

North Somerset Bee Keepers



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Welcome to the 5th edition of our branch newsletter. Happy New Year and good beekeeping in 2018. Your feedback and contributions are very welcome. Please send comments or items to the editor by 25th of the month.

Programme of events 2018

Full details of the 2018 programme can be found on our website under the EVENTS tab at the top of the webpage. Keep looking out for updates. Here is the link to the page.

<http://northsomersetbeekeepers.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/BeeKeepingDiary2018-180104A.pdf>

This year's programme kicks off this **Saturday, 6th January**, with a talk on Asian Hornet by our Chair, Annabel Lewis. The meeting will be held at Tickenham Village Hall at 2pm. All welcome.

There are still places for the **Bee Improvement** training day that is being held on 27th January at Portishead Folk Hall. Cost is £10 for adults and £5 for accompanied beekeepers aged under 18. Book your place here: <http://northsomersetbeekeepers.org/bee-improvement-for-all-27-january-2018/>

The **Branch Honey Show** will be held on Saturday 10th February at Tickenham Village Hall. Entries open at 13:30 with judging starting at 14:30.

Ten classes are open, including: liquid and set honey; cut comb; shallow frame of honey ready for extraction; honey biscuits; honey shortbread; honey cake; honey fudge; beeswax blocks and a bee-related photograph.

Further details will be sent shortly. The Honey Show is a great opportunity to learn about exhibiting honey products, it's fun to enter and there are two prizes to be won.

January 2018

Renewal of membership

The deadline for renewing membership is **31st January 2018**. After that date a lapsed fee payment will be due. To make sure you receive your BBKA and branch newsletters and are covered by insurance complete the attached renewal form, which can also be found here:

<http://northsomersetbeekeepers.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/2017-18NSBeekeepersMEMBERSHIPRENEWALform.pdf>

Don't forget to indicate on the form if you are willing for us to share limited contact details with fellow branch members. Also complete a gift aid form if you are eligible.

Reminder of other forthcoming educational events

Contact Rob Francis if you are interested in any of the following:

- *The Improvers Course (Basic)* starting Tuesday 9th January.
- *Microscopy Course 2018* Introductory Session: Kenn Village Hall on Friday 12th January at 7.30pm.
- *Module 3: Poison, Pests and Diseases*
- *Woodwork for your bees: Making and innovating* sessions will take place at The Tithe Barn in Nailsea on Tuesdays 13th and 27th February and Tuesdays 13th and 27th March. 8pm – 10pm.

Full details of all the above were included in last month's newsletter. Rob can be contacted via: robfrancis@nssbka.co.uk 01275 462914

Finally, the next WINTER CLUSTER will take place at The Plough, Congresbury, on Tuesday January 16th at noon.