

## North London Beekeepers Annual Report 2021

2021, a year we were finally able to open the doors again. With shed parties, members days, practical and taster sessions throughout the 12 months I don't think we have had so many people visit Kenwood. It was good to see everyone again.

We re-launched the beginners course with a fantastic group of up and coming beekeepers. They adapted well to the theory sessions on Zoom. Taking advantage of the technology they even got to know each other using 'Break-out' areas and were super accommodating at some of the early practical sessions with restrictions and the weather. Other online sessions including the popular Hive Hour with John Hauxwell as guest speaker, a great fountain of knowledge in answering all those bee related questions. Many thanks to John. There were some great talks from Tara Chapman who shared her insights to the beekeeping year Texan style and Julie Pigott returned to help us identify bumble bees. Another highlight was honey extraction, a first in nearly two years. With a fairly good harvest from over a dozen supers, the honey was jarred with newly commissioned labels to celebrate each apiary.

This year we say goodbye to Martin Stiksel, our Membership Secretary who has now decided to stay in Australia. He has not only taken very good care of the bees at Kenwood but organised everybody's membership renewals and BBKA returns over the years. Always on hand for support and to answer queries even when he relocated to the other side of the world. Best of luck down under Martin!

If anyone is interested in being part of the committee we could certainly do with some help and it would be good to grow the team this coming year. It is a great opportunity to give something back, have fun, meet other beekeepers and be part a community. Huge thanks to the team and everyone who has helped keep NLB running this year, from bee inspections, entering the honey show, attending events to mowing the lawns. I hope we can enjoy the new beekeeping year together.

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