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Best Wishes

David Evans (new contact details david@fifebees.co.uk and www.fifebees.co.uk)

Bee Safari – 11th July 2015

There will be only one bee safaris this year. For those who are new to WLBK Safaris we visit members' apiaries and are guided through hive inspections by a skilled and knowledgeable beekeeper. There is something to learn for everyone and we are delighted that Clive Joyce is leading the safari this year.

We will be visiting two sites. The first site is at Kings Hill Nursery, near our own Club Apiary at Dalehouse Lane. This is a commercial garden centre and there will be an opportunity to pop in for a look at the plants while we have (bring your own) lunch at the lake side -hot drinks will be provided. After lunch we will be moving onto Bernard Brown's bees in Langley.

The safari is restricted to 14 people so all can see what is happening and booking will be on a first come-first served basis. If for any reason you subsequently have to cancel we often have a waiting list for this event so would be grateful if you could let me know. Detailed joining instructions and maps will be circulated to participants nearer the date.

Gill Grimshaw

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Photos of Dave Bonner visit to DHL provided by Ray Summers

David Stott's bees in Paradise

A scheme started by Mick Smith some time ago to introduce bees to Jephson Gardens is coming to fruition.

An observation hive has been trialled in the Temperate House and Clive Joyce is expecting to succeed in tempting bees to enter a hive shortly being installed which will be a year around visitor attraction.

Bernard Brown succeeded yet again in obtaining a grant and is leading a small team of Branch members with the skills needed to produce a video and obtain the hardware needed to show it alongside the observation hive. This will tell the story of honeybees and encourage visitors to the beehive now installed at the East Lodge in Jephson Garden.



East Lodge is situated at the rather quiet end of Jephson Gardens but is expected to become a major attraction following extensive landscaping of the lodge garden.

A donated WBC hive refurbished by Tim Foden has been stocked with a colony of bees kindly donated by David Stott and they are now enjoying the myriad of foraging opportunities in the gardens.

The colony is initially being managed by Mike Townsend who would welcome feedback from members taking the opportunity to visit the garden and hive.

Mike Townsend

Hints and Tips

Do not leave the clearing board on the hive after harvesting, as the bees will fill the gaps with wax and propolis making it useless.

Cappings from honeycomb yields the best beeswax. Remember when preparing your cake of beeswax for the Honey Show the minimum weight is 150g. The show is on 15th October so plenty of time to perfect your entry .

It is best to put wet supers back onto the hive in the evening if at all possible. This will reduce the chance of robbing by other bees.

If you have any hints or tips that you would like to share, please send them to h.essex@virgin.net...

Thank you Helen Essex

Swarms



In A Post Box collected by Ray Summers



Spotted in a neighbours Garden by Chris Kehrer

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