

January 2012 Newsletter

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A Sweet New Year

**Essex Conference 2012 will this year be hosted by Harlow Division.
The venue is The Stewards Academy, Parnall Road, Harlow CM18 7NQ.
The date is Saturday 10th November 2012. Cost £20**

Here's wishing everyone a Good Festive Season. The hives are protected against damp and mice and woodpeckers, Supers are stored against mice and moth. On these carefree mornings we prepare for all those colonies to survive the wintry blasts. Paint the stored hives with a suitable paint. Clean queen excluders and other stored equipment.

We can make sure there are enough stores. If you can lift your hive you are either a lot stronger than me or there is not enough to eat. In most seasons the feeding is finished by mid-September, they eat very little until February/March when brood rearing gets going and water is collected. Bees may be hungry when they consume the stores in the mild autumn or if all the food is hard with oil-seed rape and ivy or if they get too cold to move on to fresh stores.

Damp in the hive is not good. Some people raise the crown board on four matchsticks so there is a draught. Bees do not take down syrup when it is cold. So fondant may be used during winter and especially in the early spring.

Introduction to Beekeeping Course 2012: Places have been going fast recently so now is the time to book your place for our course which commences 28th February 2012, there are some spaces available. Details are on our website or contact Pauline by phone for further details. You can sign up at the next meeting, by email or by phone to Pauline

Subscriptions 2012: Subscriptions are now due for your membership which commences January 2012. Single membership £31.50 (up from £30), Joint membership £50.00 (up from £48) & Associate membership is still £5

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This newsletter would like your contributions. Please phone me on 01992 626668 or email me on roy.cropley1@virginmedia.com Contact Pauline on 01279 441941 or email pauline@harlowbees.co.uk

Members who would like to study basic beekeeping are invited to contact me.

The basic is a practical exam held during the summer;
Module 1 is a written exam held in March and September.

Question How can you make a small fortune from beekeeping?

Answer Start off with a big fortune.

Harlow Division



Essex Beekeepers Assoc.
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Division meetings

**5th January 2012
AGM
David Tyler**

**2nd February 2012
Spring Management
& Pollen Patties
David Tyler**

Sugar

**Danny Nicoll
01279 420679**

Glass Jars

**Gold Metal Lids
£42 Per Gross
White Plastic
£38 Per Gross
David Tyler
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Honey Buckets

**David Tyler
01279 730228**

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