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Another year...

Welcome to the first issue of 2018 which is packed with news, features and a wax make to help enthuse and inspire you at the start of the beekeeping season.

On the cover is of Milns Priscott, who is one of just two Somerset members to have clocked up 60 years as a member of the BBKA; the other is David Morris and they are both members of our Division.

Another of our members, Rosemary Burgess, has been spending time in the apiary to see what the bees are getting up to. She taken some lovely photos of her bees gathering spring pollen and has some good advice for us all at this critical time.

Don't miss Neil Arnold's amusing account *B & B and Bees (or how we fled suburbia and escaped to the country!)*; in the last eight years he and his wife Kathy have renovated a house, created a productive kitchen garden, become beekeepers and run a business.

Buzz is your newsletter – your photos, articles, snippets of news etc are all welcome. The deadline for the next issue is: mid-April. Please send any material to me.

Wishing you good beekeeping!

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Report from the Chair

Welcome to the first edition of Buzz for 2018 which I hope you will feel informative at the outset of the new beekeeping season. We can but hope for a better season for honey production!

The apiary at Heatherton Park is being readied for the new beginners sessions which will go practical in April, which is not far off. In the meantime the beginners' theory started in late February and anything you can do to support the new programme will be appreciated. Many of you will remember the time given to you during your beginners' course and I hope you can repay this in some way by helping at the Saturday practical sessions in the Spring - Barbara will be asking you for support!

Your committee has not gone into hibernation during the winter and has been busy ensuring the 2018 programme covers topics which are of interest to you all. We welcome Mike Shaw as our new treasurer who is diligently looking after our finances.

The always popular annual equipment auction in Ruishton will soon be on us so it would be a good idea to start thinking about your equipment needs or excess items that you no longer require. Note the date in your diary (25th March) - there are always bargains to be had.

The speakers' programme is already underway and I hope you will continue to support these events and, at the same time, also use them as an opportunity to discuss your beekeeping life with like-minded friends at Heatherton Park.

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The Great War – commemorative planting near the teaching apiary

The committee members collected at the **Apiary on Valentine's Day [devotion to Taunton Beekeepers!]**, and found a note from the **Heatherton Park Residents Association** saying that they were proposing to plant a **World War 1 Commemorative woodland on Tim Everett's field opposite the Apiary.**

It's an exciting development which includes:

- planting a traditional hedge to enclose the new community garden in the corner of Tim Everett's eight-acre field, adjacent to the Heatherton Park Studio car park

- planting a 1.25 acre native-species woodland adjacent to the Heatherton Park House driveway

The woodland and community garden will be for the benefit of local people and a legacy for future generations.

If you would like to help – they are planning to plant 850 trees /shrubs on one weekend in March – they would love to hear from you.

Contact **John Abraham** on
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Apiary report February 2018

The Apiary at this time of year looks very bleak with not much activity amongst the bees. However a few warmer days have allowed the bees to fly. It has been noted that a large field near the Apiary has been sown with oilseed rape which should come into flower around April/May and hopefully provide good forage for the bees and ultimately plenty of honey!

As we went into January we had still not applied the apibioxel varroa treatment which needs to be administered during a cold spell. After a cold snap the treatment was carried out and during its application it was noted that all the hives had good clusters of bees in them, so here's hoping that they all get through the rest of the winter for the start of a new season with our new beekeepers.

Andrew Perry, Apiary Manager



Membership

Thank you to all our members for renewing their memberships so promptly! Almost all of you have renewed your membership for 2018 by now and we currently have around 146 members including around 38 associate members. You will all have received your BDI certificate of insurance from me which includes a receipt for your payment; please remember to check your certificate to make sure that you have been correctly insured and keep it in a safe place. If you do mislay it, I can send you a copy at any time during the year.

Once again, those people who have volunteered to be swarm collectors can be contacted via the BBKA website. This year, it will look a little different as visitors to the website who wish to locate a swarm collector will be directed to a Google map. They will then be able to choose the pin nearest to their location which when clicked on will open a box showing the name, phone number and email address of the swarm collector. Thank you very much to the 26 members of Taunton Division who have volunteered to be called out to collect swarms this year.

Lyndsay Stone, Membership secretary

Beginners' Beekeeping Course

Planning for the beginners' beekeeping course begins in September after the education committee decide on the start date and the format that we will follow for the next course.

The beginners' course is limited to 25 beginners which we have found is a manageable number for when we are out in the apiary carrying out the practical side of beekeeping. The cost of our course is £95.00 per person.

Letters are sent to individual people, asking if they would be interested in being tutors on the course and if so their availability. Details of the course, dates, and subject to cover are included in the letter. Once all tutors have responded the programme starts to take shape with any minor adjustments made, a first draft is then produced.

Potential beginners who showed interest at either the Taunton Honey Show or the Honey Taster Day are contacted by email in early December supplying them with an introductory letter and application form to complete and return by a given date, and also a Gift Aid Form to be completed and returned to the course coordinator.

Depending on the response received the beginner's course is then opened up to the general public by advertising on the SBKA web site as well as the

local papers in Taunton and Wellington.

The beginner's course begins with a six week theory session starting in February on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, covering various subjects such as the anatomy of a bee to the diseases that can be found in bees. Week 7 is usually the first practical session out in the apiary where the beginners get their first experience of handling bees; this concludes the first part of the beginners' course.

Through the summer months we hold a beginners practical afternoon on a Saturday afternoon from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. This gives the beginners valuable experience of handling bees in a controlled environment with the help of an experienced beekeeper being present to help and assist. The practical sessions involve queen clipping, removing supers for honey extraction, first feed, varroa treatment, and extraction of honey. This brings us to the end of our beginners' course which is usually in September.

Throughout the year the beginners are invited to attend the apiary at other times when the apiary is open to all members and various events are taking place.

Mike Dillon, Beginners Course Coordinator

GRAB YOURSELF A BARGAIN



Now is the time to sort out your equipment ahead of the season and see what you need and/or what you no longer use.

Come along to our Annual Spring Equipment Auction on Sunday, March 25 at Ruishton Village Hall near Taunton and sell unwanted items and grab a bargain.

There are sure to be plenty of lots, some mainstream, some quirky and many at bargain prices.

Expect to find hives, supers and lifts, frames, extracting equipment, books and magazines and miscellaneous bric-a-brac.

This is a busy day for us and we would be grateful for volunteers to come and help with the setting up, assisting during the auction [lifting items] and clearing up afterwards.

Contributions of raffle prizes will be more than welcome on the day! Bring them with you when you come. Thank you in advance!

Items received at the village hall from 10am – 1.30pm; auction starts at 2pm

Car parking is free and we'll be serving refreshments.



Master Beekeeper Marin Anastosov



It was a dark January night but 31 members came to hear Marin Anastosov talk about Comb Change and Wax recovery, writes Barbara Drakeford.

We had visitors from over the border in Devon included in our group – it was good to see them!

Marin started by reminding us that bees need 8lbs of honey to make 1lb of wax.

That 1lb of wax can make 35,000 cells, and 1lb of wax can be made by 10,000 bees in three days in optimum conditions.

So we must value wax.

Marin also reminded us that we should replace 1/3 of the foundation in a hive each year; if you hold the foundation up to the light and you can see light through it – it doesn't need changing. But if you can't see light through it – it should be changed.

It was a really good evening – the questions carried on all through the tea break, and Marin was still being quizzed by members after that.

We are pleased to be welcoming Marin back to the Apiary this summer to take a session on Queen Rearing – more details nearer the time.

Marin Anastosov: He was awarded a BSc in Animal Science and MSc in Organic Farming from Aberdeen University. He is passionate about sustainable food production and his working career has been in organic food and farming. He has kept bees for over 20 years and currently manages 25 colonies in Gloucestershire. He is a Master Beekeeper, Chairman of Gloucestershire Beekeepers' Association, and coordinates the BBKA General Husbandry assessment training. As a member of the BBKA Examinations Board, he is part of the team responsible for the development and implementation of the new certificate in honeybee breeding.

Talk and tea at our AGM

Although our AGM took place in November, this is the first issue of Buzz to provide you with an update about what took place.

Commercial beekeeper Ged Marshall from Buckinghamshire returned to the Apiary to give a packed meeting room an entertaining and informative talk about what it's like to be a bee farmer.

Ged started beekeeping when he was 15, got his first hives in the early '80s and went full time in July 1989 and has built up a business focusing on bulk honey production and queen bees. His daughter Rebecca was the first Bee Farming Apprentice to graduate in the UK on The Worshipful Wax Chandlers Apprenticeship Scheme and has joined the family company.

He runs 200 honey colonies (averaging 10 tonnes though the yield was down to eight tonnes last year), 600 colonies for queens and produces 1,700 queens a year.

His beekeeping year starts in August when he treats for varroa, replaces queens after two seasons and starts making up nucs.

With this number of colonies it is no wonder he doesn't check brood boxes from May to August, though he has plenty of bait hives which he sets up in the spring to catch swarms.

"Being a beekeeper you have to be an optimist otherwise you'd never do it!" he said.



AGM speaker Ged Marshall flanked by our President Chris Harries (L) and Chairman Peter Maben



60 years a beekeeper

Milns Priscott is our second member to be honoured by the BBKA for clocking up a fantastic 60 years as a beekeeper.

He was presented with a commemorative certificate in front of 180 beekeepers at SBKA's lecture day last month.

Milns, from Milverton, has been involved in beekeeping even longer – he helped his father keep bees at Broomfield on Exmoor. Today he keeps bees with fellow members David Morris and Jeff Tinson following a partnership with David stretching back more than 40 years.

He has given this Division huge support over very many years and has served terms as Chairman and President as well as being the Division's

delegate to SBKA's Council and SBKA Vice Chairman.

David, who received his 60-year certificate last year, wrote Milns' citation: "Whilst a student at the Cannington Farm Institute in the 1950s, beekeeping was part of the course. He was tutored by the County Bee Instructor at the time namely Arthur Rolt. It was at this time, along with other students, that he gained his Preliminary BBKA Certificate now known as the Basic.

"He joined the Taunton Committee in 1968 and served until 2002. In 2009 he returned to the committee until his decision to stand down in 2014, having been present for 39 years. During this time he acted as the Show Secretary from 1977 to 1985, was made Chairman in 1993 and



Taunton member Milns Priscott receives BBKA 60 years certificate from Ken Tredgett, President of SBKA

“Milns’ involvement with the County Honey Show is unsurpassed”

President in 1996. Throughout much of this time he acted as an advisory officer for the Division and from 2012 until 2013 was their delegate on the Council of the SBKA.

“His involvement was not just with the Taunton Division. From 1978 until 1985 he was the SBKA delegate to the Somerset Young Farmers Clubs and in 1981 for three years he became the Vice Chairman of the SBKA.

“As he became more experienced, he gave talks and demonstrations across the county and was prominent for many years becoming involved with the newcomers to beekeeping.

“All of this involvement is over-shadowed by the tremendous amount of time that he devoted to the

Taunton and Somerset organisations. For many years his exhibits would be seen at the various honey shows in the county and his involvement with the County Honey Show is unsurpassed. He always made himself available before during and after the show, setting up, providing the flowers and foliage as well as stewarding. His transporting of the equipment to and from Heatherton Park was vital.

“Most times he has offered his services before being asked. There is no doubt, that his modesty in not seeking the limelight, and his all-round involvement over so many years, across so many aspects of beekeeping in Somerset should be recognised by the BBKA with the presentation of a well-deserved 60 years certificate.”

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Vanessa Woodford who successfully passed the Basic Assessment last season.

To take the Basic you should have managed at least one colony of bees for a minimum of 12 months. Suzy Perkins is giving a tutorial for this year's applicants on Saturday, April 28. Pre-booking with our secretary **Barbara Drakeford** is essential:

email@drakelilles.co.uk

This is a practical assessment of basic skills and knowledge of the craft (it's not difficult! Ed). A pass is a prerequisite for entry into all other assessments.

The syllabus is available on the BBKA website:

www.bbka.org.uk/learn



Our President Chris Harries presents Vanessa Woodford with her Basic certificate at the AGM

Spring in the apiary

In spite of the weather being cold and miserable, the first signs of spring are appearing. Snowdrops, catkins and crocuses are opening out and, given a little warmth, the bees will be foraging for pollen and nectar.

At the hive entrance the bees can be seen with pollen sacs bulging, an indication as to what is going on inside the hive. The queen will be laying eggs and brood will be developing. The winter bees that have survived for so long caring and keeping the colony warm will need to be replaced and the colony begins a rapid increase in order to capitalise on the spring flower bounty, especially if you are in an oil seed rape area.

It is, however, a difficult time for the colony as the weather is changeable and the bees can be confined for long periods with no income of food and rapid use of stores. A well-fed and healthy colony copes well but a hungry colony can soon succumb to starvation. So it's a good idea to check



the colonies for stores by hefting the weight or opening up and quickly accessing stores on a warm day.

If needed, fondant or bee candy can be placed on the crown board so the bees can get to it easily. In a case where the bees are starving, spraying with liquid sugar syrup can help as an immediate aid with the addition of some fondant.

Not all areas have a good supply of pollen and as a necessary part of the bees' diet it may be prudent to give a pollen substitute.

Some colonies may have died out during winter, and there are many reasons for this, queenlessness, mice, badgers, livestock, winds, floods, falling trees or branches, starvation, and disease. Always remove and sterilise the hive as soon as possible. This will minimise the risk of spreading diseases and give you clean equipment ready to use when the season starts.

Before the season starts in earnest it's a good time to check on equipment and prepare brood frames and super frames with clean foundation.

It is so much better to be prepared than being in a panic looking for everything and the bees notice if you are stressed!

If you are short of equipment or have a surplus don't forget the our auction of second hand beekeeping equipment at Ruishton Village Hall on March 25.

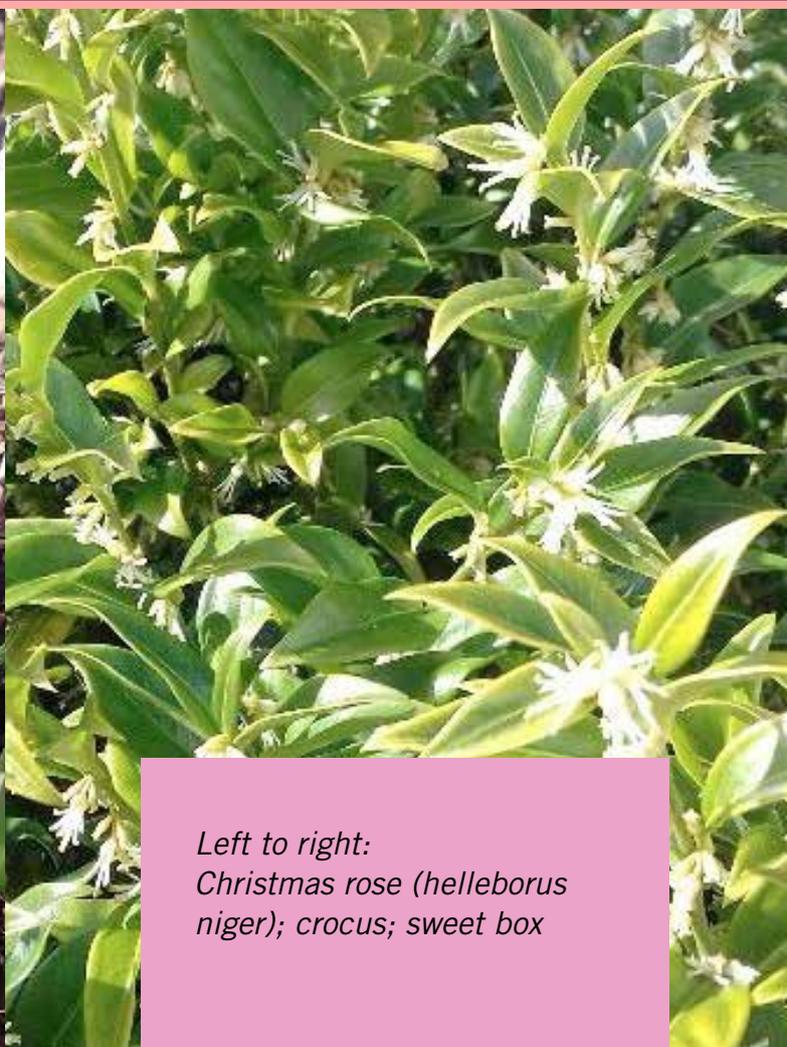
This time of year is also good for an apiary tidy or rearrangement to make handling the bees more efficient as the colonies are smaller and easier to move.

On the disease front, a dwindling colony at this time of year may indicate Nosema.

Check for varroa using the varroa floors and counting the drop down of mites, treat if needed before the honey flow.

A new season is upon us and we shall strive to care for our bees as well as possible and be rewarded by lots of lovely honey.

Rosemary Burgess, one of The Beekeeping Ladies www.thebeekeepingladies.co.uk



Left to right:
Christmas rose (*helleborus niger*);
crocus; sweet box

B & B and Bees

(or how we fled suburbia and escaped to the country!)

Just over eight years ago, my wife and I escaped from Slough and with two cats, two cars and a fleet of furniture vans we moved into our current home in Buckland St Mary. On the journey down, our solicitor called and mentioned that there was a leak from a hot water tank (after completion!).

The transition from a home in suburbia where everything functioned properly to a cold, damp dwelling with leaks, a dodgy RCD and electrics and piles of our possessions everywhere was not easy. Moreover my old cat and my wife were now questioning why we had done this deed, especially in the midst of a very cold January in 2010.

Our original plan had been to find a property that would lend itself to running a B&B. Whilst we spent many hours pouring over seemingly hundreds of properties on the internet and viewing 40 or so “in the flesh”, nothing was ever quite right.

However, on our wedding anniversary in June 2009, we looked at four more properties in a weekend and chanced upon our house. I am afraid that the views, our own water supply and land (including two acres of woodland and two more of fields/garden) ticked my boxes and the house was one of “a project with much potential”.

We wanted to become more self-sufficient growing our own vegetables, fruit, keeping poultry and bees and this was part of our grand plan along with a B&B aspect. As keen gardeners back in our old life, it was important to learn as much as possible about animal husbandry and land management.

To this end we went on poultry courses, I attended Burchetts Green Agricultural College near Maidenhead and did theory and practical modules on beekeeping. I also went on a pig keeping course and a condensed smallholders’ workshop to help our future needs.



So it was out with the toolbox and immediately to work trying to get the house a bit more organised and ship-shape. Faced with radiators that did not warm up because they were full of sludge, a wood-burning stove that seemingly swallowed a small thicket every day and was cold the next morning and many other impediments, we felt as though we had made a terrible mistake and were in fact in a vivid and chilly nightmare.

Simultaneously we were working on the paddock and planted 14 fruit trees into a mini orchard; dug out 11 raised vegetable beds and planted out a fruit cage full of blackcurrant, gooseberry and blueberry bushes, along with raspberry canes.

Subsequent years in the garden have culminated in an access road into our back garden, a hen run with 100 metres of poultry netting, finishing the half-built stable block and additional raised vegetable beds and fruit trees.

Later we were able to plan a full renovation of a derelict section of the house, this gave us two additional bedrooms and bathrooms and an extra lounge area. Within this is our "indoor well" where water was originally drawn by a lead pump for our home and the two adjoining properties. We had this feature restored and we now have an electric pump in there to water the garden (we have no mains water here), an LED fitting to illuminate it and a toughened glass lid.

I joined Taunton Beekeepers in 2010, bought my first national hives at the March auction and got to work with two colonies of bees. Over the years it has been a learning experience with successes and many mistakes.

The first years were good for honey yield as our summers were warm and dry. The weather up here in the Blackdown Hills is noticeably different to Taunton due to altitude. We are about 750 feet above sea level and our season starts about the beginning of May.

It is interesting when going to Taunton to see that whilst we had no leaves on the trees here, those in town were fully out and in blossom! There is often a five degree drop in temperature when we drive back onto the Blackdowns.

My hives were originally on blocks in the garden; however with the high winds and gusts that we get here I have now transferred them to specially built stands in our woods. The hives are tied down to these stands and are unaffected by the winds as well as inquisitive deer that abound here.

Being on the swarm collectors list, I am often called out to collect bees. I wish that people would learn what a wasp looks like though! However, in 2017 due to the poor weather conditions, I was not called out as the bees up here did not swarm at all. In fact I had no honey at all from my two hives

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It would be nice if more of you would enter the Honey Show classes in the beekeeping tent at the Taunton Flower Show, first Friday and Saturday in August.

Therefore the class I am writing about is **class 40 Commercial Block of wax.**

You will need to salvage and clean your wax as per instructions given, before you contemplate entering the class.

Class 40

Having cleaned your wax through lint - once is not quite enough for this class, make sure you have at least a pint jug of wax plus in your saucepan.

Have your jug ready with two pieces of lint to pour the wax through. Make sure that the two pieces do not touch. Leave ½ inch between. Attach the lint to the jug with two or three clothes pegs.

Have a clean, dry empty ice cream container to hand and have it resting on a weighing machine.

When the wax is warm enough, pour it through the prepared lint and then pour it into the ice cream container – having first turned on the weighing machine! You will need to pour in about 16-17oz of wax and that should melt down to the required approximate 1lb that the class requires.

Cover the ice cream container/wax with glass or something that is firm. Leave.

When cold decant from ice cream container. It is not required that the block of wax is perfect. Check the block for impurities with a torch shining through the wax. It should be quite clear/clean. Give it a polish with a cloth before presenting at the show table.

The only disadvantage of this class – if the judge does not find any impurities easily- they will break the block to see that the wax is as good as required.

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last year either. But memorable swarm collections include a BT telecoms box and bees in one of our old chimney voids.

Fast forward to 2018 and we are now seasoned B&B proprietors with up to three rooms for letting. We started with one room and honed our skills with this. We are also competent in IT matters and use internet applications such as Booking.com to get business from around the world as well as our own website.

Also we have attended many free seminars to become conversant with such activities as Blogging, Facebook and Twitter to advertise our business and get higher ratings from Google. This is important as it enables our business to become more visible to potential customers.

My wife and I have happy days in the sunshine making up brood and super frames, an occasional curious bee coming to see what we are up to.

Living in a remote area is our kind of heaven, something our B&B guests appreciate especially with the peace and quiet here. Sometimes they even leave with a jar of home-produced honey in

their bags, a useful income for more equipment in the coming year.

The chickens definitely like “spuddling” (aimlessly wandering around! - an old Somerset term) in the sun and with few neighbours within a half-mile radius, the bees are no problem if they do decide to swarm.

Our life is one that we can take control of here, there were times when I was “employed” that I thought about a better life and how I could achieve it. Many of my old colleagues said that Kathy and I were brave moving away to an area without a job or any friends or family nearby.

My answer is that you will never do anything like this if you do not seize the opportunity.

Also another thing I have learnt with a nod to beekeeping is that “you have not got the honey until it is in the jar!”

Neil and Kathy Arnold

Lodge House B&B

Buckland St Mary

www.lodgehousebandbsomerset.co.uk

Salvage wax from discarded brood /super frames:

You really need a solar extractor to do the job properly.

A wooden box with a stainless steel insert – go online to see designs on a beekeeping site eg Thornes or National Bee Supplies.

Have some foil cooking containers to catch the wax – they're not expensive.

Put your old wax into discarded tights/stockings before putting them into the solar extractor. These will save you having to steam clean the solar extractor or use a lot of elbow grease to clean it.

You may have to melt down the wax you have taken off to clean it again if it is for something special.

If you decide that you really want to do it indoors:

You need two different size saucepans – one to fit inside the other. Most people have some old ones lying around. Make sure you have water in the lower saucepan before putting it on the heat – enough water to come up the side of the saucepan dropping into it. A little water in the above saucepan, preferably distilled. Break up the wax in the upper pan. Wait for the old wax to melt. When melted allow to cool. The wax will float to the surface and you can throw away the dross below.

To get really good wax for special things use the cappings you have saved after extracting your honey. Wash the capping in distilled water to remove the honey –then melt down the wax as above in saucepans. Remember the longer you heat wax the darker it becomes.

Distilled water: you can buy bottles of this or try using the water from your dryer/humidifier.

Remember not to leave the wax cooking – hot wax can cause a fire if it over flows (just like lighting a candle – it burns.) Don't have children/animals around you at the time/don't answer the phone and forget what you are doing – accidents can happen especially if you are making candles and the mould tips over when you balance it and the wax spills over the floor/and kitchen worktops.

Put down paper before you begin anyway.

When you want to clear your wax and keep it for later - try lint attached to an ice cream container and pour into that. Put your old lint into the solar extractor next year and recover the surplus wax.

Remember that wax is MONEY – don't throw it away! You can make candles/wax flowers/exchange for equipment or new foundation when you visit your beekeeping supplier.



Jenny is a very successful honey show exhibitor; she and her husband Sid won the blue ribbon for the best exhibit in the Taunton and Somerset Honey Shows last year with their honey, wax flowers and candles.



Calendar dates

For more information about this Division's events, and those taking place in other SBKA Divisions, check out www.somersetbeekeepers.org.uk



Thursday March 8

IMPROVING HABITATS FOR BEES AND OTHER POLLINATORS

Time: 7.30pm
Tutor: Emma Jones, Somerset Wildlife Trust
Everyone welcome!
Location: The Apiary

Sunday March 25

OUR ANNUAL SPRING EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Items received from 10am;
auction starts at 2pm
Refreshments, Raffle and
FREE car parking
Ruishton Village Hall,
near Taunton, TA3 5JD

Saturday April 14

SWARM CONTROL, SPITTING COLONIES & MAKING UP NUCLEI

Time: 2.30pm
Tutor: Tony Richards
Everyone welcome!
Location: The Apiary

Saturday April 28

TUTORIAL ABOUT THE BBKA BASIC ASSESSMENT

Time: 2.30pm
Tutor: Suzy Perkins
Suitable for all applicants (must have managed at least one colony of bees for a minimum of 12 months)
Pre-booking essential.
Location: The Apiary

Thursday May 17

BEES ABROAD WORKING TO RELIEVE WORLD POVERTY THROUGH BEEKEEPING

Time: 7.30pm
Tutor: Julian Wilford
Everyone welcome!
Location: The Apiary



Offers of out apiaries

Solar farm at Tiverton

Contact the farm manager Dale Lewis
d.lewis@silverstonege.com

Cider orchard at Culm Davey

Janet Morrison of Culm Davey has offered an opportunity for an out apiary in a re-planted cider orchard [trees 10-12 yrs old].

If you are interested please contact her on 01823 681130 or
ammorrison2003@yahoo.co.uk

Floral garden at Fitzhead

Contact Guy Eastman on 020 7731 6038
or via briony.eastman@icloud.com

Garden at Cotford St Luke

Contact Dave and Polly Rhodes on 01823 432936 or dave@drsquared.co.uk



Classified adverts

If you want to buy or sell beekeeping equipment, you can do it here! We're offering free classified ads for Members and their families.

Email your advert to:
anne@ashford-media.co.uk

Remember caveat emptor – it's your responsibility to check out the goods/buyer! Plus, clean any beekeeping equipment thoroughly if you're selling or buying to prevent the spread of disease.