



Essex Beekeepers' Association

Exams Secretary Report for EBKA AGM 24th March 2018

MODULES

Nine people sat modules in November 2017 and six were successful. Christine Poerschke passed with Distinction so she gets the Ted Hooper Award too.

There are 12 people booked to sit modules on the morning of the AGM.

BASIC ASSESSMENTS

In 2017 we did 22 Basic Assessments. All candidates passed, 15 of them with credit. The CEC made three Miss Avey awards, to Sacha McKay of Chelmsford Division, Alistair Clark of Epping Forest Division, and Mary McCulloch of Southend Division.

Certificates were presented at the Conference.

HUSBANDRY ASSESSMENTS

Richard Ridler passed his Advanced Husbandry and became a Master Beekeeper; his certificates were presented at the Conference.

TAKING EXAMINATIONS

I would like to encourage all of you who have not already done so to consider taking part in the BBKA assessments and examinations. Even if you do not sit the module examinations, take advantage of the study groups and other workshops that are offered.

The husbandry assessments will help to make you a better keeper of your bees and will certainly give you more confidence. The BBKA have set up two new Assessments which fit in between the Basic Assessment and the General Husbandry, so this is not such a big jump (Bee Health and Queen Rearing). While it is too late to apply for these this year, I urge those of you who have taken the Basic Assessment to consider these next year. I'm sure your bees will be very grateful. It is not too late to apply to do the Basic this summer.

Pat Allen
Examinations Secretary
20th March 2018