

The Federation of Middlesex Beekeepers' Associations

There are 5 Beekeeping Associations in Middlesex and through the Federation we are linked to the British Beekeepers Association.

North London BKA. secretary is Elizabeth Jack

Enfield BKA secretary is Mary Hunter

Ealing BKA secretary is Andy Pedley

Pinner/Ruislip BKA secretary is Sue Ryan

Harrow BKA secretary is Aline Bowers

The Federation committee consists of a chair, secretary and treasurer elected from the 2 representatives from each of the 5 associations above. A delegate is also nominated by the committee to represent the Federation of Middlesex at the annual delegates meeting held in January at Stoneleigh, the headquarters of the BBKA. Each member pays 75p/year to the Federation. In return all information from BBKA is directed back through the secretary, Jo Telfer, to each association. A register of members is maintained which allows reduced entry fee to the Spring convention and often discounts are given on equipment with suppliers.

Being a member of one of the above associations allows you to attend events and meetings at any other association. Each year the Federation arranges a full day of speakers at a nearby venue for the members. **27th February 2010 being the next date and to be held at Broomfield School. Enfield**

Through the BBKA we obtain our 3rd party liability insurance and our product liability insurance.

The BBKA has a system of examinations from Basic Beekeeper, through 8 Modules to Master Beekeeper with additional sideways steps to General and Advanced Husbandry examinations and judging examination. Application forms may be downloaded from the BBKA web site and contact with Jo Telfer could get you started on these courses, by group study or by correspondence courses.

There is a National Honey Show held each year at St George's school Weybridge to which anyone may enter a wide variety of classes. Details from web site to find all the latest information. www.honeyshow.co.uk

A Spring Convention is also held each April at the Stoneleigh Centre. Equipment maybe purchased, lectures attended plus workshops and diagnostic health services are available for bees.

BBKA provide us with a wide selection of services from technical information, education, publicity and promotions as well as examinations and international respect.