

North Somerset Bee Keepers



November 2018

Welcome to the 15th 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.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on Saturday 17th November at 2pm in Churchill Memorial Hall. The guest speaker will be Marin Anastasov who will be speaking on the subject of *The Mind of the Honeybee*.

Annual club membership renewal – Stan Wroe

Membership Forms for 2018/19 are now available on our website:
<http://northsomersetbeekeepers.org/members-area/>

We are also requesting all tax paying members who wish to participate in the Gift Aid process to complete a fresh Gift Aid form this year.

Our membership year starts on 1st November and you will have an opportunity to renew your membership at the AGM.

Christmas meal – John Banks

The branch Christmas Meal will be held at Mendip Springs Golf Club, Honeyhall Lane, Congresbury, BS49 5JT at 7pm on 1 December 2018.

Members and guests are welcome. You can select your menu choices and book your places on our website.
<http://northsomersetbeekeepers.org/christmas-meal-2018/>

The costs are £19.95 for 3 courses and £15.95 for 2 courses.

Apiary team – Annabel Lewis

Anyone interested in joining the Apiary Team described in last month's newsletter, please contact Annabel on foot.print@btinternet.com or 07814 225 319.

There is still room on The Improvers Course (Basic) Starting on Tuesday 8th January 2019 – Rob Francis

If you have been keeping bees for a season or more then this is an excellent way of sharing your experience and expanding your knowledge and understanding. We meet for 7 sessions on every other Tuesday in St Andrews Church Hall in Backwell. It's fun as well. At the end of the course you will have the opportunity of taking the BBKA Basic Assessment which acts as a gateway to further assessments.

However, there are some who just take the course to gain further understanding about the craft of beekeeping. If you are interested, contact me (robfrancishere@gmail.com) and I'll add your name to the group or provide you with further information.

Winter Cluster – Rob Francis

The next Winter Cluster takes place at The George in Backwell on Tuesday 20th November at 12md. Everyone welcome. <https://www.thegeorgeatbackwell.com>

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: Nov 28, Dec 19. Access here:

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

Outapiary available – Puxton Park

We have been contacted by Puxton Park where they are keen to have a beekeeper with a small number of hives. If you are interested, and to arrange a site visit, please email the Park's Animal Team: animals@puxton.co.uk