



## **Nosema testing day - Saturday 3 September 2011 10.00 - 12 noon**

### **At The Stables, Chilsworthy Methodist Chapel**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAMPLING**

- 1) Find suitable containers for each sample, either a plastic bag, plastic box (an empty, clean margarine tub is a good idea) or empty honey jar.
- 2) Write your name, hive reference and apiary location on the outside of each container.
- 3) Thirty (30) mature bees will be needed for the test. To achieve this it will be easiest to catch flying bees around the entrance.
- 4) Choose a day and time when the bees are flying actively.
- 5) Close the entrance for a while until returning bees are crowding the entrance.
- 6) Brush or scoop 30+ bees into the container – it can be done!
- 7) Seal the container, check the label and place in a freezer immediately.
- 8) Remove the bees from the freezer only on the day of the test to minimise decomposition.
- 9) Bees and details can be sent with a fellow member on the day.
- 10) Privacy and confidentiality will be respected and personal information will not be passed onto any other organization.

#### **The cost for branch members is:**

First 6 samples – free

After the first 6 free samples the cost is £1 per sample.

All costs are waived if the member comes along on the day to help – plenty of help and guidance given. This is an ideal opportunity to learn about Nosema testing.