

# **WSBK NEWSFLASH**

## **BEE SAFARI 2011**

**10.00am 30th July starting at Harveys Garden Plants - Great Green, Thurston, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 3SJ then on to one or two (time permitting) apiaries in the Norton area finishing with Chris & Sues bees at Bungeons Farm, Barking, Ipswich, Suffolk. IP6 8HN (see [www.Bungeons.co.uk](http://www.Bungeons.co.uk))**

**Remember to bring a packed lunch.**

## **APIARY MEETINGS**

**2.30pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
2.30pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
(preparing for winter)**

## **HARVEST SUPPER**

**7.30pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Great Barton Village Hall £5/head**

**This is a self catering event Sylvia on 01638 500378 or [sylviapettitt@live.co.uk](mailto:sylviapettitt@live.co.uk) will coordinate the food requirements and seat bookings**

## **2011/2012 Winter Meetings**

**Starting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at the new venue of Hawstead Village Hall then 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> April**

## **Directions to Hawstead Village Hall**

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=586209&Y=258420&A=Y&Z=110>

**1. From central Bury St Edmunds:** - Head towards Nowton Park but carry on straight past the entrance gates and keep going to Nowton village, continue to follow the same road, beware of a very sharp right-hand bend. Continue on the same road for 2 miles then at the top of a steep incline you will see the Hawstead boundary sign. Continue for another mile, through the village and along a tree lined road that will open onto Hawstead Green, the Village Hall will be seen on the left.

**2. A134 Bury to Sudbury:** - From the Southgate Green round-about head towards Sudbury, take the first turning on the right, about 1 mile, marked Nowton and Hawstead, continue to the end then turn left. Then as **1** above after sharp right-hand bend.

**3. A134 Sudbury to Bury:** - Turn left to Stanningfield 100yd past the A1141 to Lavenham road on the right, continue through the village, round the green and past The Red House pub, continue for 1mile until you come to the boundary sign for Great Whelnetham, just past it turn left, signed Hawstead. This twisting single track lane will bring you to Hawstead Green where you will see the Village Hall, continue to the end then turn left.

**4. A143 Bury to Haverhill:** - From Cullum Road double round-about to the traffic lights, straight on then immediately bear left after Tesco Express into Horsecroft Road. This road will take you directly into the centre of Hawstead where you turn right then as **1** above from "tree lined road". *Horsecroft Road is single track with lots of sharp bends and not recommended for the first time in the dark.* Otherwise continue past the traffic lights as if you are going to the club apiary on the B1066 but continue on to the village of Whepstead, take the first turning on the left, Rectory Road. Continue to the very end, beware of a sharp double bend. Turn left, signed Hawstead; straight on, beware of hairpin bend, down the hill, to the end. Turn left, you will see the Village Hall on the right.

**5. A143 Haverhill to Bury:** - Shortly after Rede Hall turn right (after Chedburgh but before the Chevington turning) signed Whepstead. Continue to the end then turn left then first right, up a hill, past the church to the end. Turn right then first left then as **4** above from Rectory Road.

<http://www.hawsteadvillagehall.co.uk/>

## **Other Events in Suffolk**

**You are welcome to attend all the Suffolk Association meetings, see web site [www.suffolkbeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.suffolkbeekeepers.co.uk)**

**West Suffolk BKA Honey Show 2011  
Nowton Park**

Well the sleep-less nights thinking of a shelf with few exhibits at our annual show need not have happened, we had 157 entries! I thank all of those who entered for this show was a record breaker. As in previous years, the 'crew', (with additional help from new members which was nice to see and very much appreciated), rolled into action on the Saturday evening setting up, and on the Sunday entertaining members of the public visiting our tent.

I feel we bring a great deal to the Nowton Park show with our exhibition and this year was no exception.

Thanks must go to Sylvia, Pat and Joss for yet again feeding the masses in military style fashion. Onto the show which was judged by Barry Walker-Moore. The results were as follows;

<b>Class</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>VHC</b>
1 One section	-	-	-	-
2 Two jars light honey	Ellis Blackmore	Sam Reed	Zac Blackmore	Sam Reed
3 Two jars medium honey	Mike Graystone	Zac Blackmore	Pat & Joss Blakey	Mike Graystone
4 Two jars dark honey	Mike Graystone	-	-	-
5 Two jars crystallised honey	Michael Gosling	Brian Denny	-	-
6 Two jars soft set honey	Daphne Wardle	Brian Denny	Sylvia Pettitt	Pat & Joss Blakey
7 Two jars chunk honey	-	-	-	-
8 Two containers cut comb	Elaine Buffery	-	-	-
9 One shallow frame of honey	Mike Graystone	-	-	Mike Graystone
10 One cake beeswax (8oz)	Brian Denny	-	Daphne Wardle	Brian Denny
11 One cake beeswax (1lb)	Brian Denny	-	-	Daphne Wardle
12 Three jars of different honey	Brian Denny	-	-	Michael Gosling
13 Six 1oz Beeswax blocks	Pat & Joss Blakey	Sam Reed	Daphne Wardle	Pat & Joss Blakey
14 Six jars matching liquid honey	Mike Graystone	Brian Denny	Michael Gosling	Mike Graystone
15 Six jars matching soft set honey	Brian Denny	Pat & Joss Blakey	Sylvia Pettitt	Michael Gosling
16 Honey Cake	Ken James	Michael Gosling	Daphne Wardle	-
17 Honey Biscuits	Elaine Buffery	Michael Gosling	Ken James	Daphne Wardle
18 One bottle dry mead	Brian Denny	Sam Reed	Elaine Buffery	Sue Whitton
19 One bottle sweet mead	Helen Taylor	Michael Gosling	Brian Denny	Elaine Buffery
20 Gift class liquid honey	Mike Graystone	Daphne Wardle	Michael Gosling	Ken James

21 Gift class soft set honey	Daphne Wardle	Pat & Joss Blakey	Brian Denny	Sylvia Pettitt
22 Novice class	Ellis Blackmore	-	-	-
23 Item with honey as an ingredient	Barney Harrison	Daphne Wardle	Elaine Buffery	Ken James
24 Item with beeswax as ingredient	Sue Whitton	Sam Reed	Brian Denny	Ken James
25 Two matching beeswax candles	Ken James	Sam Reed	Brian Denny	Elaine Buffery
26 Children's class	-	-	-	-
27 Photograph	Ken James	Elaine Buffery	-	-
28 Honey cake	Barney Harrison	Nigel Clark	Daphne Wardle	Michael Gosling

## Trophies awarded

**Aubin Challenge Cup**, awarded for the most points in honey classes; well done to Mike Graystone.

**Small Beekeeper Challenge Cup**, as above but with less than five hives; Zac Blackmore

**Cayley Challenge Cup**, awarded for the most points in classes 2, 3 & 4; congratulations to Mike Graystone

**The Cake Basket**, a close contest; Michael (Bob) Gosling from Stowmarket BKA

**Padmore Trophy**, awarded to the winner of class 10; Brian Denny from Stowmarket BKA

**Ernest Josling Salver**, awarded for the most points in the honeycomb classes; Mike Graystone

**Joyce White Mazer**, for the best mead; goes to Helen Taylor

**Caswell Candlestick**, for the novice class; Ellis Blackmore

& finally, as we had in excess of 100 entries, a **Blue Ribbon** to award. This is for best in show and gives free entry to the National Honey Show in October at Weybridge. This was awarded to Ellis Blackmore for his light honey entry in class 2

So, Honey Show 2011, could we have another record breaker?

We are lucky to have in excess of 100 members at West Suffolk, this year with support from Stowmarket we had 19 entrants. At our next show, it would be great to smash this & set another record. We are hoping to have a speaker present to us over the winter months about preparing honey for sale & show, try to keep back a little of your precious crop & for those who haven't entered before, give it a go.

Zac Blackmore









Apiary with hives well spaced to allow room for colony inspections

**Precautions**

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