



September 2018

Last month

Meet the Bees: On Sunday 12th July our apiary team held our annual 'Meet the Bees' day at our apiary at Old School Farm. This event gives the public an opportunity to come along to the apiary and find out more about beekeeping.

Varroa Treatment: On Sunday 19th August our apiary team demonstrated various methods of varroa treatment at our apiary at Old School Farm.

This month

Kingsbridge Show: On Saturday 1st September our branch will have a stand at the show, giving out details on beekeeping and doing honey sales for branch members.

Varroa Treatment, Part 2: 2.00pm on Sunday 2nd September for Teas and Bees at Tammy's, 9 Christina Park, Totnes, TQ9 5UT.

Bristol Honey Show & Festival: 1st & 2nd September at University of Bristol Botanic Garden, Stoke Park Road, Bristol, BS9 1JG. See attached flyer for details.

BIBBA Conference: 6th – 9th September at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. See attached flyer for details.

Asian Hornet Week: 10th – 16th September has officially been designated as Asian Hornet week by BBKA. Details are on their web page <https://www.bbka.org.uk/asian-hornet-week> During this week, all beekeepers are encouraged to look out for Asian Hornets at their apiary. This is our best and last opportunity in 2018 of ensuring the UK remains free of Asian Hornets for another year. Details on how to identify the Asian Hornet can also be found at www.ahat.org.uk

Asian Hornet Webinar: 8.00pm – 9.00pm on Thursday 13th September. BeeCraft Live webinar hosted by Rhodri Powell, an experienced Welsh beekeeper. It can be watched through this link: <http://www.bee-craft.com/beekeeping/bee-craft-live/>

West Cornwall Beekeepers Association, Bit of a Do: 22nd September. See details through this link: <http://www.westcornwallbka.org.uk/bit-of-a-do-boad-2018/>

Coming Up

South Devon Beekeeper's Convention: 10.00am on Sunday 4th November (doors open 9.15am) at Aerial Centre, Ashburton Road, Totnes, TQ9 5JX. See attached flyer for details or online at <https://www.devonbeekeepers.org.uk/convention-html/>

Branch AGM & Celebrity Lecture: 2.30pm on Sunday 18th November at Halwell & Moreleigh Village Hall, Moreleigh Cross, Moreleigh, Totnes, TQ9 7JQ. This year's lecture will be given by our Branch Honorary member Ken Basterfield who will talk on 'Processing Beeswax'. Ken was first introduced to bees at 6 years old, but began beekeeping upon graduating in 1971. He increased his numbers until running 150 colonies by 1979. Ken took his BBKA Preliminary, Intermediate, Senior, and Senior Practical certificates, before obtaining his National Diploma in Beekeeping (NDB) in 1996. During that time, he completed a wide range of beekeeping including stock selection and breeding from the best locally-adapted performers & extensive queen raising. Ken has tried out most of the management techniques on large scale trials leading to 'best fit' tools and techniques for his own beekeeping environment. His son Daniel returned to continue the beekeeping business in 2005. Ken is a member of Devon BKA, and has held positions as Apiary Manager, County Show Chairman, Bee Farmers Association, a founder member of the Devon Apicultural Research Group (DARG), 1979, Examiner for BBKA Basic, General & Advanced Husbandry and for National Diploma in Beekeeping candidates. He is a member of the BBKA Examination board, a BBKA Trustee and a member of the NDB board since 1998. Ken is currently the NDB course director and the NDB representative to the FERA/DEFRA Healthy Bees Plan.



Devon Beekeepers' AGM & Devon Beekeepers' Day: Saturday 15th December. Further details to follow.

Notices

Asian Hornet

Details on all you need to know on Asian Hornets can be found on the Asian Hornet Action Team (AHAT) website at <http://ahat.org.uk/> Additionally, Martin Hocking's video on his experience with the Asian Hornet and on lessons learnt can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOnb3R2ozz4&t=69s> If you are interested in joining the Asian Hornet Action Team please contact Joe McGuckin on swbrickworksvcs@aol.com

Hembury Bee Supplies

Agents for the main manufacturers and can supply all your beekeeping needs. Contact John Harler, Outer Finches, Hembury Cock Hill, Buckfast, TQ11 0HN. Please phone or Email before you visit. Tel: 01364 642517. Email: fire221@btinternet.com

Big Wasp Survey

The results of the 2017 Big Wasp Survey are in and we are glad to hear that no Asian Hornets were found. Please see the link below for the results, as well as details of how to register for this year's Big Wasp Survey.

<http://www.bigwaspsurvey.org/2017-results/>

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Branch Website

<http://beekeepingsouthdevon.uk/>

<http://www.totnesandkingsbridgebeekeepers.com/>

Need help? Ken Basterfield holds the highest UK bee-keeping qualification, the

National Diploma in Beekeeping, and if you feel in need of some instant advice, you can telephone him on 01404 815885. Two of our most experienced beekeepers, John Harler in Buckfast (01364 642517) and Jeremy Wells in South Brent (01364 72180), are happy to be contacted at short notice by any member needing practical help and/or advice.



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