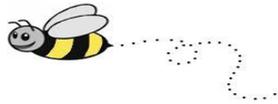


The Tivvy Buzzette

Newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers – January 2015

Wishing you all a Happy Beekeeping Year in
2015



OUR NEXT BRANCH MEETINGS

Wednesday 21st January, 2015

William Summers display and talk about the ZEST HIVE.

The ZEST is a revolutionary beehive design made from modern materials appropriate to good bee health and honey gathering

Wednesday 18th February

Clare Densley from Buckfast Abbey will be talking about how things have changed since Br Adam's huge influence on beekeeping at the Abbey

Wednesday 18th March

Chris Park and his Skep Apiary.
Chris runs a skep apiary using traditional methods and equipment along with modern measures such as mesh floors. He is Chairman of the British Beekeeping Heritage Society and a member of the Beekeeping History Trust

Please come out and support your branch at our meetings.

Beginners meetings

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| 14th Jan.2015 | Swarms, their causes and prevention. |
| 28th Jan. | Queen rearing. |
| 11th Feb. | Pests and diseases. |
| 25th Feb. | Bee plants and hive products. |
| 11th Mar. | Getting started. |

Membership for 2015

Many thanks to the 50% of branch members who have renewed their membership for 2015.

For those who have not yet renewed, please note that you are now overdue! A copy of the membership form is attached for you. Full membership includes Tiverton Branch, DBKA and BBKA membership, along with publications from each organization, and Bee Disease Insurance and Public Liability Insurance.

Happy New Year

William Lines
Branch Treasurer and Membership 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:

Post Galleons Lap,
Plymtree,
Cullompton,
EX15 2LQ

Or pass on a note at the meetings.
Sarah Lines

<http://tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk/>

Improvers Course 2015

This will be our third year of running an improvers course. The aim of the course is to widen your knowledge over a 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. If you would like to take the BBKA Basic Assessment, we will have covered the entire syllabus. From the last two courses eleven members have now taken and passed their Basic Assessment.

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:-

10th February

17th “

24th “

10th March

17th “

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 as this is as many as we can manage to give you the attention we think is necessary. To register please phone or e-mail Keith Owers by the 31st January.

Keith Owers

Bulk Buying Co-ordinator

Robert Fyfe announced at the AGM he had decided to stand down from this position, which is a shame as he has worked hard doing a sterling job in the past. A lot of our members are indebted to him for the savings he has made for them over the years by co-ordinating the bulk buying scheme. On behalf of the club I would like to thank him for doing such a great job.

Now to the future - is there anyone who would like to take on this role? Robert has indicated that he would advise/guide anyone who is willing to take it on.

Interested? Then drop an email to the Branch secretary.

In the meanwhile, I think it is too good a scheme to lose so if any members are interested in ordering foundation or frames for the 2015 season then please drop me an email to register an interest. If there is enough response I will devise an online order form, then contact the supplier and co-ordinate the buying/distribution in the interim.

Contact details regarding the above are on the home page of our website www.tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk, however if you don't use email or the website, then please let Tony or myself know at the next meeting.

Thanks, Jonathan Gubb