



FLYNN'S BEE FARMS LIMITED

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Dear friends and customers

Welcome to lighter evenings and warmer days – we hope!! We also hope that you all got through the winter without too many ills, as have most of our bees, thank goodness. Now we pray for a warm summer with enough, but not too much rain, so that we can all enjoy a good harvest this year. At the time of writing we are preparing the farm for more visitors this summer. We have a new menu for our tea room and garden – still including our famous cream teas of course, but with the addition of lots more home-made cakes, and a special healthy menu for children. In preparation for our visitors we have had a new car park put in, so that if it does rain, there will be solid ground to park on and plenty of space. It was quite an adventure as the work had to be done at our quietest time – which of course is when the weather is wet and cold. Most of you who use our propolis capsules will be pleased to know that we are going back to the old type of containers. We have received a number of complaints about the new pots, as many people had trouble closing them once they had been opened. Although there is a way around this, we have managed to find a supplier of the round type securitainers at a reasonable price, so once these new ones are used up we will revert to the old pots. Thanks to everyone who gave us feed back – we do value your opinion and promise that we will always try our best to give you the service and products you deserve.

We have excellent news on the honeybee front, as Defra (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs) have announced an increase in bee health funding of £4.3 million over the next five years. Environment Secretary, Hilary Benn said that £2.3 million over the next 2 years will support the work of the National Bee Unit to help England's beekeepers deal with the problems facing bee colonies. This will include identifying all those who keep bees and providing them with expert advice on husbandry and dealing with pests and diseases. In addition Defra will put an extra £400,000 towards bee health research every year for the next 5 years. This means that, thanks to everyone who has campaigned over the last few years, the problems facing honeybees and the impact they have on our health and environment, has finally been acknowledged. The British Beekeeper's Association will continue to work with the government to ensure that the funding is allocated to the most important issues facing bees and we will continue in our own small way to help, by dedicating our land and efforts in support of bee improvement and encouraging public awareness in the importance of honeybees – after all most of what you get on your dinner plate has been improved by the existence of the humble bee.

Those of you who rely on our apitherapy products such as pollen, propolis, royal jelly, beeswax and honey, will already know how important bees are to your health. You will also have read about the world-wide shortage of bee products – and this has, of course, affected prices. During the last 12 months we have absorbed 4 price increases in packaging materials, costs of production, transport and unusually high honey prices. All our home produced honey has flown off the shelves as demand has increased, but yield is down - due to bee losses. However, we are surviving and we hope that you will remember why you came to us in the first place. We have survived for 37 years, mostly by recommendation and word of mouth, and during that time thousands of people have benefited from our world-famous propolis capsules. Propolis, over the years, has proven itself to be a Super-Healthfood, helping all sorts of people to a better quality of life. Along the way many clinical trials have been carried out – all of them proving the effectiveness propolis has on our joints and immune system. We don't believe that there is any other natural remedy that is so effective, in so many different areas of health. Many people find that whilst taking it for one thing, it helps another problem as well. It does not interfere with other medication and is safe for diabetics. Even if you are taking 3 capsules daily, it gives you all that help and all that protection for just 38p per day – we are sure you will agree that this is extremely good value for money, because you know that it actually works. We would also like to remind you that now is the time to start using honey and pollen if you need to avoid using antihistamines and nasal sprays all summer.

Please telephone us if you would like advice on how to use any of our products. If you would like to see more information about our products please go online to www.flynnsbeefarm.co.uk, where you can see what else we have to offer, shop online, sign our guest book and comment on our products and service. Overleaf we have details of some of our new body care products. These are all hand-made and helpful for sensitive skin. They are all made with natural ingredients to soothe, moisturise and nourish the skin, and contain **NO** SLS, SLES, parabens or lanolin. None of our body care products are tested on animals – unless you include our own family that is! They make lovely gifts for family and friends, and you can even choose to have them sent or put into one of our hand made organza gift bags, if you want to add a special touch. We hope you will try out these products and that you will love them – I personally find our own hair products better than anything I have bought from the hair salon – yet I paid double for the named brand!

Enjoy your spring and summer.

SUDI AUSTIN

FLYNN'S BEE FARMS LTD

While a new car park was being made up on the farm in readiness for our first flurry of visitors, we were busy making up stock for customers' flurry of fine weather activities like spring-cleaning, weddings & tea parties .



Pics below Left to Right: Parachute "silk" lightweight Flynns Foldaway Shopping Bag (in olive or sand) £2.50.

Beeswax Furniture Polish £2.95. Solid pure Beeswax Block £1.00



Kitchen Angels - Spring-cleaning cloths made into an angel ready for your use or to give for a house-warming £5.50

Limited Edition Hand Painted honeybee & blossom wooden pepper mill £ 6.99



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HONEYMOON DELIGHT
Homemade soft sweet with a subtle flavour of orange blossom and an intense burst of Honey £2.75

Wipe-clean RECIPE CARD for Honeymoon Delight £1.50.

Hand-trimmed SWEET - CHESTNUT WHISK £3.00

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Below Right: Designed Exclusively for Flynns.

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Breakfast Mug £6.99
Mug £5.99

Large Teapot £25.99

Small Teapot £21.65

Cup & Saucer £10.50

Egg Cup £2.50

Teabag Tidy £3.50

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