



BeeEducated News 5 September 2016

25 Day Weather Forecast from the Met Office

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast/>

Text of visit of the Bee Inspector and Ian when the inspector paid a visit to our hives at the Animal Welfare site, and interview with Ian on the 4th September

Narration from Ian as follows:-

“He checked some of the hives he’s really happy with our hives and the way we’re keeping them. I asked about honey stores and he said there is only one person in Cheshire that he’s seen that has actually got honey, without feeding. He’s still feeding his colonies, and today noticed that pollen levels are lower than the colony he just inspected.”

“So for that reason everybody who is looking after or has their own bees, needs to make sure they are feeding now ready for winter. They need to make sure they have a whole super full of honey at least, also if they’re low on pollen so we’re talking about hardly any at all or just sporadic bits, if they haven’t got full frames of pollen I recommend that they put on a pollen paté now such as Candypoline.”

“I’d also like to say if they have lots of room downstairs and honey upstairs although the queens got places to lay, you need to have some sort of honey and pollen downstairs for her to realize that she has enough food supply. Because she cannot go upstairs if there is a queen excluder on. So for that reason she will only lay if there’s a constant supply of pollen coming in.”

“One more thing I am going to place an order today For some Candypoline in bulk and we will be selling it at the apiary. I am also going to order some Ambrosia in cake form so it can be melted down into liquid form and this is better than the sugar when used in starvation situations.”

Conversation with Ian ends and report compiled by your intrepid reporter fighting her way through jungles, ice and lava flows, up mountains and into the depths of the Earth risking life and limb. Fem

UK Outlook for Saturday 10 Sep 2016 to Monday 19 Sep 2016:

A band of rain, which could be heavy at times, is expected to move eastwards across the country over the weekend. It is also likely to become windy across the north, with a risk of gales. Changeable weather is then expected through the rest of the period with showers or longer spells of rain, interspersed by some dry and bright periods. The rain and showers being heaviest and most persistent in the north and west, where it is also likely to be windy at times with a risk of gales. The south and east should see the best of the drier and brighter weather, but these conditions could spread northwards at times. Temperatures through the period should be generally above average, perhaps warm at times in the southeast.

Tuesday 20 Sep 2016 to Tuesday 4 Oct 2016:

The most likely scenario through this period is for mainly westerly to southwesterly winds to dominate. This would bring showers or longer spells of rain, interspersed with some dry and bright periods. The rain and showers are likely to be heaviest and most persistent in the north and west, where it could also be windy at times with a risk of gales. The best of the drier and brighter weather is expected to occur in the south and east, although these conditions could spread north at times. Temperatures through this period should be generally above average, with the chance of some warm or very warm spells in the southeast. Any cool spells are expected to be short lived.

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Relating to the poor weather we have been experiencing this summer.

Above is a sad picture of Martha's Baseboard (Kizz wrote a more informative article about the problems we have been experiencing with this hive. We have been struggling to keep this one going against all odds.

It is now on its third Queen and Ian has been kind enough to donate a comb of brood.

All we can do now is cross our fingers and hope the hive will pull through.

Finally for our first news letter a little committee news.

In an effort to get our little happy band on a more efficient group footing, a committee with various positions has been formed to try and keep us all better organized and on a more secure course as a group.

This should hopefully have the effect of keeping our bees and the apiary happy and well.

Ian still remains the god of all knowledge of course. Jenny has become our secretary, with that all important job of funding being handled by our very efficient Hazel. Reception will continue to be handled by Yvonne and Kizz has taken over as Asset Manager. Jack has some fancy title but in effect is our Mr Spock, Science Officer. And finally little old me has been co-opted as News Reporter and general dogsbody.