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L'Estaque, turning road, André Derain, 1906

Hello All,

Moving into the winter months, I hope the image of André Derain's painting has the same feel good factor for you as it does for me.

Important notice:

We have called a Special General Meeting to take a vote on the proposed changes to our membership management systems.

The meeting will be held prior to our normal monthly meeting. It will begin at 18:45 and will conclude once the vote has been taken. We will need your help in voting for the choices we are putting forwardsee details below.

If you cant make the meeting in person then please try to attend online by using the link provided.

Note: The online attendance option is only for the Special General Meeting and will close once the vote is completed.

Our normal meeting arrangements will follow this SGM.

There will be a short interval while we set up for the evenings speaker Julia Pigott. So for all those that attend in person there will be tea and coffee available.

Julia is travelling all the way from the Lake District to be with us. Her presentation will be considering 'Hive Defence'. Please show your support by attending if you can. The normal time of 19:30 start will apply.

Raffle donations would be greatly appreciated.

Special General Meeting

Time: 18:45

End Time: Once the voting is completed

Date: Wednesday 6th November 2024

In person: Friends Meeting House, 2 Miller Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1QJ

Online: <https://meet.google.com/evc-prkd-oas>

Subject: Proposed changes to the way in which membership fees are collected, and possible changes to the price of membership

First vote: Move our membership renewals and new member payments to fully automatic payments using GoCardless

Second vote: (Should the first vote fail) Move to a two-tier subscription model
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On conclusion of the Special General Meeting the evening will continue in the normal manner with our speaker

Julia Pigott

Hive Defence

Date: Wednesday 6th November 2024

From 19:30

At Friends Meeting House

2 Miller St, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle ST5 1QJ

Hive Defence

- How bees defend themselves and the hive
- Social immunity and the superorganism
- Bee enemies
- Propolis and plant resins and their role in defence against bee diseases

Julia is an experienced beekeeper and trainer. She and Martin Hoggard run the Brigsteer Bee Reserve just outside Kendal. Martin is chair of Kendal Beekeepers and Julia is the education and meetings secretary.

Brigsteer Bee Reserve is a private wildlife reserve on the west-facing slope of the Lyth Valley in Cumbria. The land was purchased in 2007 and the 17.5-acre reserve is made up of limestone pasture, meadow and woodland. We quickly learned to lay hedges, scythe and care for cattle. The huge old hedges have been renovated, boundaries made good and fenced to control winter grazing; a small area of woodland has been planted with trees used by bees for nectar, honeydew and resin for propolis.

The not for profit company BeeEd started in 2010 to provide information and education about pollinators, particularly bees and all money raised from the talks and courses supports the Bee Reserve. Julia has just retired from the post of seasonal bee inspector at the NBU.



HONEY SHOW RESULTS

From Mike and Jennie Birks

We would like to thank all who took part in this year's Honey Show and for their excellent contributions to a very successful and entertaining event. We would also like to thank those who turned up to support and who hopefully will be encouraged to enter next year.

Terry Ashley, our judge stated, the quality of the products were outstanding and each contributor should be congratulated on their efforts. Every entry deserved some recognition however not everyone can win a prize despite their high quality and so below are the results of the Show, firstly showing the winners of each class followed by the winners of the various trophies.

Congratulations to the winners. The prizes and trophies will be presented at the next AGM in January. We will be arranging for the trophies to have the winners names engraved in time for the AGM. If anyone has any questions please contact Mike and Jennie Birks on 07817 665339 or email_mikebirks@btinternet.com

Class	Class	Class
1 Carlton Dobson	9 Roger Smith	17 Jennie Birks

2	Carlton Dobson	10	Dominic Hull	18	Clare Copestake
3	Dominic Hull	11	Peter Oravkin	19	Clare Copestake
4	No Entries	12	Peter Oravkin	20	No entries
5	Peter Oravkin	13	Clare Copestake	21	Jennie Birks
6	No first place	14	No entries	22	Brian Holdcroft / Mike Birks
7	No entries	15	Brian Holdcroft		
8	Dominic Hull	16	D & M Teasdale		

Trophy Winners

Tomkinson Cup Class 1	Carlton Dobson
Cumberlidge Johnson Cup Classes 2/3/4	Peter Oravkin
Brian Jones Trophy Wax Craft	Clare Copestake
Myatt Memorial Shield Meade	D & M Teasdale
C. Joynson Richards Classes 1 to 16	Peter Oravkin
Myatt Challenge Ladies Cake /Flapjack	Clare Copestake
Myatt Individual Challenge best of Cake vs Flapjack	Clare Copestake
Leek Challenge Cup	No Entries
Garden Festival Cup	Jennie Birks
NSBKA Challenge Cup Classes 1 to 21	D & M Teasdale
Myatt Challenge Cup Best in Show Classes 1 to 16	Peter Oravkin
Helen Kelly Cup	Siena / Bonnie



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