

NEWSLETTER 235 – May 2018

Next meeting: 24 May 2018. The Ardencaple Hotel, from 7.15pm:

We will be holding a social evening for the last meet of the spring. There will be discussion about the how the season is progressing as well as a quiz. There is a suggested donation of £2 for the finger food that will be available.

SNHBS 2018 Scottish native bee conservation project

If you have Scottish native honey bees then the Scottish native honey bee society (<http://www.snhbs.scot/snhbs-2018-conservation-project/>) would like to hear from you. They are offering to test the DNA of your bees; you simply need to send them a sample of your bees. This is part of a larger project run by the Scottish Native Honey Bee Society which aims to identify, propagate, assess and distribute good examples of our native honey bee.



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BIBBA conference

BIBBA are holding their biennial conference in Cirencester on 6th-9th Spetember. Over 50 talks all about bees and beekeeping – the programme sounds fantastic. (<https://bibba.com/event/bibba-conference-2018/>)

Geilston Gardens

Geilston Gardens are holding an open day on 1st September and would like a manned beekeeping stand to chat to the public. Please get in touch with Colin if you think this is something that you might be able to help with: secretary@helensburghbees.com

SBA convention - 22-23 September

This year the SBA convention is being held in Glasgow. It's not often this close so if you've always wanted to go, now is your best opportunity.

Alert! European foulbrood has been found in Perth and Dumfries. It might be worth refreshing your memory:

<http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/public/beekeepingFaq/europeanFoulbroodEfb.cfm>

The image shows a screenshot of a BBC News article. At the top, the BBC logo is on the left, followed by 'Your account' and a notification bell. Navigation links for News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, and Radi are visible. Below this is a red 'NEWS' banner. Underneath the banner are category links: Home, UK, World, Business, Politics, Tech, Science, Health, and Family & Education. Further down are regional links for Scotland, Scotland Politics, Scotland Business, Edinburgh, Fife & East, and Glasgow & West. The article title 'Bee disease outbreak confirmed near Perth and Dumfries' is prominently displayed, with 'South Scotland' as a sub-category. The date '2 May 2018' and social media sharing icons (Facebook, Twitter, Messenger, Email, and a general 'Share' button) are located below the title.



Ideas for website

The HDBA website is migrating to a new platform. This is an opportunity for everybody to have an input into a concurrent re-vamp. What would you like to see incorporated? Do you have a vision for the website? Any thoughts and ideas please email Gordon: gordon@windsmiths.co.uk

Link of the month

More a search term for YouTube than link as it's in five chunks. Search YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com>) for 'The monk and the honey bee' for a programme all about Brother Adam and the Buckfast Abbey. Brother Adam is known among the beekeeping community for breeding the buckfast honey bee, a seemingly perfect combination of desirable traits all combined in one bee.