



Somerset Beekeepers' Association

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SPECIAL LECTURE 2018

Wednesday, April 25

7pm for 7.30pm

Edgar Hall, 8 Cary Court, Somerset Business Park, Somerton TA11 6SB

Speaker – Margaret Thomas CSP, NDB

Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle.

There is no charge for this event!

Margaret Thomas lived in Essex where she and her husband Dick learnt their beekeeping in the 1970s under the tutelage of Ted Hooper, County Beekeeping Instructor at Writtle Agricultural College. She retired to Scotland in 2009. During her time in Essex she passed her BBKA examinations to become a Master Beekeeper and then went on to get her NDB in 1982.

She is a retired bee farmer and managed between 40 and 60 colonies. During that time she served on the committee of the Bee Farmers' Association (BFA) as Magazine, Pesticides, Minutes and Pollination secretaries, the latter managing the placement of around 1,000 hives in Kent on top fruit, some hives on borage and oil seed rape north of the Thames. Representing the BFA, she joined a research group as the beekeeper providing the colonies for a project on pyrrolizidine alkaloids in ragwort and borage honey. She was awarded Life Membership of the BFA.

Margaret has given lectures in a number of counties in England, Scotland and Ulster and has also been a guest lecturer a number of times at the week-long courses at Gormanston, just north of Dublin. She has been the weeks' tour lecturer for Scotland twice.

Now she is a committee member of the Scottish Beekeepers' Association where her brief is all subjects related to hive products. Beekeeping as an amateur with a limited number of colonies in a fickle climate is a new challenge. She continues to teach beekeeping and is currently the secretary to the NDB Board. She is one of the Moderators of the BBKA Examinations Board and also tutors for the BBKA Correspondence Course.