

Moray Beekeepers Association

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News Bulletin

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Our AGM will take place on **Tuesday 27th January, 7pm at the Town Hall, Elgin (please note new venue)**. Any items for the agenda, nominations for Committee or other proposals requiring a vote etc must be sent to the Secretary, Anne Black (e mail is secretary@moraybeekeepers.co.uk), no later than 13th January. The provisional agenda has been circulated and can also be viewed on the web site. www.moraybeekeepers.co.uk. A final Agenda will be published by the Secretary no later than 20th January.

You will need your membership card to vote at the AGM. Refreshments will be available and you will have the opportunity to pay your 2015 subscriptions.

Following the AGM Tony Harris will be giving a short presentation on the new threat to Scottish bees, the Small Hive Beetle.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE AGM.

WINTER PROGRAMME

Free admission to members (on production of membership card), visitors £2 on the door

Tuesday 24th February, Elgin Town Hall, 7pm 'Observations at the Hive Entrance', Ann Chilcott

Tuesday 25th March, Elgin Library, 7pm, we are trying to arrange a speaker for this date

BASIC BEEMASTER COURSE

The Basic Beemaster Course will again be run in 2015. There will be several classroom sessions and then practical lessons at Birnie Apiary with the actual assessments taking place in June or July. It is condition of the Scottish Beekeepers Association that applicants must have owned and managed bees for one full season. To book a place on the course or for further information, contact Tony Harris. Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment! There will be a small charge of £15 to cover course material.

MODULE 1 STUDY GROUP

Several members wish to form a study group with a view to sitting the SBA Module 1 on 21st March 2015. If you have passed your Basic Assessment then module 1 should be easy with a little revision. We have run these in the past and they have been good fun and very helpful. Tony Harris has agreed to help with the group so if you are interested or want more information please contact him. You must be a member of the SBA to sit modules.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

There are vacancies on the MBA Committee at present so if you would like to get involved in running the Association please contact Anne Black or any member of the Committee. Experience in beekeeping is not essential, just enthusiasm and some free time. You will enjoy it and learn lots about beekeeping.

2015 NUCS FOR SALE

Tony Harris is taking orders for 5 frame nucs of bees headed by locally reared 2015 queens, planned delivery late June. To place an order or for more information contact him at tony@moraybeekeepers.co.uk Numbers are limited.

If you have any questions about any of the above please contact me. E-mail secretary@moraybeekeepers.co.uk
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