



THE LANCASHIRE AND NORTH WEST
BEE-KEEPERS ASSOCIATION

**Liverpool and
Merseyside
Branch**

Newsletter

January 2018

Meetings and Events

The meeting on Saturday was incredibly well-attended, possibly due to the very special occasion of Arthur Gillet's impending 99th birthday this week. Several members were kind enough to bring delicious home-made cakes, scones and savouries and there was a bumper table of raffle prizes. So,

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARTHUR.
YOU ARE A STAR!**

Arthur will now be spending most of his time with his daughter in Northampton, so we will miss his incredible knowledge and experience to add to our discussions. Please come back whenever you can Arthur!

The Events Calendar for 2018 will be attached with this Newsletter though we still have a few dates to confirm. Our Bee Inspectors are required to cut down on giving talks for branches in favour of running Bee Health Days so speakers are increasingly hard to find for our meetings, but hopefully we'll still arrange an interesting year for you.

Our next gathering is ...da da-da da da-da daaah... (trumpet fanfare)

Annual Branch Dinner 2018

I am now taking bookings for our annual dinner at Blackburne House Bistro, on 23rd February. We always have a good night there, with the place to ourselves, free parking on site and delicious food. Booking is essential so please contact me and let me know your menu choices. It is great value at £20 per person for three courses. I will not be taking any deposits but if you cancel less than a week before the date you will have to pay in full. Menu choices as follows:

Starters

Winter Vegetable Soup
Smoked Mackerel Pate with Farm House Bread

Mains

Nut Roast Topped with Goats Cheese
Salmon Fillet in a Fresh Garden Herb Cream Sauce
Chicken Breast Provençale
All served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

Crème Brulée
Lemon Tart
Cheese board

Upcoming meetings in the wider Lancashire area:

- Thursday 11th January, Southport pub meeting, The Fleetwood Hesketh, Fylde Road PR9 9XH. This is a great opportunity to chat and share all things bees with some great discussion topics.
- Monday 15th January, Ormskirk Branch Meeting with Geoff Critchley - 30 Years of Beekeeping Mistakes, 7:30pm, Church House, Church Street, Ormskirk L39 3RD.
- Sun, 21 January, East Lancs, "Up Close and Personal", microscopy session with John Zamorski, looking at bee parts, pollen and perhaps Nosema, 14:00 –16:00, Acres Block, Hanson Cement, Ribblesdale Works, West Bradford Road, Clitheroe BB7 4QF, UK.
- Monday 12th February, Ormskirk Branch Meeting with Maureen Little - Keep your Garden Buzzing, 7:30pm - Church House, Church Street, Ormskirk L39 3RD.
- Friday 17th February – Preston, End of Winter Management & Planning for Spring, Janet Murray, 7.30pm, Church of the Latter Day Saints, Longsands Lane Fulwood PR2 9PS.

Also -

Saturday 10th March at 9:00am

Lancashire & NW BKA Spring Convention

Archbishop Temple School, St Vincent's Road, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire
PR2 8RA

Tickets cost £16 Early Bird, £21 Full, £18 for under 18s

Bring a Friend!

If you know someone who thinks they might be interested in beekeeping we would welcome them as guests at **up to two** of our meetings.

If they are hooked and would like to keep coming then they should contact Geoff Todd at beememb112@gmail.com for details of how to join.

2017-2018 Subscriptions

For those who have still not renewed their membership can you please pay now or else let us know that you no longer wish to remain a member. The fees for 2018 remain unchanged:

- Registered Member with three hives or less £25.00
- Registered Member with up to five hives £27.00
- Registered Member with up to ten hives £30.25
- Registered Member with up to fifteen hives £32.75
- Registered Member with up to twenty hives £34.50
- Partner Member at the same address £17.50

Please make cheques payable to **LNWBKA** and contact Geoff Todd at beememb112@gmail.com for the address to send it to.

OR

Pay by bank transfer* using the following details:

- Sort Code: 09 01 51
- Account No: 90159405
- Account Name: Lancashire and Northwest Beekeepers Association

***Important** - If you pay by bank transfer please send an e-mail confirmation to Geoff Todd so that we know the money appearing in the account is from you!

Barbara Roderick's Funeral arrangements

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held on Monday, 8th January 2018, 2.30 - 3.30pm, at the West Lancashire Cemetery & Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, Ormskirk, Lancs L40 7SP.

All are welcome and attendees are required to dress with colour and cheer. Family flowers only but donations to Southport Medical Day Unit will be accepted with gratitude. #beelikebarb.

A reception will be held at Merlins Bakery on Burscough Industrial Estate (Unit 707, Merlin Park, Ringtail Road, Burscough, Ormskirk L40 8JY).

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