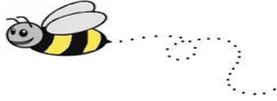


The Tivvy Buzzette

Newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers – September 2013

OUR NEXT BRANCH MEETINGS



Sunday 8th September, 2-4pm

Branch Barbecue at Uplowman Village Hall
details below

Wednesday 18th September

Ian Homer – The Queen-less colony and its
remedies

Wednesday 16th October

Dr Richard Lee – Bee Sting Allergy

Wednesday 20th November

AGM & Bob Ogden – Bee Folklore

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas meal

Please come out and support your branch at
our meetings.

Basterfields Honey farm visit

My name is Christine Osborne I am programme
secretary for Newton Abbot.

We are having a visit to the Basterfields Honey farm on
Saturday 14th September 2.00-4.00 in East Devon. We
need to have 20 people minimum and we have 15 at the
moment, with some from Exeter. I wondered if some of
your members would like to come?

The cost is £5.00 there will be a tour of the premises
followed by home made refreshments in the new
garden room tea shop and a small exhibition of books/
magazines /leaflets.

If any member would like to come a long please contact
me ASAP.

Kind regards
Christine Osborne
01626 351983

Branch Barbecue

As an extra to our summer programme, you and your family are invited to the Branch end of season
barbecue. It will be held at Uplowman Village Hall on Sunday 8th September between 2 & 4pm. We
will have plenty of hot dogs, soft drinks, tea, coffee and cakes for you to enjoy. There will be the
chance to share with us your experience of bee keeping over the summer, learn more about the
proposed Branch Apiary, our Bulk Buying scheme, training courses available and our buddy/mentor
scheme.

We really hope you will join us during the afternoon.

Please email your reply ASAP to Tony Lindsell tony.lindsell@btinternet.com, or myself – further
contact details in the DBKA Directory – to ascertain numbers so that we will know how much food
to supply.

Barbara Brannam

My life with bees, and how it all started – William Lines

Soon after we moved to Devon I went on a beginners' course run by Keith and Bob to learn about bees, because my retired-from-beekeeping parents-in-law kindly offered us their two hives and associated equipment. I was able to pass on my new knowledge as an update to my wife. We acquired a swarm from a neighbour in the summer after the course. Meanwhile we also acquired hens and geese, so we were both learning lots about birds and bees. Next year we were fortunate to get two colonies from someone who was moving abroad, and these did well. We requeened them in their second year and captured a swarm to replace our third colony and they then did even better. A year ago we went to the BBKA Spring Convention at Harper Adams in Shropshire – a fascinating and most enjoyable event – and were convinced of the benefits of 12 x 14 brood frames. Last summer we lost two of our three colonies with poorly mated new queens, so shook swarmed the remaining colony into a new 12 x 14 brood box this spring, and that seems to have been a success. So we're learning still...

From the Treasurer: Our financial year end is 30 September, so I shall be grateful to receive any expenses or course cost claims as soon as possible, please. If you have undertaken any approved Beekeeping course I can refund you 50% of the cost of that course up to £70 in any year. All we ask is that you pass on a bit about the course and what you have learned to other branch members.

Thank you

Note from your Buzzette Editor

Many thanks for your contributions. Please keep sending them in to:

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Or pass on a note at the meetings.
Sarah Lines

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