

Dear Member,

🔧.WE NEED A PLUMBER PLEASE - is there a member out there with plumbing skills please? We need a new tap fitted to the sink in the beeshed. It has leaked for some time, needs upgrading and it would please the team if a good working piece of equipment was in place!! Please let us know if you would be willing to donate some time to complete this task for us and we will provide more information. 🔄🔄🔄

The weather on Saturday 30th was atrocious but some of us enjoyed an afternoon with a small party of visiting 🐝 beekeepers from Okehampton branch. They were extremely impressed with our beeshed, our facilities and our apiary. We of course enjoyed lovely cake (thank you to all our bakers) with our tea. Thanks to apiary team and committee members who acted as hosts.

Anyone need a Queen? Contact Richard Simpson who is offering one but may now be gone of course. (rsimpson48@aol.com).

🐝🐝 Extreme heat followed by rain aplenty has and is reducing nectar supplies. Keep a check on your bees. 🐝🐝

Reminder: Preparation for Winter talk at the Beeshed. Saturday 6th Sep. 2.30pm.

CLEANING SESSION - BEESHED. 20TH SEPTEMBER 2.30PM. It's fun - honestly!! 🧹🍪🍰☕🍰📝

Yellow Legged Asian Hornet week 1st - 7th September

Our branch YLAH coordinators are Kevin Jackson (kevindjackson@hotmail.co.uk) and Millie Frankpitt (amelia.frankpitt@gmail.com).

If nothing else, read and learn about the insect. Make sure you have the AH Watch App on your phones and spread the word.



Please note we now need to call the insect the Yellow Legged Asian Hornet. Below is a map indicating an area under the spotlight with high risk YLAH invasion. We are on the edge of the drawn line. Consult the BBKA website for more information.



LATEST NEWS IS confirmed sightings in Runcorn and a nest in Langton, North Yorkshire.

NBU rolling update of sightings As of 28/08/2025:

342 credible yellow-legged hornet sightings have been reported in the UK in 2025. 86 nests have been found. Visit the National Bee unit website to see the detailed list. It makes interesting reading!

Dorset Beekeepers Association has extended an invite to us to their convention on 11th October at the Dorford Centre in Dorchester. 2 Bridport Road, Dorchester, DT1 1RR

£10.00 for non Dorset members. Booking and payment can be made using Ticket Tailor hosted by North Dorset Beekeepers Association.

The URL for bookings is: <https://buytickets.at/northdorsetbka/1793471>

9.30 am Kevin Pope (long time bee inspector) talks about his visit to Thailand to study Tropilaelaps, 11.00 am Ken Basterfield will be talks about marketing honey, 12.00 pm Dan Basterfield talks about his book on Apidea queen rearing, 2.00 pm Two workshops will run at the same time, take your pick. 1. Maggie North demonstrates making wax flowers. 2. Ron Briggs discusses setting up a honey house. 3.00 pm Steve Riley talks about varroa resistance.

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