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Secretary's Report

AGM January 2021

Roselands 2020 final membership totalled 93 (up from 89 in 2019) and is Roselands highest recorded membership

As of 27th January this years tally stands at 70 with 17 members yet to respond

It will be interesting to see whether or not there will be a 'Covid Effect' on this years final membership total. The pandemic has led to many re-evaluating lifestyle changes and maybe on the back of this we will see more people considering beekeeping . Conversely last year we were unable as a Group to Offer the level of support to Newbees that we would normally provide and hopefully this will not discourage their Renewals .

We also traditionally receive several new members each year from Colins Introductory Beekeeping Course which will not be running this year .

So I guess we will just have to wait and see.

The CBKA online renewals system seems to be working well .

The CBKA have requested subscription renewals by January 31st 2021 with this date ensuring those renewals are included under the 'Spring Membership' which ensures a number of benefits including the continuation of unbroken insurance cover.

Unfortunately The Guidelines on Group Meetings in 2020 meant we were unable to run our External Events Programme . The restrictions on meetings also meant Group Apiary Inspections , mentoring and the Group Safari did not operated as previous years & with these traditionally popular with New Members meant newbees missed out .

But on a positive note moving forward & should restrictions permit this summer the 2021 'Safari' has been pencilled in for June and the Bee Inspectors have been provisionally booked , Also The BBQ has been pencilled in for September and Martin Wayman is going to say a few words on potentially holding Events & holding Zoom Meetings for members

A resume From Member Feedback for 2020 seems to have turned up mixed reports but on balance it seems to have been a mixed year for the bees and it was unanimously reported as not so good for the honey crop with crops well down on the last couple of years.



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The early 2020 Spring with some lovely weather resulted in many Colonies Developing quickly and encouraged some early swarming . I also noted that around my Apiaries that as good as the early spring forage was the summer flowers were not great and flowering was not as prolonged as last year.

As last year thankfully there has been no reports on Asian Hornet Sightings but vigilance should still be one of our top priorities both out and about & in our Apiaries with Spring just around the corner

This year a number of Officer Reports are not to be included at the AGM. This simply a result of limited activity due to the restrictions on holding non essential meetings.

Welcome Martin Wayman as the Groups New Events Coordinator .

Welcome to Adam Getliff as our New Webmaster

Michelle Hammock has stood down from Social Secretary . Michelle has done a great job arranging the Social Events Calendar and some well attended Winter and Summer get togethers over the last couple of years.

Mike White is standing down as one of Roselands CBKA Representatives . This task keeps the Group informed on CBKA activity . Thanks Mike for carrying out an 'extended' two year stint . I think in all five years or more !

Lastly thanks to those Officers who still managed last year to carry out activities to the benefit of the Group . In particular Simon and Geoff for essentially maintaining the Group Apiary and Tim for still managing the bulk purchases which really benefits Members .

Lets hope this coming year will allow us to return to more normal beekeeping and wish all members success in 2021 with the bees

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