



SOMERSET BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Taunton & District Division

The Teaching Apiary
Heatherton Park
Bradford on Tone
Taunton
TA4 1EU

2017 PROGRAMME

Date	Day and Time	Subject	Venue
January 14	Saturday 7 pm	New Year Meal All welcome! Pre-booking essential await future email	White Horse Inn Bradford-on-Tone Taunton TA4 1HF
January 26	Thursday 7.30pm	Preparation for the New Season Tutor: Ian Homer	The Apiary
January 28	Saturday 10am – 4pm	Introduction to Skep Making – part 1 Tutor: Mick Male Cost: £27 per person Maximum numbers: 12 Pre-booking essential await future email	The Apiary
February 16	Thursday 7.30pm	Managing your bees for oilseed rape Tutor: Lynne Ingram	The Apiary
February 18	Saturday 9am - 5pm	SBKA Lecture Day Full programme of talks	Edgar Hall Somerton TA11 6SB
February 25	Saturday 10am–4pm	Skep Making – part 2 Tutor: Mick Male	The Apiary
March 11		SBKA AGM Hosts: Mendip Division	
March 16	Thursday 7.30pm	Preparing for swarming Speaker: Adam Robbins	The Apiary
March 26	Sunday: Items received from 10am; auction starts at 2pm	Our Annual Spring Equipment Auction Refreshments Raffle Free car parking	Ruishton Village Hall, near Taunton TA3 5JD
April 7-9		The BBKA Spring Convention	Harper Adams University
April 20	Thursday 7.30pm	Microscopy Nosema check Tutor: Rosemary Burgess	The Apiary

April 29	Saturday 2.30 pm	Tutorial about the BBKA Basic Assessment Suitable for all applicants (must have managed at least one colony of bees for a minimum of 12 months) Tutor: Suzy Perkins	The Apiary
May 6	Saturday 2.30 pm	Swarm control and splitting colonies Tutor: Tony Richards	The Apiary
May 31-3 June	Wednesday - Saturday	SBKA at the Royal Bath & West Show Volunteer stewards welcome. Await future email.	The Royal Bath & West Showground near Shepton Mallet
June 17	Saturday 9am - 4.30pm	Somerset Bee Health Day Cost £5, pre-booking essential. Details nearer the time Tutors: South West Regional Bee Inspectors	The Apiary + West Buckland Village Hall
July 15	Saturday 2.30pm	President's Day This is a very special day in our annual calendar held in honour of this year's President. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon and a scrumptious tea! Speaker: Graham Royle - "Heath Robinson as a Bee Keeper"	The Apiary
July 29	Saturday 1pm	Taunton Flower Show - getting ready! Help needed!	The Apiary
August 4 & 5	Friday & Saturday all day	Taunton Flower Show Our "Bees and Honey" marquee is one of the most popular at Taunton Flower Show. We stage the Somerset Honey Show in addition to our own Honey Show. Help is required!	Vivary Park, Taunton
August 9	Wednesday 6pm	Clearing & feeding Everyone welcome and help required!	The Apiary
August 11	Friday 6pm	Removing supers Everyone welcome!	The Apiary
August 12	Saturday 2.30pm	First varroa treatment Everyone welcome!	The Apiary
August 26	Saturday 2.30pm	Second varroa treatment Everyone welcome!	The Apiary
August 30	Wednesday 7.30pm	Extraction Day – brief theory session Tutor: David Pearce	The Apiary
September 2	Saturday from 10am	Extraction Day Hosted by David Pearce in his well-equipped extracting room at his home T 01984 623851	Haddeo, Bathealton TA4 2AG

September 16	Saturday 2.30pm	Hive insulation and ventilation Tutor: Derek Mitchell	The Apiary
September 16	Saturday 6pm	First feed Everyone welcome!	The Apiary
September 23	Saturday 6pm	Second feed Everyone welcome!	The Apiary
September 30	Saturday 2pm	Clean up the equipment & put it away Everyone welcome and help required!	The Apiary
October 4	Wednesday 7.30pm	Autumn Improvers sessions These sessions are suitable for all members, however experienced! The topics will be published nearer this time. Come for one session or come for them all!	The Apiary
October 11	Wednesday 7.30pm	Autumn Improvers sessions	The Apiary
October 18	Wednesday 7.30pm	Autumn Improvers sessions	The Apiary
October 21	Saturday 2.30pm	Bees in Mythology Tutor: Chris Park	The Apiary
October 25	Wednesday 7.30pm	Autumn Improvers sessions	The Apiary
November 1	Wednesday 7.30pm	Autumn Improvers sessions	The Apiary
November 8	Wednesday 7.30pm	Autumn Improvers sessions	The Apiary
November 18	Saturday 2.30pm	Our AGM! The life of a bee farmer Speaker: Ged Marshall	The Apiary
January 2018	Saturday 2.30pm	Late Varroa Treatment Date to be confirmed nearer the time	The Apiary

The Programme is subject to change.