



WEST NORFOLK AND KING'S LYNN  
**BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**

**Our PRESIDENT is Terry Gibson**

**Our VICE PRESIDENTS are Henry Bellingham MP, Sir Jeremy Bagge and The Most Honourable the Marquis of Chomondley**

**Our CHAIRMAN is Peter Davies**

The committee is elected by the members of the association. Once elected, each committee member has to stand down or be re-elected every year. We always encourage new **blood to join and provide new impetus to the association.**

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### **Terry Gibson - President**



I am a true Norfolk man, born on a small farmstead between West Rudham and Bircham. After pursuing a 30+ year career in the Norfolk Constabulary I took up a post as lecturer at the College of West Anglia in 1994. Whilst there I obtained various teaching qualifications together with a Master of Science Degree from Leicester University, which ultimately led to a 6 year period of lecturing with The Open University.

I took up bee-keeping in the late 1960's, well before Varroa, six WBC's, all second-hand and mostly begged or borrowed from the back of sheds belonging to people who had 'kept' bees many years earlier in order to obtain the government sugar allowance during rationing. Life and career intruded after some five years or so and I left the craft only to return again some ten years ago



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when Lorraine and I decided that we would have two hives in the garden; we were mentored in this by that wonderful gentleman the late Bill Disdle.

I was a member of the Association in the 1960's and re-joined immediately upon my return to bee-keeping Like Topsy however the number of colonies we had quickly grew as did our involvement with the Association. I became Education Coordinator whilst Lorraine took on the role of Secretary for a time and together with Jill Tinsey formed the Education sub-committee. Lorraine and I presented and ran the Beginners Course for six years. Also during this time we set up and ran the Taster Sessions for three seasons.

I played a role in establishing our first Association Apiary at the site we shared with Keith Morgan at Flitcham and then along with Brian Gemmell was instrumental in obtaining and equipping our club apiary at Blackborough End. I finally retired from the committee two years ago.

I have also played a part in bee-keeping at a national level, initially as part of the original 'think tank' for formalising education with BBKA, even giving a lecture on presentation skills as part of the Teach the Teacher forum at the Spring Convention at Stoneleigh, proudly wearing my WNKLBA sweater. I was also a member of the Healthy Bee Project with FERA for two years and secretary for the Council of National Bee-keeping Associations in the United Kingdom and Ireland (CONBA) for a similar period. I remain a Trustee for the EARS Research Project.

I was particularly delighted and proud to have been elected as President of our Association and look forward to supporting the Committee in their efforts to continue the progress already made in its programme to develop and improve the standards of its members, particularly in the recognition and treatment of disease. I am also thrilled to be able to have an input into the planned leasing and development of the Blackborough End Apiary . I also hope to see further efforts being made to include more of our membership in both bee related and social events and the encouragement of bee-keepers that are not yet members to attend some of our events so that standards of care and abilities can constantly be reviewed and improved. Exciting times.



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### **Peter Davies – Chairman**



I started bee-keeping only recently in spring 2011 with 2 hives, during that first year 2 became 6 and then in late September I acquired 9 colonies from a retiring bee-keeper and from that moment on there has been no turning back. I now run between 25 and 35 colonies and learn every time I go into a hive. I am really enjoying my bee-keeping and just wish I had started 20 years earlier. I am always happy to help anywhere I can with bee-keeping related issues. As current chairman I would like to be able to pass on some of the great enjoyment I get from bee-keeping to encourage others to give it a go.



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**Judy Heal – Secretary, WNKLBA Representative at NBKA, BBKA Exam Secretary and Member of the Education Team.**



I started keeping bees in 2004, having done the theory course at Easton College some ten years before that. It was some time before I made full use of my WNKLBA membership and eventually with the association's help passed my Basic Assessment, a couple of Modules and the General Husbandry. I keep between 3-6 colonies in our garden in WBCs. My various jobs on the committee are based on education and I am an Assessor for the Basic Assessment.



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### **Patrick Duhig – Treasurer**



I have been retired now 10 + years, my wife and I have a great love of nature and a concern for the environment. After being unable to continue flying for medical reasons, I was looking for a new hobby and “bee-keeping” fitted the bill; my other hobby had been our garden. We have 4 hives.

### **Sarah Brown - Membership Secretary**



I started keeping bees in 2012 and still have lots to learn. I first got interested in bees out of a love of nature including bumbles; butterflies; hedgehogs; and deer, when they are not eating my garden. I am currently managing 2-4 colonies and hoping to expand to 8 colonies in the next 3 years. My other interests include gardening and keeping chickens.



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**Jill Tinsey – Education Coordinator**



**Barry Thrower (Apiary Manager – Blackborough End)**





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### Stuart Grant - Spray Liaison Officer



Stuart took up bee-keeping in 2008, after retirement, to complement his gardening, particularly fruit growing. Stuart's background is in manufacturing, in paper-making, chemicals and then plastics. He Says - I have been a bee-keeper for 8 years now, and was Chairman for 4 years. I am happy to help anyone get started or to develop.

### Phil Cane – Show Secretary



Having settled in Norfolk in 1983, whilst serving in the RAF, I spent the final 20 years before retirement trying to ensure that healthcare premises in Norfolk were safe from the likelihood of fire. It had been an ambition to keep bees but a working hobby, as an official for major athletic events worldwide, prevented me from doing so, however, now retired from real work, I found I could do both and so started keeping bees about 5 years ago. I am only a hobbyist beekeeper but I joined WNKLBA'S committee because I enjoy helping to run our events and passing on what little I know to those that attend them.



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### Keith Morgan (Regional Bee Inspector)



Keith keeps many colonies in West Norfolk where he manages to combine bee-keeping with his duties as a bee inspector and also attending to markets as far afield as London.

### Venetia Rist – Education Team



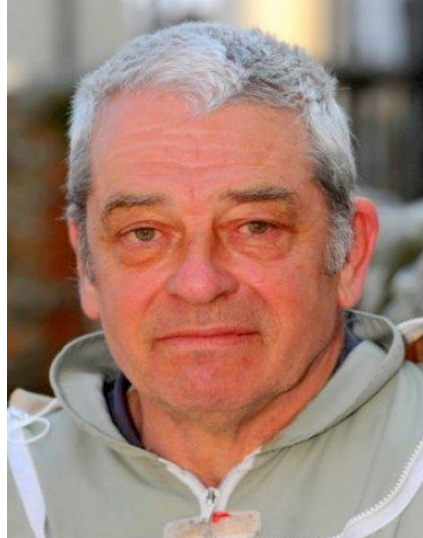
I began keeping bees at the age of 14, some 51 years ago, starting with 2 WBC's, no OSR and no Varroa mites, and became the youngest ever committee member of the East Dorset BKA, with George Vickery as my mentor. Unfortunately, I was unable to continue beekeeping whilst at Uni studying Agriculture. After farming for a few years, and lecturing at Merrist Wood Agricultural College, the family moved to Norfolk in 1988 and I became a Science teacher at the local High School. As retirement beckoned, I was able to pick up my smoker again, this time with Nationals, varroa and OSR.... and now run about 20 colonies!!! (well that is what I tell my husband!)





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### **Barry Walker-Moore**



I got into beekeeping a little by accident about 21 years ago. I brought an empty hive back from my Father's (he had suffered a stroke) in Kent. A few months later I was the keeper of bees ( a swarm had moved in) I went on a course at Otley college in Suffolk as I was living in Thetford. I joined West Suffolk B.A in 1997 and in 1998 became part of their Committee. For my sins I took on the job of Show Secretary at short notice and continued until a very similar thing happened with our association 7 years ago! At the moment I have between 15 & 20 hives around North Norfolk. I was member of the Suffolk County committee for a number years and also represented Suffolk at the Annual Delegates meeting.

### **Key Winks – Web Master**

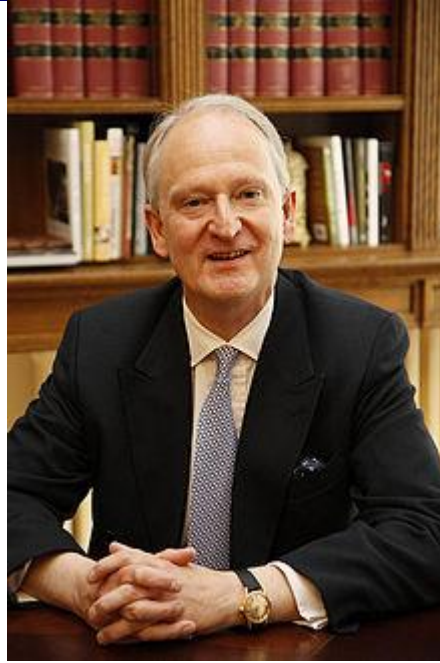


I took up Bee-keeping, on retirement from the RAF, in 2013, it was the final realisation of an ambition I had nurtured since I was 14. I started with 3 colonies and at the last count had 20. In addition to Bee-keeping, I divide my time between my Grandchildren, the RAF Reserves, and playing a varied range of traditional musical instruments.



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### **Sir Henry Bellingham MP – Vice President**



Attended Eton and then Magdalene College, Cambridge where he gained a degree in law in 1977 - taking a short service commission in the Guards for a year between school and university. He trained at the Inns of Court School of Law, and joined the Middle Temple in 1978 and practised as a barrister for eight years. He first entered Parliament at the 1983 election, but lost his seat at the 1997 election. Nonetheless, he contested same seat at the election in 2001, and won it back. He was re-elected in 2005 with a 9000 vote majority.

Henry Bellingham was appointed as a Shadow Minister for Trade and Industry in July 2002, before becoming an Opposition Whip in May 2005. Since November 2006 he has been a Shadow Minister for the Department of Constitutional Affairs. He lives in his constituency, in the village of Burnham Market. He married Emma Whiteley in August 1993 in Horsham, and they have a son.

### **The Most Honourable the Marquis of Cholmondley KCVO – Vice President**





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### **Sir Jeremy Bagge**



**Landowner and farmer Sir Jeremy Bagge has run the 1,870-acre Stradsett Estate in West Norfolk since 1984. The business of Stradsett Estate Farms involves extensive arable cultivation, and cattle for beef. This includes 1,065 acres of cereals, 270 acres of sugar beet, 280 acres of grassland, and 105 acres used for other purposes.**

**Sir Jeremy, was educated at Eton and qualified as an accountant with Touche Ross & Co in 1968. He acted as financial adviser to HIH The Crown Prince of Ethiopia in 1969-70, and was a partner of financial consultants Emson & Dudley in 1970-75 before running his own financial consultancy firm from 1975 until 1983. Sir Jeremy has held a vast number of public offices, and was High Sheriff of Norfolk in 2003-04. He is a keen supporter of local charities, and his interests also include local history, shooting, stalking, skiing, light aviation and sailing.**