

# The Tivvy Buzzette

Newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers – January 2014

Wishing you all a Happy Beekeeping Year  
in 2014



## OUR NEXT BRANCH MEETINGS

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Bee Anatomy – Dr John Carr

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Bee Behaviour – Basterfields

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

tba – more details of this year's meetings in next months Buzzette

Please come out and support your branch at our meetings at Uplowman Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## Membership Subscriptions

I'm very grateful to the majority who have renewed their membership subscription for 2014, and would like to remind others that it is now overdue, so your membership and therefore the various magazines will be cancelled in January. If you intend to renew please return your subscription form to me, with payment, asap.

Best wishes for 2014

**William Lines**

**Membership Secretary & Treasurer**

## *Improvers Course 2014*

Last year for the first time (2013) we ran a course with the aim of improving members knowledge over a wide range of topics from manipulation of the colony and observation of the hive entrance, to considering where our bees forage for nectar and pollen. Pests and diseases and what you can do about it, and very much more. Should you wish to take the BBKA Basic Assessment, we will have covered all of the syllabus. Last year six went on to take the assessment and all passed.

The course will be lead by Bob Ogden and myself, and again will take place at Uplowman village hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm. The five sessions will be on :-

11<sup>th</sup> February

18<sup>th</sup> “

25<sup>th</sup> “

11<sup>th</sup> March

18<sup>th</sup> “

The cost of the course will be £20 payable at the first meeting. Should you wish to proceed to take the BBKA Basic Assessment, the £15 fee will be paid by the branch. Places will be limited to 12 so please contact Keith Owers by the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Keith Owers

## ***Chairman's End of Year Message***

I wish you all a belated happy and merry Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the club to thank Barbara for all her hard work and the time that she spent dealing with club business.

We had a lot to celebrate during 2013. Despite a dreadful winter and a very wet spring most members had a respectful honey crop at the end of the season, thanks to their hard work during the summer.

Tony Lindsell and the apiary subcommittee have made progress in obtaining a site for a branch training apiary. We are taking this slowly and carefully to make sure that the apiary is set up in an appropriate place and manner.

We have had many compliments regarding our displays at various shows, which has raised the profile of the club, and we should thank Tracy and her team for all their efforts.

At same time may I thank other committee members who have changed their roles in the coming year.

- William Lines who has passed the website work to Jonathan Gubb.
- Tony Linsell who has passed the press officer's role, also, to Jonathan Gubb.
- Colin Wellard who has passed the programme role to Malcolm Crook, Colin is now helping Keith and Bob with the beginners' courses.
- Tracy Linsell who has passed on her role as Librarian to Janet Franklin, allowing Tracy to devote more time to her show work.

I would like to thank the committee members I have not mentioned for their efforts in 2013 and their continuing support for 2014. We also welcome the return of Jackie Crook to the committee and Dave Stone in joining the committee for 2014.

I think that on behalf of all the members who attended the Xmas Dinner we should express our thanks to William and Sarah for organizing what was an outstanding evening.

May I wish you a very happy New Year and success with your beekeeping.

Malcolm Jenkins

### **Note from your Buzzette Editor**

Many thanks for your contributions. If anyone would like to send me an article on 'My life with bees, and how it all started' or anything else you would like to share please send it in to:

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Plymtree,  
Cullompton,  
EX15 2LQ

Or pass on a note at the meetings.  
Sarah Lines

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