



The Quantock Quest

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Decluttering—now there's a word to strike fear into my heart.. As a lifelong magpie the thought of having to part with long-forgotten treasures that—may come in handy one day, are of sentimental value, may come back into fashion, can be fixed (probably), just needs a coat of paint—yes, the excuses are many and various! Very occasionally something found at the back of the cupboard may find it's way to the charity box, or worse, the dustbin, but now, I have a rival for those special hidey holes—a beekeeping husband! I thought I was bad, but beekeeping equipment? No contest. It mysteriously appears, little stacks of Apideas by the back door, a bee suit hanging on the back of a door. Cupboards begin to fill with candle moulds, Queen Cell Cups appear on the draining board and wax simmers in the slow cooker.

I don't know whether to feel pleased to be living with a fellow magpie or worried that all the spare corners are being snapped up.

Ring a bell? Jackie

Dates for your Diary

- Wed 11 Jul 7.00pm Drop In at the Apiary
- Mon 23 Microscopy (5) at the Apiary
- Wed 25 Jul 3.00 Apiary Management
- Wed 08 Aug 7.00pm Drop In at the Apiary
- Sat 18 Aug Visit by Yeovil Beekeepers

Learning the craft of Beekeeping.

Our annual Rent A Hive goes from strength to strength as we develop our teaching programme. New bee-theory sessions, carried out at the winter months and overseen



Which way is up? Making brood frames at the Apiary

Apiary, not only tending hives but also making nucs and brood frames. We are now also offering a monthly session of Apiary Management. Open to all members, we tend to the hives here at the Apiary, with experienced members on hand to help and advise those who would like to extend their knowledge. See your diary for dates.

Help is on hand for Rent a Hive beginners to make their own hives



keepers begin with Brymore School over by Ken Edwards. This year, the eager learners are now becoming familiar with the practical side of beekeeping at the

Bridgwater Flower Show

August 24th & 25th 2018

Bridgwater Town Hall

See you there!

Classes for Beekeepers:

- One jar of Light, Medium or Dark Honey
- One 1lb Jar of Crystallised Honey
- One item made from Beeswax
- Photo "Bees at the Hive Entrance"
- Novice: One Jar of Honey

WIN

Prize money
Perpetual Cups
£10 voucher for
Mike's Bee Supplies

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Your permission required



Our Quantock Beekeepers is a Division of Somerset BKA who are opening a Members' area on their Somerset website. (www.somersetbeekeepers.org.uk).

If you would like to join this group please give your permission for us to pass on your email address by emailing us on quest@windytor.myzen.co.uk and SBKA will contact you directly.

Beekeeping equipment to sell? Looking for something in particular?

Let us know and we will place your bee-related ad in Quest—free of charge to members.