ENFIELD & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT to FEDERATION of MIDDLESEX BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATIONS

In our 98th year membership is very healthy and stands a little up on last year with 82 members, with others awaiting on our beginners' course list.

Although Covid has given us many challenges, we have still managed to carry out an interesting schedule of events and courses, sometimes relying on "zoom".

Our winter meetings have resumed at Capel Manor, enabling members to catch up with each other, exchanging ideas and information. Unfortunately rules on Covid meant we had to cancel our Christmas Social again.

The trading hut continues to supply feeds, treatments, stores and equipment, our website has been improved and updated and the library is well used.

Our training apiary at The Bourne is still looking good and the bees are doing well. Routine maintenance work has been carried out at our other apiary sites and we have acquired a new apiary site at Newbury Avenue, which we intend to use for queen rearing.

Our charity for the year is "Noah's Ark", a most worthwhile, dedicated, and local hospice for children and their families.

Our Honey Show was well represented and at the National, several of our members won awards and were highly commended. We offer our congratulations to Harrow Association for once again getting the most points.

Our events have included a demonstration on making hand cream by Sarah Robb, a video on an approach to beekeeping by Roger Patterson, a panel discussion, and questions on getting ready for Spring, our Honey Show and trophies presentation and cooking with honey.

Notwithstanding Covid or an appearance of the Asian Hornet in Enfield, we are looking forward to another successful and rewarding beekeeping year.

Duncan Fraser Chairman, Enfield and District Beekeepers February 2022