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ROSEBAY WILLOW HERB

FloweringJuly to September

Rosebay Willow Herb is one of the best of the wild bee plants of the British Isles and not infrequently yields surplus honey to beekeepers who are fortunate enough to be in areas where extensive stands of the plant exist.

('Plants for Bees' W.D.J. Kirk & F.N. Howes)

Hello All

You may be aware that The Friends Meeting House in Basford Newcastle where we hold our monthly meetings will be closing at the end of the year. Consequently Lynn our programme secretary with the help of other committee members have been working

hard to find a suitable venue for the start of 2026. Well, after much searching I am pleased to tell you that we have now settled on Meir Park Community Center, Lysander Road, Meir Park. This has many attributes which include easy access from all sides of the city via major roads. Ample parking, Good sized room, access to outside garden space, an area to site bees for workshops or other functions, friendly and helpful admin staff. We will finish our meetings for 2025 at the Friends Meeting House and be in touch towards the end of the year with more details of our move.



A NOTE THE LONGEST DAYof the year might have passed most of us by without notice.

But we can be sure that its different for the bees

The Summer Solstice marks the longest day of the year. This happened on the 21st June. Honeybees respond to the longest day of the year by transitioning from a period of colony expansion to one of contraction and preparation for winter will have begun. It

takes an attentive beekeeper to see and feel the beginning of the change in the colonies dynamics and to act accordingly to the bees needs. This change will build has we move into the autumn months and the winter bees take over to carry the colony through to next Spring.

MICROSCOPY WORKSHOP



Why don't you join us for our Honeybee Microscopy Workshop on September 14th at Blythe Bridge Community Hall from 9am to 4pm.

This hands-on event, led by expert Microscopist Sean Stephenson, offers beekeepers the chance to explore honeybees

in detail through microscopy, enhancing the understanding of bee anatomy, diseases, and the collection of pollen including sampling honey.

Following our previous successful session, Sean offers a follow up to his last course, but the day will equally be suitable for those new to microscopy.

Whether you're looking to deepen your knowledge or improve your beekeeping skills, this workshop will provide valuable insights into the fascinating world of honeybees.

The places are limited so book early by going to our website:

<https://northstaffsbees.org.uk/event/nsbka-basic-microscopy-course/>

The course is limited to 12 attendees and is offered on a first come first served basis.

In the event of the course being over subscribed we hope that it may be possible to run further courses in the future.

Cost £38

Please bring your own packed lunch.

Arrival 9.00 for a 9.30 start

Morning Session:

12.15 – 1.00 pm Lunch break

Afternoon Session:

Finish time approx. 4.00 pm



One of our members sent the following link which should take you to BBC Radio four news featuring a short report on the upcoming 'World of Wasps' Exhibition . The short item starts at 1 hour 22 minutes as shown on the programme timeline .

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002dzj4>



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