The Tivvy Buzzette

Newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers – September 2014

OUR NEXT BRANCH MEETINGS



Sunday 7th September

Branch BBQ & Honey show – replies for numbers by 4^{th} September please

Wednesday 17th September, 7.30pm.

Members meeting at Uplowman Village Hall

Wednesday 15th October

Roof Top Hives in Princesshay - Jason Wallis

Wednesday 19th November, 7.30pm.

Branch AGM & film

Wednesday 10th December, 7 for 7.30pm

Branch Christmas Dinner – see attached notice

Please come out and support your branch at our meetings.

Branch BBQ, Honey Fest & Sale of Secondhand Equipment

Sunday 7th September 2.30pm

Uplowman Village Hall

Free to all members and family: for catering purposes you just need to let us know, by the 4th September, that you are coming.

Bring a sample of your honey so we can compare types of honey across Mid Devon and celebrate a productive season.

Some well used but serviceable National and WBC equipment including brood & super boxes, queen excluders, floors and roofs will also be on sale. This equipment belongs to one of our retired members and money raised will be passed to his wife.

For catering purposes please let me know if you are likely to come. Tony Lindsell tel: 01884 841257.

One of our sons has sent us this interesting link about Asian Hornets http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/bees vs hornet

Sarah

TBKA on Facebook

The Branch now has a Tiverton Beekeepers Group page on Facebook which is restricted to Tiverton Branch members. It will provide another way of exchanging your experiences of beekeeping and keeping up with events happening in the Branch and County. If you would like to join please let me know.

Tony Lindsell

National Honey Show- more information at http://tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk/

This year there are some new classes at the show, in addition to the microscopy class added last year. Class 6: two jars of set honey and Class 41: one bottle of sweet and one bottle of dry mead.

Also important to note that the proceeds of the raffle will go to support the cost of videoing the lectures. This has proved enormously popular and there have been 98,000 views of last year's lectures. So do please help by selling raffle tickets at your local events.

We look forward to seeing you in Weybridge at this year's show on 30th October to 1st November.

Best wishes,

Fiona Matheson and Helen Cave

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Honiton Show

The East Devon and Exeter branches jointly organise the Bee and Honey Marquee at the Honiton Agricultural Show. Once again this year we were invited to set up our stand from the County Show. It was a lovely sunny day; as usual plenty of interest in the 'Swarm' display and the moving conveyor of bees certainly caught the attention of young and old alike. Plenty of applications for our 'Introduction to Keeping Bees' were taken away by the visitors. There is a Honey Sales table in the marquee and once again Keith supplied honey for sale representing the Tiverton Branch. Interestingly this year set honey was selling better than runny honey. Tracy and Tony entered a couple of classes in the competition section with Tracy winning first prize for her stained glass Art. The organisers would welcome more entries to the competition particularly from our Branch, it is all good fun and a really good day out (when the sun shines). Thanks to William and Sarah Lines, Malcolm Jenkins, Sue Parkinson and Jackie Crook for their help on the day.

Tony Lindsell (Branch Secretary)



Note from your Buzzette Editor

Many thanks for your contributions. If you would like to send in an article please send it to arrive before the last Thursday of the preceding month as text and photos to:

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Or pass on a note at the meetings.

Sarah Lines

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