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TO ALL OUR MEMBERS
Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!



While considering your festive plans, please remember to make space for our annual Christmas meeting. It's a great time to come together to chat and share your beekeeping experiences.

Guests are welcome too!

So come and join us for our annual Christmas Social – our last in the FMH before we move to our new venue in 2026.

Join Mike Walker over a glass of good cheer and Christmas bites for a Q&A session and a review of the 2026 beekeeping year. Let's make our last visit to Newcastle one to remember.

NSBKA will provide the drinks but contributions to the Christmas buffet are greatly appreciated.

Please contact Pat Twigg on her landline (01630 673299) and let her know what you can bring along. Pat can make sure we have a varied menu – otherwise we may have a glut of mince pies!

Raffle prize donations also appreciated

North Staffordshire BKA

Christmas Social

**Q&A Session and
Review of
2025**

Wednesday December 3rd 2025

7.30 pm

**Friends Meeting House
2 Miller Street
Newcastle Under Lyme
ST5 1QJ**

LAUNCH OF A NEW BBKA WEBSITE

BBKA Website (<https://www.bbka.org.uk/>)

A new BBKA website will go live next week. The updated site is designed to offer improved navigation and engaging content for the general public seeking information on honey bees, beekeeping, the Yellow-legged Asian Hornet and honey.

We've also streamlined how you access member-only information. The dedicated 'Beekeepers' area on the old website has now been retired, and all member exclusive resources have been relocated to our learning platform. This change ensures that materials are securely available to members only, as the new website itself does not support restricted access.

BBKA Learning Online (Member Hub) (<https://learning.bbka.org.uk/>)

The learning platform will be renamed 'BBKA Member Hub' to coincide with the launch of the new redesigned website.

Registered, Partner, School, Junior and Honorary Members can access the 'Member Hub' using their membership number and

postcode and it will remain the main platform for beekeeping resources and training materials.

There are currently nine main sections on the Member Hub:

Latest News and Events: Calendar of Events (including Association events), Monthly Highlights, Summary of New Content and Member Feedback Form.

Resources for Members: Wide selection of resources and learning blocks covering all topics including Beekeeper Training (includes GH26), Honey & Hive Products, Module Study, The Beekeeping Year and Zoom Talks.

Yellow-legged Asian Hornet: Information for YLAH Teams & Awareness Resources

Exams & Assessments: General Exam Information, Syllabi & Information Packs, Reading Lists & Module Past Papers

Resources for Association Officers: Training resources for use by Associations. Please note this section is only accessible by Association Officers using a previously supplied password (enrolment key).

BBKA News Magazine Archive: Digital copies of BBKA News going back to 2020.

Correspondence Courses: Paid courses with an assigned tutor, offered in six-month blocks which need to be purchased via the website shop. Free of charge module study units (without an assigned tutor) are available under 'Resources for Members' at any time.

Association Area: Information shared by Associations.

Admin & Compliance: ADM Documents, Association Resources, Insurance Documents, Policies & Risk Assessments.

If members experience problems logging into the Member Hub or need additional help, they should email [http://bbka@bbka.org.uk](mailto:bbka@bbka.org.uk) or call 024 7669 6679.



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