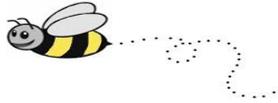


The Tivvy Buzzette

Newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers – July 2015



OUR NEXT BRANCH MEETINGS

Saturday 25th July

Mid Devon Show at Knightshayes/Chettiscombe

Thursday 6th August

125th Honiton Show

Sunday 6th September, 2:00pm, Uplowman Village Hall

End of season Branch BBQ & Honey Fest

Please support your branch at our meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

Beginners' Apiary meetings

Roliphants Farm, Crazelowman, EX16 7DF
Saturdays at 2.30pm

11th July Uniting bees

8th August Extracting in the kitchen

September date tbc, Preparing for winter

Tiverton Branch Apiary at Knightshayes notice and June Apiary Meeting Report

The June meeting of the Tiverton Beekeepers took place in the branch apiary at Knightshayes. The turnout was smaller than usual but that was to be expected as it was a lovely sunny day and if our members were not busy beekeeping they were hopefully making the most of the weather and relaxing with a beer or two!

The members present were hands on inspecting the colonies under the direction of apiary coordinator Baruch, who was on hand answering questions in his usual informative way.

The bees in general in the apiary were in good health, but it was noted that at least one of colonies had swarmed and was not queen right at the time of inspection, it was decided that a new queen would need to be introduced as soon as possible to make the colony queen right.

The apiary which was only established in the spring of this year is running well, there are a few small problems that need addressing and there will always be criticism of the way it is run, but all in all the committee should be applauded by the members for getting it up and running.

The success of any club based venture is dependent on the support of its members, the branch apiary is no exception, so please why not come along and learn whilst helping to make our branch apiary into a successful teaching apiary that will help to secure the future of Beekeeping by encouraging more people young and old to take up this fascinating hobby.

We will continue to meet every Sunday at 11:00 at the branch apiary to carry out our weekly inspection, all members are welcome to come along and assist or observe.

For further details please go to our website www.tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk

Jonathon Gubb

HONITON SHOW August 6th 2015

The Honiton Show is a very friendly event and the Beekeeping Section Committee is hoping to exceed last year's competition entries. The new Competition Schedule includes details of last year's winners and with the 6 participating DBKA branches.

We are keen to welcome more DBKA branch members joining us this year with both competition entries and honey sales. There are lots of new beekeepers at all the Devon branches who have not yet exhibited. So novices are particularly welcome.

Please look through the new Competition Schedule as there should be at least one class for you to enter - there's also a class specifically for children. The Honiton Show always has a competition class reserved for novices (competitors who have not previously won a prize at any Honey Show) - see Section C.

We have also added Face Painting for the children and enhanced the information stand to include 'modern' forms of hiving. Then there are the exhibits from branches, along with 'Taste of Honey' and Candle Rolling.

Colin Osborne, our Competition Secretary, is keen to see an increase from last year's total of 103 entries - new beekeepers and members are especially welcome, along with the 'old hands'. This will enable us award the prestigious BBKA Blue Riband Award for the 6th consecutive year.

Join us at the Honiton Show on Thursday 6th August for a great day out and, hopefully, have a first try competing in a class that appeals to you - see Entry Form on DBKA website.

Please contact Colin Osborne with any queries. Colin's email address is col3xg@gmail.com

Honey Sales Forms for the Honiton Show 2014 are also available from the DBKA and East Devon Bee Keeper websites <http://www.devonbeekeepers.org.uk/>

Editors note: details and forms are also on our website <http://tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk/> where they may be easier to find!

The next **Beginners' Course** will be held at Upwman Village Hall, starting on Wednesday 7th October 2015 from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. There will be a series of ten meetings, five before Christmas and a further five in the New Year, ending in March 2016.

We hope to run another **Improvers' Course** early next year.

Please see the website for details and the application form <http://tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk/>

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/>

Bulk Buying

Spin and wait!

Watch out for a great deal on 1lb Honey Jars with Gold screw lids.

Wait for next month's Buzzette or visit our Club Website (after July 20th) before you buy!

N.B. Due to a lack of support at our last branch meeting I am not purchasing varroa treatment this year. If there is a demand next year we can resume bulk Apiguard purchasing or other varroa treatments.

Derek EVANS, Bulk Buying Coordinator