Identification & Pollen Loads

First Steps into a Secret World.....  
Another immensely interesting day spent with John Charlton at Dower House, Heaton Park on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007.

This is the base of Manchester & District BKA and for those who have not yet visited, it is well worth the short trip.

Our branch was very well represented with four (4) members out of a course of ten (10).

As with the course last year it is fascinating to get to grips with the microscopy aspect and examine pollen magnified x 400. The shapes and designs are truly amazing. Ever pondered as to what “Himalayam Balsam” pollen looks like? Members had collected a vast variety of flowers and we dashed from table to table attracted by all the “Ooooohs!” & “Aaaaaahs!.

Something to consider for the future possibly?  
Be assured of a stimulating day.

The final date of the calendar is of course the AGM. This is one meeting that members should make every effort to attend.

An opportunity to actively participate in the running of your branch. Come along and have your say.....perhaps you have something you’d like to propose in terms various branch activities associated with this rewarding hobby of ours:-

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Ormskirk and Croston Beekeepers Branch

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007  
7.30pm

Venue:-

The Red Lion Hotel,  
Ash Brow,  
Newburgh  
WN8 7NG

**Mike Beazer**  
**Branch Secretary**  
**October 2007**