

North Somerset Bee Keepers



June 2018

Welcome to the 10th edition of our branch newsletter. As usual your feedback and contributions are very welcome. Please send items to the editor by 25th of the month.

Next branch meeting, 9 June, 2pm, Churchill – John Banks

The next branch meeting will be held on 9th June, 2pm, at Churchill War Memorial Hall. Our Swarm Collection Liaison Officer, Adrian Wells, will be speaking on swarm collection.

Keep your eye on our website for any changes to the 2018 programme, which has just been updated: <http://northsomersetbeekeepers.org/activities/>

General Data Protection Regulations – Stan Wroe

We have all been inundated with emails from companies about their compliance with the new GDPR which came into force in May. These affect charities too and the committee has been seeking guidance from the BBKA on steps we need to take to ensure compliance.

The BBKA is trialing a system with some local associations which will meet all the GDPR requirements, will allow electronic completion of forms, have built in email for secretaries and will in due course enable payment via Paypal. There is an Autumn deadline for implementation.

North Somerset Beekeepers has asked members for consent to share limited contact details with fellow members. We have reviewed processes to ensure data are stored in compliance with the regulations.

Volunteer sought for new post of Communications Officer – Annabel Lewis

The committee has identified a need for a Communications Officer who will take a proactive approach to working with the media to promote beekeeping and our branch. The post holder will also

work with other committee members to review branch communications with the aim of boosting attendance at branch meetings.

If you think you have the skills for this role, please contact me at: foot.print@btinternet.com to discuss the post.

Beekeeping taster session – Stephen Brain

Stephen is holding a second beekeeping taster session on Sunday September 23rd. This is a precursor to the winter course. The session will be held at: The Limes, Kenn Moor Road, Kenn, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 6UB. To book a place, contact Stephen on: 0777 321 1394.

Wider events coming up in next couple of months – Jenny Wakenshaw

- BIBBA 2 Day Queen rearing course 11th - 12th June Denbighshire LL21 0HA steve-rose@bibba.com £90
- Welsh Beekeeping Association Conference 13th-15th July Booking: www.wbka.com
- Somerset Lecture Day 4th Sept £5 8 Cary Court Somerton TA11 6SB
- Bristol Honey Show 1st & 2nd September University Botanic Gardens Lots of interesting classes with a chance to win the famous Silver Queen. Entries by 29th August. Entrance to the gardens included. <http://www.bristolbeekeepers.org.uk/honeyshow/bristolhoneyshow.html>
- BIBBA Conference 7th - 9th Sept Royal Agricultural university Cirencester GL7 6JS

Contact the Editor: northsomersetbeekeepers@gmail.com

- Humble by Nature
Various Dates: Beekeeping- Natural and Sustainable
Monmouth £115
- Zest Hives
01258473015
williamfsummers@btinternet.com Saturdays 10 -
1pm £20. Hosey Bridge, Dorset DT101HE

Bee craft monthly online “hang outs”

All are invited to join the Bee craft online discussion of topical issues. Watch the discussion or ask questions or comment live by email. Hangouts are recorded for future use. Future dates for your diary are: June 27, July 27, Sept 26, Oct 31, Nov 28, Dec 19. Access here:

<http://www.bee-craft.com/beekeeping/bee-craft-live/>

Monitoring Asian Hornets – *John Banks*

Just a reminder that Asian Hornet traps can be located anywhere and ideally away from your apiary. This will make daily monitoring easier and won't endanger your bees. Email the post code of your trap to: ja.banks1@btinternet.com to add to our map.

Bees in School – *Garry Packer*

I recently went into a Bristol primary school to run a series of activities around insect pollinators. I explained how pollinators are important for farming and the UK economy significantly improving crop yields. Then gave a short talk and showed (Rob's) video about bees (did you know there are about 270 different species of bee in the UK). We also had some honey tasting, candle making, dressing up in a bee suit, looked in an empty hive and then at some live bees in a display hive.

If you want to find out more, watch the video about honeybees: [For-children-youth-groups-and-schools-video](#)

Going into schools and allowing students to explore the world outside school and experience something new is really rewarding and I recommend it.



Host garden offered for beehive

A large garden on a stepped site in Dundry seeks beehive and beekeeper. A sheltered, sunny garden, very quiet and undisturbed. Close to churchyard managed for bee friendly plants.

If you are interested, please contact Jane Fowles on 07980 392 480.

Bees for Development newsletter – *Richard Ellis*

You may be interested in the Bees for Development newsletter which can be accessed here: [bees-for-development-newsletter-may-2018](#)