

Another year has passed and it seems to have been more normal though a different normal. One of the benefits of the pandemic is that we are all more familiar with virtual meetings. This has allowed us to have speakers from further afield as they do not have to travel. In fact the speaker for the AGM is currently in Australia. This also means that we don't have to venture out in dark rainy nights to benefit from these talks. In Spring we will have some face to face meetings and we are trialling out a couple of new venues.

The Honey Show in November 2022 was really interesting with many more entries than the previous year. It was very funny for me as a relative newcomer to realise that I had met many of the people the previous year but I didn't recognise them without masks.

Last year we managed to organise a few Apiary visits and that was a wee learning curve for me, sorting out directions, numbers and risk assessments but hopefully everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

I also had to learn how to complete applications for events such as the Education Day for schools at Kelso and the Berwickshire Show. Every day is a school day.

The Items for Sale webpage did well last year and I will be continuing this going forwards. Anyone who has any items for sale please let me know and please check these pages if you are looking for any equipment.

If any members have subjects for talks they would like to hear in the future, please get in touch with me at the e-mail address on the website – secretary@bordersbeekeepers.org