



Southeast Somerset Beekeepers Association

2023 Events programme

March 2023

Hello Everybody,

Please find below the March programme update. From a refreshment point of view' it would help if you can let me know that you will be coming our events, please.

As ever, I am always looking for new ideas and hosts. All suggestions are welcome so please contact me.

As promised here are details of some practical sessions at our Apiary for beginners and members, please see below, further sessions will be publicised in advance.

When visiting the Hook Valley Apiary, please park on the gravel at the top and either walk down (approx. 500m), or if you need a lift just let Lionel know

Saturday 11th March @ 10.00am SESBKA Apiary, Hook Valley, Wincanton

Closest postcode is BA9 8BS (Holbrook Manor)

The gateway is ¼ mile northeast along the A371. (what3words ///smirking,reviewed,dream

A Housekeeping Day- Volunteers needed.

We have, very generously, been given a number of hives and other equipment all of which needs to be thoroughly cleaned before we can use it. Please come along with aprons, rubber gloves, scrapers, scrubbing brushes etc. Many hands make light work!

Please bring your own refreshments.

Saturday 18th March @10.00am SESBKA Apiary, Hook Valley, Wincanton

Frame making for beginners but open to all members. Please let Lionel know that you will be participating.

Tuesday 21st March 6.30 for a 7.00pm sit-down

At The Orchard Inn Galhampton, BA22 7BA The SESBKA Annual Dinner

Please see the menu choices below and then let me know what you have chosen by **Thursday 16th**

March. Payment directly to the Orchard Inn on the night. Teas & Coffees can be ordered over the bar.

We have enjoyed excellent meals and service for the last two years and the evening gives us the opportunity to have a bee free evening

Tuesday 4th April @ 7.30pm At The Market House Castle Cary

A Talk by Catherine Fraser on Bee Pests and Diseases

Catherine is a member of the Somerton division and an expert on these subjects with a reputation for giving interesting and informative talks.

Saturday 15th April. Dianne Sleigh Click & Collect Ansford Academy Carpark, Castle Cary

Please let Dianne know what you need for the new season and she will give you a time slot for collection. Payment by card only by phone or on the day.

Dianne is an agent for Thornes and has a range of Hives, wax & frames, smokers etc at competitive prices.

By arrangement you can also collect from her home in Buckland Dinham.

Dianne Sleigh, The Bee Depot

07879 811967 or sales@thebeedepot.com

Saturday 29th April @10.00am SESBKA Apiary, Hook Valley, Wincanton

A practical session on how to build Nucs from our existing colonies at the apiary.

This is the first time we have been able to offer all our members practical experience on how to achieve new colonies. Please bring beesuits and refreshments.

Please let Lionel know that you will be participating and whether you need to borrow one of the divisions suits.

Saturday 13th May @ 2.30pm An Apiary visit to Lionel Horler's apiary in North Barrow

Lionel plans to demonstrate a simple approach to Queen Rearing.

Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd June The Bath & West Show

This is on "our patch" and where volunteers will be needed for whole or half days. Entrance included. Further details to follow

Saturday 17th June @ 2.30pm An Apiary Visit to Adam Morka's apiary in Bratton Seymour

Adam is a progressive beekeeper who has brought many interesting techniques with him from his native Poland. Further details to follow

Saturday 15th July Commencing @ 10.00am. The SESBKA Annual Safari

Geoff Blay has kindly agreed to facilitate our event which is planned to start at our own apiary at **Hook Valley** followed by a visit to James Butt's apiary in **Milborne Wick** where we can enjoy our picnic lunches. Simon a local resident former gamekeeper and conservationist will give us a talk on his work. Finally, to the **Lattiford estate**, home of both John Wood and Brian Magor. Brenda Wood has kindly offered to serve tea and cakes.

Further details to follow

A Saturday in August @ 2.30pm An Apiary Visit to Mat Phillips' apiary in Marston Magna

Matt currently has four colonies. Further details to follow

A Saturday in September @ 2.20pm An Apiary visit to Pippa Shillington's apiary at Quarr Farm

Further details to follow

On A Date to Be Decided A practical Honey Preparation Session

Geoff Blay has kindly offered to hold a practical session where members can learn the skills of preparing and bottling honey for our Honey Show with the aim of increasing both the number of entries and quality. Further details to follow

Saturday 14th October At The Market House Castle Cary The SESBKA Honey Show

With set-up on Friday 13th

Thursday 16th November @ 7.00pm At The Market House Castle Cary The SESBKA Annual General Meeting

SESBKA Annual Dinner Menu

Starters

Broccoli & Stilton Soup (v)

Served with crusty bread & Butter. *(Gluten Free on request)*

Chicken Liver & Cranberry Pate

Served with salad garnish and toast.

(Gluten Free on request)

Deep fried Breaded Brie (v)

Served with redcurrant jelly & salad

Traditional Prawn Cocktail

Served with granary bread & butter

Mains

Slow Roasted Beef Shin GF

Served on roasted vegetables and parmesan mash, with a shallot & red wine sauce

Chicken Leek & Blue Cheese Pie

Served with chips & fresh vegetables

Grilled Cajun Salmon Fillet (GF)

With a creamy Cajun sauce, new potatoes and fine green beans

Mushroom & Pepper Stroganoff (V) *Vegan on request*

Served on a bed of rice

Desserts

Coffee & Baileys Cheesecake (GF)

Served with cream

Warm Ginger & Plum Pudding

Served with custard

Bread & Butter Pudding (GF)

Served with custard

Malteser Caramel Crunch

With ice cream

2 Course £22.50

3 Course £27.50

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