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Chairman's Letter **January 2020**



I would like to start my first Chairman's letter of 2020 by wishing all our members a Happy New Year. Let's hope the weather throughout the forthcoming 12 months remains kind to our bees, allowing annual farm crops; wild-flowers; plants; shrubs and trees to grow strong, flourish and produce lots of pollen and nectar.

By becoming a beekeeper and looking after colonies of bees, be it just one or two at the bottom of your garden or in larger out-apiaries, you are helping tremendously to protect and help the countryside environment. I'm sure that even after all the publicity about global warming and the world-wide loss of both feral and commercial colonies, most of the general public don't understand the hard work that is constantly undertaken by apiarists. Within our great county of Yorkshire, we have several thousand hives, in numerous apiaries managed by more than 1750 beekeeping members of the YBKA. We are all doing our bit to ensure pollination for farm crops and the environment in general.

YBKA is the largest beekeeping association in the country with more members than any other county. We are also a county with a great wealth of knowledge at our disposal. Many of our members have achieved NDB and Master Beekeeping status over the past several years, in addition to those awarded certificates for the Advanced and General Husbandry exams. These are achieved by members who attend our various tutorials and workshops, run each season, to help individuals through the BBKA Beekeeping exams.

As Chairman, I am very keen to promote the training and support of both new beekeepers and those who have kept bees for some time. In most cases this process starts at the local district association where members with more experience help train up new beekeepers, over a period of 2 -3 years, enabling them to gain enough confidence to achieve their Basic Assessment. (I would like to see the name of this initial qualification changed by BBKA to reflect the fact that some candidates may well have been keeping bees for some time before applying to take the assessment). YBKA call upon our experts, in certain areas, to lead tutorials based on the BBKA modules, allowing our up and coming beekeepers to further develop their knowledge and understanding.

Our new Examinations and Assessments Officer (Kirit Gorhandas) and Training Officer (Clare McGettigan) are here to help you plan and progress your studies. Information about future exams and tutorials / training courses will be available to members in the YBKA Newsletter, on our YBKA website or both!

I am aware that with each new year, district committee membership changes, as some post holders retire, and new ones take their place. It is vital to have up to date information and communication between our YBKA Education Officers and your local education lead. If there has been a change within your local association, please make Kirit or Clare aware. We don't want any district members to miss out by not getting correct information.

This also applies to secretarial changes at the district level. Our new YBKA General Secretary Linda Schofield also needs these new contacts forwarding or old ones confirmed.

We want you to be more involved. Let us have any suggestions about courses you would like us to offer, or how we can help our district associations in any way. We wish to promote better communications within YBKA and with BBKA (a process that at times has faulted). Let's keep it strong and all work together for the benefit of every member of our great association.

Here's wishing each of you a prosperous 2020 with lots of surplus honey and disease-free colonies.

Dave Shannon

YBKA Chairman

Central Association of Bee-Keepers



Bringing Science to the Bee-Keepers

Yorkshire Here We Come!

CABK are delighted to be bringing one of our main meetings of the year to beekeepers in the North of the Country. Our Spring meeting will be held on the 29th of February at Arkendale Village Hall, Moor Ln, Arkendale, Knaresborough HG5 0RE, 10:00 for a 10:30 start.

Cost is £25 and includes buffet lunch

CABK is not as its name suggests, a beekeeping society that is based somewhere in the middle of the country, but an organisation that focuses on the science of the practice of beekeeping. The programme overleaf gives details of the speakers and we encourage them to spend time during breaks in the agenda to discuss their areas of expertise with you.

Book at <http://bit.do/arkendale>



Speakers are:-

Anneli Brand who is from the Bee Institute in Kirchhain, Germany, she will be speaking on the "Effects of pesticides on bee health and fitness". Anneli has written numerous papers on her research work and we are pleased she has accepted our invitation to speak to us. Anneli's talk will cover some of her research work on the sublethal effects of the neonicotinoid clothianidin at the physiological level in individual larvae and nurse bees and to determine its impact on brood development of an entire colony.

Grace McCormack is a Professor in Zoology at NUI Galway and will be speaking about "Synergy between science and beekeeping". Apiculture has posed many questions of interest to science and applying the scientific method to questions raised by beekeepers has yielded many useful answers. This talk will focus on illustrating how Darwin's evolutionary approach continues to be applied to help understand the origins and natural variability of honeybees, the relationships between the honeybees in Ireland and UK, how honeybees can adapt to the challenges of Varroa naturally, and how we can use this information to improve beekeeping.

John Chambers is an Oxfordshire beekeeper and his talk will be about "Basic Honey Bee Genetics For Beekeepers". There is nothing "basic" about honey bee genetics but John answer three questions. Firstly, is it possible or desirable to attempt the re-creation of pure *Apis mellifera mellifera* (AMM) strains and to entirely re-populate Great Britain and Ireland with them? Secondly, are AMM conservation areas likely to disappoint for obvious genetic reasons? Thirdly, might the simple pursuit of locally-adapted honey bees be preferable to the attempted re-creation of a subspecies? The presentation closes by explaining why further honey bee imports should be viewed as bad news and how we should be able to improve our local stock quickly, simply and optimally, using an augmented "bees know best" policy.

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To book a place click on the below link
<https://www.cabk.org.uk/product/spring-meeting-2020/>

Mark Millard Resume – Yorkshire BKA Vice-Chair

I have been keeping bees since 2011 and currently have 24 colonies located at 4 different sites around the area where I live. I attended a course with Halifax and District Association and soon became a member. I live near Wakefield and did a course with the Wakefield and Pontefract Beekeepers Association and joined that association too. I quickly became a member of the Wakefield and Pontefract Committee and have been the secretary for some years now.

I have attended the Yorkshire Beekeepers AGM and ADM as delegate for Wakefield and Pontefract for at least the last 7 years and over this time have become more involved in attending GPC meetings to get a feel for how the GPC works.

As many who know me will acknowledge, I am passionate about beekeeping and promoting the craft. I am also a keen advocate for showing “products of the hive” and have exhibited at various shows. I regularly steward at shows and 2019 was my first year as Chief Honey Steward for the Yorkshire Beekeepers Honey show held at the Countryside Live event. It was after completing my first year as Chief Honey Steward (and thoroughly enjoying the event) that I decided to ‘throw in my hat’ and apply for the Vice Chair position with YBKA. I couldn’t think of a better Chair to (hopefully) support and learn from.

Over the years I have undertaken several BBKA Modules and assessments. I took my Basic with Halifax and District in 2013 and my assessor was the one and only Dave Shannon. After passing the Basic I have achieved most of the Modules with just 5 and 8 left to complete. I obtained the General Husbandry Certificate in July 2016 and the Microscopy in November of the same year.

I have found the craft of beekeeping and studying for the Modules has taken me to areas of learning that I would never have dreamt possible 15 years ago. The subject is so vast. I know you will never “know it all”, but find you learn more and more about the subject with every year.

I am also a BBKA Basic assessor. This is something I really enjoy doing, meeting beekeepers who are developing their competence in the craft.

I know that the modules and assessments are not for everyone, but over the years I have found that YBKA has a lot to offer and I have used these resources to help develop myself. I am looking forward to working with the GPC in ensuring opportunities are available for YBKA members to develop knowledge and skills, as we should all strive to be beekeepers rather than keepers of bees.

Mark Millard

YBKA Delegates Meeting: 29 February 2020 – 10am Harrogate

This is an opportunity for district associations to inform the YBKA Committee of the wishes and expectations of their membership, to make sure that we are planning to provide relevant services and activities to meet the needs of Yorkshire beekeepers, over the coming year. A maximum of 3 representatives per district can attend, but only one can vote, and any delegate can only represent one district.

The meeting is also a time to identify any issues that Yorkshire beekeepers wish to bring to attention of our national association, BBKA, next year, to improve services and conditions for the benefit of bees and beekeepers in general. If you have something to suggest, for further discussion, this is your chance to speak up.

A **formal agenda will be circulated on 16 January**, but to give you some chance for discussion at district level, before the meeting, please note the following issues identified as agenda items by the Committee

- 1. What specific training/support needs should YBKA be aiming to meet for your members?**
- 2. Should YBKA provide further training in respect of using the eR2 system? Could more confident/experienced users act as mentors/buddies to assist new users?**

3. **Should the YBKA secretary be responsible for sending out bulk mail shots directly to all members, rather than via district secretaries, as at present (eg: the YBKA Newsletter, Positive Thinking bulletins etc from BBKA?) Would this be of help to you?**
4. **YBKA education officers would like to promote the Bee Health Certificate (see BBKA News December 2019) as a valuable, practical, next step-on from the Bee Basic qualification. Is this in line with the needs of your membership?**

You may have other issues for the meeting? Can you let me have any such items by **15 January latest**, in order to include them in the agenda? My apologies for the tight turn around, I will try to do better in future!

Please let me have the names and numbers of those attending to represent your district asap, and any special dietary needs, to help plan the buffet order.

Linda Schofield, Secretary YBKA (secretary@ybka.org.uk)

TITBITS FROM SELBY BKA

- Dave Brear, one of our 2019 beginners, has just bought his 2nd Abelo polyhive and is planning ahead for colony expansion in 2020.
- Our March 2020 Beginners Course was full on 1st December with 3 juniors taking part in the course.

An oxalic acid trickle administration demonstration was given on 28th December. All members purchased trickle bottles and a supply of medicine from us for their own colonies.

BBKA Practical Assessments and Written Examinations

The BBKA offers its members opportunities to prove their beekeeping knowledge and skills by way of various practical assessments and written examinations.

Closing dates for March Modules & Honeybee Health Certificate entries.

There are two important deadlines in February 2020 if you want to consider sitting one of the 7 theory module exams in March or the Honeybee Health Certificate practical assessment in May to July.

If you intend sitting any Module Examination in March 2020 then the closing date for receipt of entry form and payment is **10th February 2020**. The date of the examination is Saturday, 21st March 2020.

If you intend taking the Honeybee Health Certificate in 2020 then the closing date for receipt of entry and payment is **28th February 2020**. The assessment will take place at a date and venue to be arranged in May, June or July 2020.

Written Module Examinations.

Full details of all the modules and syllabi can be found by clicking [here](#). The cost of entry is **£30** per module.

Practical Assessment in Honeybee Health.

Full details and the syllabus are found by clicking [here](#) and scrolling down. The cost of entry is **£40**. Any YBKA member who has passed the Basic Assessment and has managed bees for 3 years or more can apply to sit the assessment.

Practical Assessment in Microscopy (IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

This affects anyone who studied microscopy under the previous syllabus (Pre-January 2020) **AND** has not yet sat or passed the assessment **AND** is considering sitting the microscopy in November 2020.

A new syllabus will be introduced in January 2020 for assessment in November 2020 and beyond. The changes are highlighted in bold on the syllabus. The January 2020 syllabus can be found by clicking [here](#).

Note about completion and posting of Examination/Assessment Form.

You have two methods of payment. You can either enclose a cheque with the form or you can phone BBKA and pay over the phone; the contact number is on the form. BBKA will then give you a receipt number which you need to write on the form.

Please remember to sign and date the **Self Certificate of Entry Qualification** box on the form.

The application form is only available in Microsoft Word Doc format on the BBKA website. There was recently an issue with a YBKA member who had difficulty with the form as they did not have any compatible software to open the form in a readable format. **I have created the form as a PDF and can email it or post it to you should you have a similar problem.**

If you are entering for the Basic Assessment, more details to follow in subsequent newsletters, then you will need to hand/post the form to your association Education Officer, who will forward it on to me.

If you are entering for any other examination/assessment, the completed form should be posted to Kirit Gordhandas, YBKA Examination Secretary, c/o {email me for the address or speak to your association Education Officer for my address}. Either enclose a cheque or write the BBKA receipt number on the form.

Please remember to sign and date the **Self Certificate of Entry Qualification** box on the form.

Clicking [here](#) will take you to the Exams and Assessments section of the BBKA website where Application Forms can be downloaded.

2019 deferrals for Module Examinations.

You are entitled to defer entry for a module examination for up to 12 months. If you have deferred from March 2019 or November 2019 to March 2020 I will be writing/emailing you individually, in the next week or so, to confirm your intentions.

If you intend to sit the deferred module then you will need to complete an application form and forward it to me. The cost of a deferred entry is **£15** per module.

Finally...

The above is intended for anyone who has not entered for BBKA examination/assessment before. It is there as an *aide memoir* for those of you that are old hands at this.

I have taken on the role of examinations within YBKA and Clare McGettigan (education@ybka.org.uk) has taken on education. We will be working together to deliver what Elaine Robinson has done single-handedly for the past two years!

Congratulations to the 90+ YBKA members who passed their Basic Assessment in 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want any further information or any query answering.

I wish you a Happy and Prosperous 2020.

Kirit Gordhandas, YBKA Examination Secretary

(examination@ybka.org.uk)

Modules Applications – Local Education Officer, BBKA or YBKA Education Officer

Applications for **March Module exams** (ONLY) should be sent to me at the address given above.

Basic Assessment & Honeybee Health applications for 2020 should go to your local Education Officer, who will organise the assessments (you can find a list of all their names and contact details in the November edition of the YBKA Newsletter).

All other assessments e.g. General husbandry, Advanced Husbandry should be sent directly to BBKA, who will organise the assessments directly with the candidate.

EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT DATES & FEES 2020			
EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT	FEE	CLOSING DATE	NOTES (also see appropriate syllabus)
JUNIOR	£5	As Basic Certificate	Aged under 18 only in small groups.
BASIC	£20	1 month prior to taking the assessment	May be held at any suitable apiary. Normally small group of candidates examined on same day Last Assessment 31st August
MODULES	£30.00 each	10 th February	ALL MODULES held on 21 st March 2020 ALL MODULES held on 14 th

		30 th September	November 2020 Dates for 2021 will be: March 20 th November 13 th
BEE HEALTH CERTIFICATE	£40	28 th February	Must hold Basic Certificate. May be held at any suitable apiary. Normally small group of candidates examined on same day Last Assessment 31st July
BEE BREEDING CERTIFICATE	£80	28 th February	Must hold Basic Certificate. Held at apiary of candidate.
GENERAL CERTIFICATE in BEEKEEPING HUSBANDRY	£80	28 th February	Must hold Basic Certificate. Held at apiary of candidate.
ADVANCED CERTIFICATE in BEEKEEPING HUSBANDRY	£120	28 th February	Must hold General Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry To be held at Stoneleigh on 29/30/31 May 2020 and 12/13/14 June 2020 depending on numbers
SHOW JUDGE	£40	N/A	Must hold Basic Certificate. See entry requirements in Prospectus
MICROSCOPY	£60	31 st August	Must hold Basic Certificate. To be held at various venues 21st/22nd November 2020 plus other dates as required
CORRESPONDENCE COURSES	£60each	N/A	Available for the Basic, all seven Modules and Microscopy theory

Further information including Examination/Assessment application forms and syllabi are available from the web site www.bbka.org.uk

Refunds and deferrals

1. If there is a valid reason for not taking an examination or assessment, a refund can be given.
2. Generally, there will be an administration charge of £10.00 deducted from the refund except:
 - no refunds will be given after the closing date for Modules, or Advanced Husbandry;
 - no refund will be given for Microscopy or General Husbandry if withdrawal is within one month of the assessment
3. Deferral of an exam or assessment is allowed, as an alternative to a refund, provided due notice is given. This is for one year only and there will be an administration charge of half the entry fee, payable on re-application. After 1 year the full fee will be payable. Candidates who have deferred an exam

must send an application form with the deferral fee when they wish to take the exam/assessment.

Non-Members

- For the Junior Assessment, BBKA Membership is not required
- For Members of Welsh BKA, Scottish BKA or Ulster BKA an additional fee of £9 will be required.
- All other candidates must hold BBKA membership of some category.

January in the apiary

I would like to begin this New Year's edition of 'In the Apiary' by wishing all our members a very happy New Year. As one of my New Year's resolutions I have agreed to take on this article as Dave now has his Chairman's notes to prepare each month.

January is a very quiet time in our apiaries, but there is plenty to do and plan for toward the season ahead which will be upon us sooner than we think. Our bees still need attention on a regular basis even though they are in semi or full cluster, dependent on the ambient temperature in your area.

The first thing we must remember is to keep a regular check on the food supplies available in each hive. This is best done by "hefting" the hive – ie lifting the hive from the rear to assess the overall weight. If you're a beginner, it's probably best to seek the help of a more experienced beekeeper to assist you with this as it comes with quite a few years of experience.

It's not a good idea to disturb your bees by internal inspections at this time of year under any circumstances. It may chill any brood within the brood box and, if disturbed too much, may cause the colony to collapse due to stress and cold. If your colonies are low on food, then it's important to feed them ASAP. But not with liquid feed. Sugar fondant is used in the winter months. There are different methods of applying the fondant (as always: "ask three beekeepers a question and you will get 3 different answers"). Some apply above the crown board: either with the bag split open, face down, so the bees can access the fondant whilst making sure the top is covered and will not dry out. Others place fondant in honey jars or other containers above the board. I use bakers' fondant and cut a slice from the block, then, using 'cling film', I roll it out into a thin patty which goes directly above the bees on the frames where they are located. Don't forget to tear a section of the cling film, facing down, to allow the bees to access the fondant. I also use an eke: a shallow frame of timber with the same dimensions as your brood box.

Then replace crown board and leave alone until the next inspection, when the fondant may need replenishing. Having recently rolled out 20+ patties I have been thinking of the waste cling film and as part of my plans will be looking at alternative methods of applying the fondant.



As brood rearing will be increasing slowly, many beekeepers apply pollen patties too. In my opinion you don't want to stimulate the queen to over lay too soon. Potentially there is some cold weather to come and we need to be conscious of stores needed to maintain the nest temperature as well as the actual feeding of brood. I personally leave feeding pollen substitutes until later in the season.

If your food supply is adequate, then all you need do is check that your bees are still ok. This is best done by removing the lid and any insulation and looking down through the crown board porta bee hole with a good LED torch to check for movement within your hive. If the weather temperature is reasonable, dry and calm, a quick look under the crown board may assist in checking the store frames adjacent to the cluster. Move any empty frames to the outer edges, so ensuring stores are always available next to the cluster. In the past, I have found instances of "isolation starvation" where bees have moved to one side of the box and starved on empty frames despite frames of stores being available to them on the other side of the box. When it is very cold, bees will not break cluster and move across frames to access food.

Late December/early January is also a very good time to apply an oxalic acid treatment by the trickle or vaporization methods to your colony, to combat varroa. At this time of year there will be very little brood to be harmed by the treatment. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when applying. I use a syringe to apply the trickle method at a rate of 5ml per seam of bees, but for a few pounds you can purchase a syringe gun to attach to a bottle of oxalic mixture, to give the correct, controlled, dose with each squeeze of the trigger. Don't forget you can only apply veterinary approved medicines and you should record this in your hive records. There are examples of hive records in the Members area of the BBKA website

Lastly, check your hives are secure, with a heavy object placed on the lids to stop them blowing off in any winter-gales. If we do experience high-winds I tend to do a quick check on my apiaries to make sure no hives have been blown over/damaged. Check your mouse guards are in place and, if in an area prone to woodpecker attacks, cover your hives with a strong netting allowing a 5 inch gap between the netting and timber to keep out those pesky birds, as they can do tremendous damage and even cause the colonies to collapse if not protected. I have been lucky and not experienced woodpecker damage but as they are prone to attack when the ground is frozen and food is scarce, I make a cursory check around this time.

Another event which may give me cause to check apiaries is to make sure entrances remain clear, if it snows.

If you're a new beekeeper with newly established hive or hives, now is also a good time to register yourself and your hives on 'bee-base' (<https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/beebase/public/register.cfm>). This will enable the bee inspectorate to know exactly where you are, so that they can inform you of any imminent disease dangers that may be present in your area.

This is the time to clean, repair and apply preservative to your old supers and brood boxes, ready for the coming season. Remember to use a treatment that is not harmful to the bees. On a dry, cold, day when the bees are not flying you can even treat the hives in the apiary. Just remember to cover/close the entrance whilst applying the coating, but don't forget to uncover/open before leaving – then you are all done and protected again, for the season ahead.

Lastly take a lesson from the bees, keep warm and make plans for the coming year. Get records up to date or make any changes you wish to implement in the coming season. Finally, read the book you got for Christmas, or study for a module exam to be taken on 21 March 2020. Don't forget the closing date for applications is 10 February 2020. 'Til next month.

Mark Millard

YBKA CALENDAR 2020

Friday 3rd January: GPC Meeting (Harrogate) 6pm

Saturday 11th January: BBKA ADM (10.30 am) Kenilworth

Saturday 29th February: Delegates Conference (Harrogate) 10am – 4pm

Saturday 21st March: BBKA Module Exams (10am – 4pm)

3rd, 4th & 5th April: BBKA Spring Convention (Harper Adams)

Saturday 18th April: YBKA Spring Conference (YAS Pavilions, Harrogate)

Friday 29th May: GPC Meeting (Harrogate) 6pm

June 9th/10th: YAS Schools' Days

July 14th – 16th: Great Yorkshire Show (Harrogate)

Friday 26th June: GPC Meeting 6pm (Harrogate)

Friday 2nd October: GPC Meeting (Harrogate) 6pm

October 22nd – 24th: National Honey Show

October 24th/25th: Countryside Live & YBKA Honey Show (Harrogate)

Friday 6th November: GPC Meeting (Harrogate) 6pm

Saturday 14th November: BBKA Module Exams (10am-4pm)

Saturday 28th November: AGM (Harrogate) 10am

DATE FOR DIARIES - Saturday 18th April 2020 YBKA Spring Conference

The subject will be "Practical Beekeeping"

Run in conjunction with Yorkshire Agricultural Society (YAS)

Held at the prestige YAS Pavilions complex. (near Fodder)

Lectures and workshops by YBKA members

Trade stands will be in attendance

Northern Bee Books will be there with a vast collection of quality books

Thornes have offered to hold their spring sales items over to enable collection at the conference!

Lunch will be included in the admission cost

Further details to follow - as arrangements are finalised

Phil Gee/Dave Shannon/Tony Jefferson (the initial organising team)

What3Words App

Being a beekeeper can get you into some quite isolated locations. If the worst was to happen and you needed the Emergency Services' help, then it might be quite difficult to explain where you are.

This is where the app: "what3words" comes in extremely useful. It is now used by Emergency Services throughout the UK ([here](#)).

How does it work? It's very simple: for every 3m square area on the planet, this app gives each single square a set of unique 3 words, so you can pass those 3 words (that you get from the app) to an emergency operator and they know exactly where you are.

The best thing is, it's free! Download the app [here](#)

Classified Adverts

Do you have anything bee related for sale or wanting something bee related? If so, please email newsletter@ybka.org.uk the editor for a free sale or wanted listing:

Beekeeper winding down so some hives for sale

Strong colonies, clean frames, quiet bees, Brood box, varroa floors on all, queen excluder, super. Strong colonies

£300 each or buy two for £500 and get a free folding stand. Contact

vera.rider@ntlworld.com, Tel: 07828 199 739

BBKA Forum

[The BBKA has a new online forum. This is the web address. Pop along, sign up and say hello. www.bbkaforum.co.uk](http://www.bbkaforum.co.uk)

Committee Details

Dave Shannon is now Chair of YBKA

Mark Millard is Vice Chair

Norbert Cooper continues as Treasurer

Kirit Gorhandas is Examination and Assessments Officer

Clare McGettigan is Education Training Officer
Linda Schofield is now General Secretary
Tony Jefferson is the YBKA Delegate to BBKA.
Chris Barlow continues as Newsletter Editor
David Lamont continues as YBKA Webmaster

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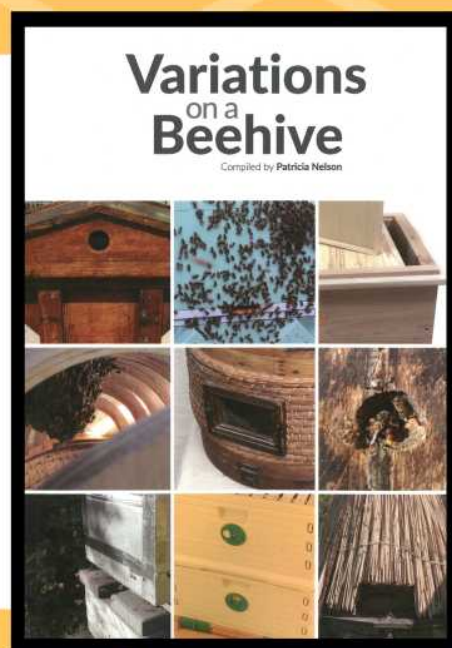
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Variations of a Beehive Compiled by Patricia Nelson.

"Trish Nelson is to be commended on compiling this brilliant book. Whether you are happy with the type of hive and style of management you use, if you are trying to decide which is best suited to your particular situation and needs, or if you are just plain curious, this book will answer all of your questions and satisfy your inquisitiveness. The range and depth of experience contained between the pages is phenomenal. If, like me, you are addicted to collecting and reading books about beekeeping, bees and associated subjects, you will certainly need to add this one to your shelf. I am now finding that I am becoming more selective about which books I keep and which ones to cull due to lack of space. This one is definitely a keeper!"

Clare Densley.





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