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## **Welcome to our July Newsletter**

Welcome all to our latest newsletter. Hope you all have survived the 'June gap?' Things seem to have improved.

## **Important Information**

European Foul Brood (EFB) has been confirmed in the Cardiff area  
and American Foul Brood (AFB) has been confirmed in Gwent

Please be vigilant and examine your colonies carefully and regularly. For help recognising the disease please follow the link below

<http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/public/beekeepingFaqS/europeanFoulbroodEfb.cfm>

If you have any concerns please contact the Seasonal Bee Inspector

Daniel Baxter

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### **Meet our new Seasonal Bee Inspector**

I would like to introduce myself as the authorised bee inspector for the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan and surrounding area. I cover from St Mellons on the outskirts of Cardiff across to Bridgend and all the up the Vale valleys. I am very passionate about

being a basis for support and guidance and I would like to think of myself as having a very approachable outlook. I can be contactable on my mobile which is 07771038646 and my email is [daniel.baxter@apha.gov.uk](mailto:daniel.baxter@apha.gov.uk) I work in varying areas throughout different periods so if you receive contact from me then it means I'm close by. If you see or suspect anything and would like assistance please feel free to get in touch. Thank you to those who I've met so far for being so welcoming and I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months and years.

Kind Regards

Daniel

### **Members indoor meeting - dates for your diary.**

There will no more indoor meetings until September. Meetings are at Llandaff Parish Hall and start at 7.30pm

- **September 10th** - Preparation for the Honey Show. This

year we will be focusing on Candles, cakes and displaying and showing your honey

- **On October 8th**, we will be joined by Liam Olds who will be talking about colliery spoils and the nature that lives there.
- **October 12th**, will be our Honey Show. Again, details to follow.
- **November 13th**, a visit from Clare Dinham, Wales Manager, Buglife Cymru
- There will be change to the venue for our annual Christmas party. We will confirm this in due course.

## **Out Apiary Events**

- **August 3rd** - Junior taster session at Bute Park apiary. This event has now been cancelled due to work commitment.

Please accept our apologies.

We are busy putting together our evening meeting events for next year which will include an evening looking at the basic beekeeping exam plus our usual talk from Professor Pickard! We welcome any suggestions for meeting subjects.

## Visit to National Botanic Gardens of Wales on Saturday

6<sup>th</sup> July

Myself and 14 other members visited the Gardens and met with Laura Jones Researcher at the Garden. Laura is working on her PhD thesis processing the DNA sequencing of honey samples that have been sent in and checking the plant identifications of the samples sent in. It was fascinating to hear how the research is undertaken and visit the labs too. 3 of us in attendance had sent in our honey samples and were able to look at the plants and trees that our honey bees had visited to make the honey. We also got to bring home a copy of the results for our individual honey samples which is very interesting to see.

Lynette and I also spent the afternoon at the Birds of Prey Centre and watched a flying demonstration. Fabulous to see them fly and so close to us. A very enjoyable day out. I hope everyone else enjoyed it too. Thanks to Lynette for organising it.

Meriel Jones, Chairperson, CVVBKA

## **Association Apiary Managers report**

No report from Harold, due to holiday.

### **Coming soon.....**

..... a section of this newsletter dedicated to our junior beekeepers - the beekeepers of the future.

If you have any photographs or stories that you would like to include in this section, we would very much like to see them. Please make sure that you have the permission of the child's parents before you send them to us.

Also, send us your photographs for any unusual swarm positions or any photograph that you would like to have included in our newsletter. We would really like to see them!

## **Ideas for our newsletter**

If there is anything that you would like to see in our newsletter, any latest news, beekeeping items for sale or you have something you would like to add, then please send for the next edition to [louise@cardiffbeekeepers.co.uk](mailto:louise@cardiffbeekeepers.co.uk)

**WBKA events can be found on their [website](#).**

## **Asian Hornet Advice**

The first confirmed Asian hornet sighting of the year has occurred and was in New Milton, Hampshire.

Latest advice is as follows;



## What to look out for

- *Vespa velutina* queens are up to 3 cm in length; workers up to 25 mm (slightly smaller than the native European hornet *Vespa crabro*)
- Entirely dark brown or black velvety body, bordered with a fine yellow band

- Only one band on the abdomen: 4th abdominal segment almost entirely yellow/orange
- Known as the 'Yellow legged hornet'
- Head black with an orange-yellow face
- *Vespa velutina* is a day flying species which, unlike the European hornet, ceases activity at dusk

## If you think you have seen an Asian Hornet

1. Please use the [Asian Hornet Watch app](#) on your phone to send a picture and a location via GPS in the app straight to the non-native species secretariat and National Bee Unit.
2. If you cannot download the Asian Hornet Watch app, please use this [online recording form](#)
3. As a last resort, you send a picture and email with details of where you saw the Asian hornet with your contact details to [alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk)

If it is safe to do so, you can send in a sample to the [National Bee Unit](#) for examination to confirm identity (please note the specimen must be dead before sending it in). However, **do not** under any circumstances disturb or provoke an active hornets' nest. For more information visit the Non Native

Species Secretariat [website](#).

## Bees and equipment for sale

# Natures Little Helpers Lisvane Honey Farm

Unit 8, Mill Farm Industrial Estate,  
St. Mellons Road, Lisvane, Cardiff, CF14 0SH  
Tim Wright: 07970 289677 Pete Shaw: 01633 897195  
Email: [sales@natureslittlehelpers.co.uk](mailto:sales@natureslittlehelpers.co.uk)  
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Thanks,

Louise

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