

## **NEWSLETTER SPRING 2007**

Dear friends and customers

It has been a most unusual winter for the bees, because of the mild weather we've had. The bees have been out flying for most of the winter, which is not normal, usually they only come out to collect water and to void themselves. Bumblebees have been around all winter, and we have had unusual flowers – those that are not normally around- and these have provided pollen for the honeybees. In early January, we saw eggs and larvae in our observation hive, and the workers were bringing in nectar! This is unheard of at that time of year. We think that partly this is due to global warming, but also due to the odd weather systems, which seem to come around every 7-9 years. The good news is that after such a dry summer, we have had enough rainfall to fill up both our ponds. They are now teeming with wildlife again, having dried up completely last summer.

We've been busy bees ourselves over the winter. We have developed several new products to compliment our range of healthy and helpful hand-made goodies. Firstly, this family has treasured recipes that have been handed down through the generations, and one of the things we used to enjoy doing together was making sweets from the honey from our own hives. Over the years, this has developed into quite an art form, and we are pleased to be able to offer you the first of a new line in home-made confectionery. Honey Bubble Crunch – as we call it – is the old fashioned honeycomb sweet, rather like the inside of a Crunchie bar. Honeymoon Delight is similar to Turkish Delight, except it is made with honey, instead of rose water. It has a very sweet flavour, and needs to be savoured so that one can allow the wonderful flavour of the honey to flood the mouth. Packed in a gold box, these little pieces of luxury make an ideal treat for someone you love, or a special indulgence for yourself.

To help with those winter blues and blocked noses we have developed our all natural Vapour Rub. Containing no petroleum and no lanolin, it is made with beeswax and eucalyptus oil. It is very mild, gentle and effective. To use it you just rub it on your throat, chest and back, also under your nose if desired.

For those with trouble sleeping, or for help to rest on long journeys, we have designed and made real Kentish Hop Pillows. Hops are renowned for helping you to relax and get to sleep, and our pillows are small enough to be put into a travel bag for use on long journeys – provided you are the passenger and not the driver of course!

We now have new spiral beeswax candles in a variety of colours. They are approximately 6 inches tall, burn with a clear, bright flame, no black smoke and have a much longer burning time than ordinary paraffin wax. They have their own unique sweet scent, which is of course, the natural smell of beeswax.

Please let us have your feed back on these new products, we always love to hear from you, and as usual if you have any queries, please telephone us and one of us will be more than happy to help you. If you would like to send our products as a gift to someone else, we have new gift boxes in various sizes that are strong enough to go through the post. The gold boxes go up to shoe-box size, and we have been making gift sets to order and sending them on behalf of customers with a hand-made card and message. When we do this we always make the inside packaging look pretty by including things such as dried flowers, berries, pot pourri, etc, so it ends up being a really special hand-made gift. If you want to send a gift to someone, you tell us what products you want in it, tell us what to write in your card, who to send it to- and we will do the rest. This service is available for an extra £3.00 and includes a gold holographic print box, a hand made card and the packaging. Postage and the price of the products inside are not included. We have also been making beautiful gift baskets to order though these are for collection only. Gift baskets cost £3.00, plus the price of your products and include the basket, cellophane wrapping and decoration. On collection of your basket we will ask you if you are happy with it before you pay the full amount – a small deposit is sometimes required for large collection orders.

All hay fever sufferers should start taking pollen as soon as possible now to allow it to get into the system & build up a resistance.

**POLLEN – A COMPLETE FAMILY FOOD**

Take 1/4 to 1/2 a teaspoon daily. It may be sprinkled on cereal or added to honey & fruit smoothies. **£3.55**

**ROYAL HONEY- THE HONEY WITH EXTRA POLLEN, ROYAL JELLY & PROPOLIS**

To help hayfever sufferers with added benefits of Royal Jelly for hair, skin & nails and also Propolis for the immune system and joints. **£3.80**

**CUT-COMB HONEY- HONEY AS NATURE INTENDED** containing all the pollen and all the wax. Slice or cube it and eat as it is or spread on bread. Keep refrigerated.

4 OZ **£4.60** 8 OZ **£9.05**

**PURE ENGLISH HONEY 500g £5.45**

Our honey is expertly handled, never over-filtered and so it contains pollen. It is liable to set over time, which is a sign of quality, to make it runny again just stand in hot water &



**NEW PRODUCTS FROM FLYNN'S**

Above; VAPOUR RUB **£3.75** with some of our honey range containing pollen

Left; HOP PILLOWS **£3.50** & SPIRAL CANDLES **65p**

Lower Left; a plateful of HONEYMOON DELIGHT **£2.50**  
Centre; the increasingly popular HONEY-BUBBLE CRUNCH **£1.00**

**OPEN ALL SEASONS**

Mon-Fri 9-5 Sat 9.30- 5 [closed Sundays + Bank Holidays] for **HONEY TASTING** in the store; you can read **LETTERS FROM SATISFIED CUSTOMERS** in the visitors room where you can enjoy **CREAM TEAS** and visit our **GIFT STUDIO** with its array of natural products and Kentish arts & crafts. See us in the **SOUTH-EAST GUIDE TO RURAL ENGLAND** [by Country Living] available from bookshops, online & many tourist centres.

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