

# North Somerset Bee Keepers



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Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of our branch newsletter. As usual your feedback and contributions are very welcome. Please send comments or items to the editor by 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Programme of events 2018

There are some changes to venues in the 2018 programme. Visit our website and look under the EVENTS tab for updates. Here is the link to the page.

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

There are still places for the **Bee Improvement** training day that is being held on 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

The show schedule is attached. 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.

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. The Golden Jubilee Cup is awarded to the Exhibitor with most points in show and the Novice Shield to the Exhibitor with most points for a novice (i.e. has never won 1st prize or a trophy at the branch Honey Show). The more products you enter the more you increase your chances of winning!

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the **Woodwork Course** has been cancelled.

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## Two apiary sites available

### Wrington Apiary Site

This site is an orchard/garden in Wrington. If anyone is interested in sharing the fenced off space with me, at no cost, then please contact me, Margaret Myers, via email: [myers@pandmyers.plus.com](mailto:myers@pandmyers.plus.com)

### Wrington/Congresbury Site

Ivor Davis has an apiary between Wrington and Congresbury that can take around 6 hives.

If you are interested, contact Ivor at [ivor.davis@btinternet.com](mailto:ivor.davis@btinternet.com)

## Renewal of membership

It isn't too late to renew your membership. You have until the end March but renewals after **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018** will incur a lapsed fee charge. The renewal form can be found here:

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

## South West Regional Annual Report

You should have received this annual report from the National Bee Unit. If not, contact the NBU to update your details. You can click [here](#) to download it.

## Support needed by the branch

If you can offer printing or financial auditing services please let the editor know as soon as possible.