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2020



Chairman's Letter: I would like to start my letter this month with a reminder that tickets are now on sale through the YBKA website for our Spring Conference. This year's, prestigious, venue is the new, Yorkshire Agricultural Society's Pavilions of Harrogate on the Great Yorkshire Showground. Tickets are £25pp. The programme includes top speakers, awards to members and a buffet lunch (please state any special dietary needs at time of booking).

This year we have "E H Thorne" (beekeeping suppliers) coming along. Pre-ordered items can be collected at the event, without incurring carriage costs. There will be an array of items for sale on the day,

You must speak to Thorne's in advance if you are wanting to exchange wax for foundation or just sell it, as there will be very limited time to deal with this on the day itself.

"Compak" are coming, with a large range of jars and lids of all types for you to purchase on the day, order for delivery, or to collect your pre-orders. "Northern Bee Books" will bring along a large selection of literature for you to buy. A range of bee friendly plants and seeds will be available on the day, courtesy of Graham and Ginny Crera's: "Grangeside Nurseries". Don't delay! Tickets are going quickly. I'm looking forward to seeing and chatting to many of you there.

This past month of February has seen unprecedented rainfall across the country, including our own County of Yorkshire; undoubtedly related to global warming. We have seen rivers burst their banks in numerous places; homes awash with flood water on more than one occasion and fields of spring and autumn sown crops lie ruined, under several feet of water. I think we should spare a thought for our friendly farmers who allow us onto their land with our bees. This year, when there may be few, if any, crops remaining due to this constant deluge, will cause them great financial hardship.

The prognosis for a good, early, spring crop of honey is looking doubtful. Personally I haven't heard of any colonies being overcome with flood waters as yet, but I do know it's been exceptionally difficult for many members who have out-apiaries to even get to their bees, due to the flooded and water logged ground. Despite all this we must still remember to check our colonies' food supplies and top-up with fondant and pollen patties now, to help the bees build up over the next two, crucial, months. I have heard of minor colony losses to date, from several members, but nothing to cause me undue concern yet.

Our Education Team, Clare and Kirit, are doing a great job of organising exams and tutorials for you to participate in throughout the year, covering a large range of beekeeping skills. Remember to book asap to ensure a place. Send in your names to Clare for the tutorials and sign up for exams and assessments via Kirit. Check the website for details. Let's shine within the educational field, as we did as last year, possibly winning yet another prestigious award. With all this bad weather keeping us indoors, it's a good time to study.

Why not invest in a good book to help with your overall beekeeping education? Northern Bee Books offer a great selection.

Happy beekeeping and keep a close eye on your colonies and the rising flood waters!

Dave Shannon
YBKA Chairman.

YBKA Spring Conference and Reunion

YAS Pavilions Complex

18th April 2020 (08.30 am arrival)

[Note: the venue is at the main GYS YELLOW entrance, near Sainsburys]

The theme of the 2020 Spring Conference event is

SIMPLE, PRACTICAL, BEEKEEPING

The YBKA Conference Organising Group aims to provide an event that develops themes from previous events and allows enough time to address questions. We hope the new, enhanced, venue will be experienced as a more comfortable and convenient location.

The 2020 event has been organised with the help and generosity of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society (YAS)

Timetable	Details
08-30 to 09-15	Registration - please arrive for registration and refreshments to be completed by 9-15 am
09-15	Dave Shannon (YBKA Chairman): Opening remarks, presentation of awards and introduction of speakers
09-45	Gerry Collins (NDB) begins the lecture program with an entertaining, well-illustrated talk, entitled: "What to do about this?" He will consider many common beekeeping problems and guide us to their solution.
11-15	Tony Jefferson will give a short presentation, entitled: "Oh heck, queen cells! – What do I do now?" With the aid of a dummy hive, this is a demonstration of simple swarm control measures, intended to help you when are

	caught out by finding queen cells.
12-00	Lunch. Time for the greeting of old friends and the making of new. A chance to browse the trade stands for bargains. An opportunity for general discussion.
13-30	Gerry Collins will introduce Mini Nucleus Hives and his methods of working with them. This talk will cover the benefits, successes and pitfalls of managing the mini nucleus
14-30	Comfort Break
15-00	In his own, inimitable, style Jim Pearson will discuss the merits of raising your own queens, in a talk, humorously entitled: “HOW MUCH??? - £40 for a queen! Don’t you know you are in Yorkshire? – we want good ones and for FREE!” This is not a detailed talk about the complexities of queen rearing – but is structured to show and encourage us all that it is not difficult to raise your own queens. The satisfaction from doing so is one of the many pleasures of beekeeping
16-00	Finally - Questions and Answers A review of the day and a chance to put additional questions to the speakers and the YBKA GPC Committee. Your chance to give feedback and suggest topics for future events
Tickets priced at £25, including a buffet lunch Book now via the YBKA website. Remember to state any special dietary needs	
Grangeside Nurseries will be at the YBKA Spring Conference and Reunion “Here at Grangeside Nurseries we have brought together our combined knowledge as beekeepers and long-time horticulturalists, culminating in a nursery full of plants to provide forage and shelter for honeybees and other pollinating insects. We can advise you on how to encourage more bees and insects to your garden. We stock a wide range of shrubs, perennials, spring bulbs, fruit and vegetable plants. We can be found in the historic village of Cawood so why not pay us a visit (we have a great cafe too!) Or, if you prefer, we are happy to come and give talks to local groups.”	

Ginny and Graham Crerar: Grangeside Nurseries

Thorpe Lane

Cawood

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Ulster Convention

Date: Saturday 15th February

Last date to order for collection: Noon,
Wednesday 12th February

Holsworthy Devon Convention

Date: Saturday 22nd February

Last date to order for collection: 5pm,
Wednesday 19th February

Bee Tradex

Date: Saturday 14th March

Last date to order for collection: 5pm,
Wednesday, 11th March

Welsh Spring Convention

Date: Saturday 28th March

Last date to order for collection: 5pm,
Wednesday 25th March

BBKA Spring Convention

Date: Saturday 4th April

Last date to order for collection: 5pm,
Wednesday 1st April

Yorkshire BKA Conference

Date: Saturday 18th April

Last date to order for collection: 5pm, Thursday
16th April

Sale items, bargains and any of our normal range can be ordered for collection at any of these shows.
Items CANNOT be sent but must be collected by yourself or a beekeeping friend.

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Beverley BKA's Annual Auction - Sunday 26th April

Our annual auction of beekeeping equipment and colonies of bees is to be held at the usual venue - Woodmansey Village Hall, Long Lane, Woodmansey, Beverley, HU17 0RN.

Viewing of lots commences 10:30, auction commences 11:00.

For further information please check the Beverley BKA website -

<http://www.beverleybeekeepers.co.uk/2020/>

or Dave Hodgson on 07875 393588.

Save The Dates! Winter-Study Program

2020/21

We are pleased to confirm that 3 study days have been planned for next winter. Although the agendas will be built around the syllabus for each BBKA module, the sessions will be of interest to anyone who simply wants to expand their beekeeping knowledge, regardless of whether they want to take the exam.

17 October 2020: Honeybee Management (Module 1) led by Wendy and Simon Maslin

7 November 2020: Honeybee Products and Forage (Module 2) led by Roger Pool and Dave Shannon

9 January 2021: Honeybee Pests, diseases and poisoning (Module 3) led by Ivor Flatman and Derrie O'Sullivan

All three study days will take place at the Normanby Pavilion in Harrogate from 10am to 4pm. More details to follow but to register early interest please contact Clare McGettigan education@ybka.org.uk.

BBKA Practical Assessments and Written Examinations

The BBKA offers its members opportunities to prove their beekeeping knowledge and skills by way of various practical assessments and written examinations.

Closing dates for March Modules & Honeybee Health Certificate entries.

There are two important deadlines in February 2020 if you want to consider sitting one of the 7 theory module exams in March or the Honeybee Health Certificate practical assessment (May to July).

If you intend sitting any Module Examination in March 2020 then the closing date for receipt of entry forms and payment was 10th February 2020. The date of the examination is Saturday, 21st March 2020.

If you intend taking the Honeybee Health Certificate in 2020 then the closing date for receipt of entry and payment was 28th February 2020. The assessment will take place at a date and venue to be arranged in May, June or July 2020.

Written Module Examinations.

Full details of all the modules and syllabi can be found by clicking [here](#). The cost of entry is £30 per module.

Practical Assessment in Honeybee Health.

Full details and the syllabus are found by clicking [here](#) and scrolling down. The cost of entry is £40. Any YBKA member who has passed the Basic Assessment and has managed bees for 3 years or more can apply to sit the assessment.

Practical Assessment in Microscopy (IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

This affects anyone who studied microscopy under the previous syllabus (Pre-January 2020) AND has not yet sat or passed the assessment AND is considering taking the microscopy assessment in November 2020.

A new syllabus will be introduced in January 2020 for assessment in November 2020 and beyond. The changes are highlighted in bold on the syllabus. The January 2020 syllabus can be found by clicking [here](#).

Note about completion and posting of Examination/Assessment Form.

You have two methods of payment. You can either enclose a cheque with the form or you can phone BBKA and pay over the phone; the contact number is on the form. BBKA will then give you a receipt number which you need to write on the form.

Please remember to sign and date the Self Certificate of Entry Qualification box on the form.

The application form is only available in Microsoft Word Doc format on the BBKA website. There was recently an issue with a YBKA member who had difficulty with the form as they did not have any compatible software to open the form in a readable format. I have created the form as a PDF and can email it or post it to you should you have a similar problem.

If you are entering for the Basic Assessment, more details to follow in subsequent newsletters, then you will need to hand/post the form to your association Education Officer, who will forward it on to me.

If you are entering for any other examination/assessment, the completed form should be posted

to Kirit Gordhandas, YBKA Examination Secretary, c/o {email me for the address or speak to your association Education Officer for my address}. Either enclose a cheque or write the BBKA receipt number on the form.

Please remember to sign and date the Self Certificate of Entry Qualification box on the form.

Clicking [here](#) will take you to the Exams and Assessments section of the BBKA website where Application Forms can be downloaded.

2019 deferrals for Module Examinations.

You are entitled to defer entry for a module examination for up to 12 months. If you have deferred from March 2019 or November 2019 to March 2020 I will be writing/emailing you individually, in the next week or so, to confirm your intentions.

If you intend to sit the deferred module then you will need to complete an application form and forward it to me. The cost of a deferred entry is £15 per module.

Finally...

The above is intended for anyone who has not entered for BBKA examination/assessment before. It is intended as an aide memoir for those of you that are old hands at this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want any further information or any query answering

Kirit Gordhandas, YBKA Examination Secretary

(examination@ybka.org.uk)

Modules Applications – Local Education Officer, BBKA or YBKA Education Officer

Applications for March Module exams (ONLY) should sent to me at the address given above.

Basic Assessment & Honeybee Health applications for 2020 should go to your local Education Officer, who will organise the assessments (you can find a list of all their names and contact details in the November edition of the YBKA Newsletter).

All other assessments e.g. General husbandry, Advanced Husbandry should be sent directly to BBKA, who will organise the assessments directly with the candidate.

EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT DATES & FEES 2020			
EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT	FEE	CLOSING	NOTES

		DATE	(also see appropriate syllabus)
JUNIOR	£5	As Basic Certificate	Aged under 18 only in small groups.
BASIC	£20	1 month prior to taking the assessment	May be held at any suitable apiary. Normally small group of candidates examined on same day Last Assessment 31 st August
MODULES	£30.00 each	10 th February 30 th September	ALL MODULES held on 21 st March 2020 ALL MODULES held on 14 th November 2020 Dates for 2021 will be: March 20 th November 13 th
BEE HEALTH CERTIFICATE	£40	28 th February	Must hold Basic Certificate. May be held at any suitable apiary. Normally small group of candidates examined on same day Last Assessment 31 st July
BEE BREEDING CERTIFICATE	£80	28 th February	Must hold Basic Certificate. Held at apiary of candidate.
GENERAL CERTIFICATE in BEEKEEPING HUSBANDRY	£80	28 th February	Must hold Basic Certificate. Held at apiary of candidate.
ADVANCED CERTIFICATE in BEEKEEPING HUSBANDRY	£120	<u>28th February</u>	<u>Must hold General Certificate in Beekeeping Husbandry</u> To be held at Stoneleigh on 29/30/31 May 2020 and 12/13/14 June 2020 depending on numbers
SHOW JUDGE	£40	N/A	Must hold Basic Certificate. See entry requirements in Prospectus
MICROSCOPY	£60	31 st August	Must hold Basic Certificate. To be held at various venues 21 st /22nd November 2020 plus other dates as required
CORRESPONDENCE COURSES	£60each	N/A	Available for the Basic, all seven Modules

Further information including Examination/Assessment application forms and syllabi are available from the web site www.bbka.org.uk

Refunds and deferrals

1. If there is a valid reason for not taking an examination or assessment, a refund can be given.
2. Generally, there will be an administration charge of £10.00 deducted from the refund except:
 - no refunds will be given after the closing date for Modules, or Advanced Husbandry
 - no refund will be given for Microscopy or General Husbandry if withdrawal is within one month of the assessment
3. Deferral of an exam or assessment is allowed, as an alternative to a refund, provided due notice is given. This is for one year only and there will be an administration charge of half the entry fee, payable on re-application. After 1 year the full fee will be payable. Candidates who have deferred an exam must send an application form with the deferral fee when they wish to take the exam/assessment.

Non-Members

- For the Junior Assessment, BBKA Membership is not required
- For Members of Welsh BKA, Scottish BKA or Ulster BKA an additional fee of £9 will be required.
- All other candidates must hold BBKA membership of some category.

YBKA EXAMINATION & ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Module Exams

The closing date for the March 2020 written module exams has passed. There are 17 candidates sitting 19 exams.

If you are a candidate for the March exam then just a quick message to let you know that I am in the process of emailing you with the final details of location, timings, etc.

The closing date for the November 2020 written modules exams is 30th September 2020. You have plenty of time to have a look at the various modules; click on the links below. They are:

- Module 1 – Honeybee Management
 - [<Syllabus>](#) & [<Study notes>](#)

- Module 2 – Honeybee Products and Forage
 - <[Syllabus](#)> & <[Study notes](#)>
- Module 3 – Honeybee Pests, Diseases and Poisoning
 - <[Syllabus](#)> & <[Study notes](#)>
- Module 5 – Honeybee Biology
 - <[Syllabus](#)>, <[Study notes](#)>, & <[Background reading](#)>
- Module 6 – Honeybee Behaviour
 - <[Syllabus](#)> & <[Study notes](#)>
- Module 7 – Selection and Bee Breeding of Honeybees
 - <[Syllabus](#)> & <[Study notes](#)>
- Module 8 – Honeybee Management, Health and History.
 - <[Syllabus](#)> & <[Study notes](#)>

Module 8 must be the last module to be taken, otherwise they can be tackled in any order.

Also remember that the YBKA runs a number of Module study days each year; more details from the YBKA <[website](#)> or email Claire McGettigan, YBKA Education & Training Officer. (education@ybka.org.uk)

Basic Assessment (Certificate of Proficiency in Apiculture)

The responsibility for the administration of the Basic Assessment is with your local association Education/Examination officer and they should be your first port of call.

Your association website or newsletter should have the contact details. Below is a list of the associations and names:

Association	Name
Airedale	Chris Hardy
Barkston Ash	Tony Bower
Barnsley	Val Francis
Beverley (Examination)	Patrick Lynch
Bradford (Examination)	Richard Hepplestone
Darlington	Shirley Bond
Doncaster	Linda Richards
Easingwold	John Gaunt
Halifax	Elaine Robinson
Huddersfield	David Fahey
Leeds	Cath Graham
Malton	David White
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Richmond	Peter Russell
Rotherham	Bronwen White
Ryedale	Rhona Sutherland
Scarborough	Steve Muchow
Selby	Kirit Gordhandas
Wakefield	Mark Millard
Wharfedale	Laurie Prowse
Whitby	Tony Jefferson
York & District	Julia Smith

The YBKA will acknowledge your success in passing the Basic Assessment by refunding your £20 entry fee via your local association.

I will be emailing all local association Education/Examination officers in the 1st week of March regarding the basic practical assessment.

Submission of application forms and payment

I am now able to accept completed PDF application forms by email. All I ask is that the information on the PDF is readable. Also please remember that the **Self Certificate of Entry Qualification** needs to be signed and dated.

Payment for any BBKA examination/assessment can be made over the phone directly with the BBKA (Tel: 02476696679), just record the receipt number on the payment section of the application form.

Payment can also be made by cheque, payable to **BBKA**, but please also enclose your application form with the cheque; you must not post the cheque and email the application form.

Finally

If you want any further information on any BBKA written examinations or practical assessments then please check the BBKA <[website](#)> or email me.

Kirit GORDHANDAS

YBKA Examination & Assessment Secretary

examination@ybka.org.uk



Examinations Board

Application to Enter for an Examination/Assessment

(Please complete with block letters)

Surname..... Title..... Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms other
Forenames..... (to appear on certificate) Tick if under 18 ☐
Address..... Town.....
County..... Postcode..... Telephone.....
Email address..... BBKA Membership Number.....

Please circle the Examination(s) / Assessment(s) you wish to enter:

Junior	General Husbandry	Microscopy	Bee Health
Basic	Advanced Husbandry	Show Judge	Bee Breeding
Modules: March:	1 2 3 5 6 7 8	November:	1 2 3 5 6 7 8

A cheque payable to the BBKA for £..... is enclosed with this application or I have paid £..... by credit/debit card (by telephone to BBKA Head Office, 0247 6696679). Receipt Number

Applicant, please enter your name and contact details in the box at the foot of the page. Receipts will be sent to the Area Examination Secretary to ensure they have a confirmed record of your entry.

We are committed to helping all people access our examinations including those who have a disability, learning difficulty, dyslexia or a health problem. If you think you will need special consideration such as additional time or other support when taking an exam please tick the box: ☐

SELF CERTIFICATE OF ENTRY QUALIFICATION

I confirm that I meet the Conditions of Entry as stated in the prospectus for this/these Examination/Assessment(s) and I understand that this data will be stored and used for Examinations purposes including the publication of successful results in the BBKA News and on the BBKA Website. Your data will not be passed on to any third party.

Signed:Candidate Signature Date:.....



British Beekeepers' Association - Examinations Board

Receipt of Application Form

Enter the name and address of your Area Examinations Secretary in this box: Kirit Gordhandas, YBKA Examination Secretary, 19 Balmoral Drive, Ferrybridge, Knottingley, West Yorkshire WF11 8RQ Assessment/Exam	Enter your details: Name: Email address: Telephone number:	BBKA Office Use Receipt: Date:
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Forward completed form plus remittance to your Area Association Examination Secretary



The Apiary in March

Well February has been another wet month and I hope you and your bees survived storms Ciara and Dennis. Wherever I go, the land is completely waterlogged. The oil seed rape plants, where I live, are yellowed and appear to be struggling; but there are catkins present on hazel and the wild plum in our garden is in bloom, so signs of spring and nature coming back to life are present all around us.

March can be a very temperamental month where we can have some nice sunny weather and then some really cold days. Remember the 'Beast from the East' in 2018 which began with a cold snap on 22 February with further cold snaps well into March? Last year (2019) saw a wet March, but the highest temperature of 19.8C was recorded in Kew Gardens on the 26th and the lowest of -6.9C was recorded at Aboyne (Aberdeenshire) on the 5th. Closer to home 6cm of snow was recorded at Middleton (Derbyshire) on the 10th. This is really one of those months where you must "suck it and see".

It can be a critical month for the bees and often results in a substantial number of colony losses due to starvation. As days get longer and hopefully warmer, the queen will be laying more eggs. At the same time the winter bees will be dying off. From late February to late April there are more larval mouths to feed than adults to feed them and food can easily be in short supply.

The main factor which will see a colony through is good weather. If it is fine, foragers can usually find food. They still need regular checking for supplies, so continue to heft hives, if experienced enough to assess the weight by this method. Lift one side or corner of a hive gently to just take the weight and if it feels light it is possible that there is very little food left. If you cannot attempt this method, gently lift the crown board to have a quick look. If using this method do it on a warm day when the ambient temperature is reaching double figures and be as quick as possible. Fondant can still be added and, as stated in previous articles, I add it directly on top of the cluster to give them easy access should the weather turn cold and they need to form a tight cluster. Remember to replace everything ASAP.

Pollen supplements can be fed throughout March, especially if the weather restricts bees flying and collecting pollen for themselves. Good nutrition is essential for larval development. Pollen intake in the first 5 days of an emerged bee is essential for gland development and ensuring they can perform all their future duties.

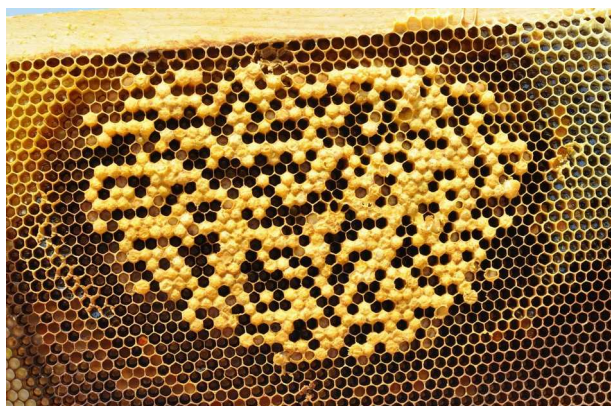
With the ambient temperature increasing throughout March, you can give your bees syrup as it should be warm enough for them to move up from the brood nest and take it. If making syrup yourself the strength at this time should be 1:1. That is 1kg of sugar stirred into 1 litre of hot water. This is referred to as a light syrup and the bees will not store for long as they generally use it straight away. Remember not to use brown sugar as it contains impurities that can upset a bee's digestive tract. Also remember not to overheat the syrup as heating sugar can change its nature. Feed using a contact feeder placed above the feed hole on the crown board.

Feeding with syrup will induce the queen to lay more eggs so the population will increase faster. Consequently, you may have more foragers to collect nectar and produce honey, but remember, it may bring forward swarming, so you need to be vigilant. I will cover swarming next month.

If the weather improves towards the end of March, it may be possible to undertake a quick inspection. I know some beekeepers take the first available opportunity, whilst others leave it until early April, but this is clearly dependent on weather. You can perform the inspection on a warm, calm, day with a temperature of 12 to 16C being ideal. This would be the first inspection, which should be very brief, is to ascertain:

- There is a queen, laying worker eggs at a reasonable rate. You do not have to search and find the queen.
- There is enough food available to get them through any possible bad weather.

It is possible that when you check the sealed brood pattern it is irregular and has raised/domed cappings on worker cells. This is a sign of either a drone laying queen or laying workers.



Typical raised cappings indicating a drone laying queen

At this time of year there is little prospect of obtaining a queen, unless you have taken a nucleus through winter. The options are limited, but I have successfully united a colony of bees that had a drone laying queen with another, queen-right colony. Whilst the winter bees are coming to the end of their lives, they can still bolster a weak colony and assist in a rapid build-up.

Remember before merging, the old queen needs to be removed and dispatched. Make sure that the bees show no signs of disease and unite using the newspaper method.

If you cannot find the queen and suspect laying workers, then a different procedure needs to be adopted before merging. If unsure seek advice from a more experienced beekeeper.

If there is evidence of a correctly laying queen then check food stores, moving any full frames closer to the brood nest and any old frames you intend replacing out to the edges.

If we are lucky the sun will shine, the flowers will bloom as early as mid-March and you may find that a super may need to be added!

'Til next month
Mark Millard

YBKA CALENDAR 2020

Friday 13th March: GPC Meeting (Harrogate) 6pm

Saturday 21st March: BBKA Module Exams (10am – 4pm)

3rd, 4th & 5th April: BBKA Spring Convention (Harper Adams)

Saturday 18th April: YBKA Spring Conference and Reunion (YAS Pavilions, Harrogate)

Friday 29th May: GPC Meeting (Harrogate) 6pm

June 9th/10th: YAS Schools' Days

July 14th – 16th: Great Yorkshire Show (Harrogate)

Friday 3rd July: GPC Meeting 6pm (Venue tba)

Friday 2nd October: GPC Meeting (Harrogate) 6pm

Saturday 17th October: Module 1 Study Session (Harrogate) 10am-4pm

October 22nd – 24th: National Honey Show

October 24th/25th: Countryside Live & YBKA Honey Show (Harrogate)

Friday 6th November: GPC Meeting (Harrogate) 6pm

Saturday 7th November: Module 2 Study Session (Harrogate) 10am-4pm

Saturday 14th November: BBKA Module Exams (10am-4pm)

Saturday 28th November: AGM (Harrogate) 10am

Committee Details

Dave Shannon is Chair of YBKA

Mark Millard is Vice Chair

Norbert Cooper continues as Treasurer

Kirit Gorhandas is Examination and Assessments Officer

Clare McGettigan is Education Training Officer

Linda Schofield is Secretary

Tony Jefferson is the YBKA Delegate to BBKA.

Chris Barlow continues as Newsletter Editor

David Lamont continues as YBKA Webmaster

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