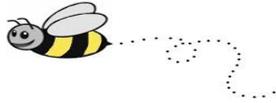


The Tivvy Buzzette

Newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers – August 2015



OUR NEXT BRANCH MEETINGS

Thursday 6th August

125th Honiton Show

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

End of season Branch BBQ & Honey Fest

We hold meetings from October every 3rd Wednesday evening of the month at 7.30pm in Uplowman Village Hall. Further details will follow next month.

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

Beginners' Apiary meetings

8th August Extracting in the kitchen, 10-12 am and 2-4 pm at 2 Upper Putson Cottages, Uplowman Road, Tiverton, EX16 4QT

5th September Preparing for winter, Roliphants Farm, Crazelowman, EX16 7DF
Saturdays

Mid Devon Show and Branch apiary

Friday July 24th was not the best day to be setting up branch gazebo in preparation for the Mid Devon Show, but our intrepid volunteers were not put off by the inclement weather and bravely persevered to ensure the stand was ready for the 08:30 opening of the show on the 25th!

Saturday July 25th was a lovely day with bright sunshine and a warm breeze, the show ground although muddy where the vehicles had travelled was dry in the avenues that cross the site. The TBK stall which was well positioned in the crafts section of the show and manned from 08:30-17:30 by members.

The members manning the stand reported a good foot fall of people interested in learning more about bees. The Honey sales went well along with a good take up of the leaflets advertising the next Introduction To Beekeeping course, which starts in October (*see website for further details*).

Many thanks to all the members who gave up their time to make the show stand a success once again. August the 6th sees the next outing for the show stand, this time at the Honiton Show, anyone wishing to help man the stand on the day should contact Tony Lindsell.

We will continue to meet every Sunday at 10:00 (*please note earlier time*) 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

Jonathan Gubb

Bulk Buying Bargain

Honey Jars - Don't miss out! When they are gone they're gone!

We have bulk purchased, 1lb Honey Jars with Gold screw lids, also, ideal for jam, etc.

A half gross box i.e. 72 jars costs £19.80.

To buy them, use one of the following methods:

- (i) contact me at jender@talktalk.net
- (ii) through our club website <http://tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk/bulk-buying-information/honey-jar-order-form-2015>
- (iii) call me by phone

Payment on collection please – cheques made payable to ‘DBKA – Tiverton Branch’.

To ease my handling I need to sell them in half gross boxes of 72 jars per box.

If a box is too large, try sharing a box with a friend, make some jam or be prepared for next year's honey flow!

I would appreciate the space in my garage returned to me by the end of September!

N.B. Due to 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.

Our aim is to provide a service to club members. All our bulk purchases are sold at cost.

Derek EVANS
Bulk Buying Coordinator

Branch BBQ and Honey Fest



Sunday 6th September, 2.00 pm at Uplowman Village Hall For members and families. Free. As in previous years please bring a sample of your honey so we can compare the different types produced across mid Devon.

This year we also have some live music to entertain us and we have some used equipment for sale including a small old honey extractor, a settling tank and some apidea mating hives. If you have some equipment you no longer need and wish to sell please bring it along.

If you are coming can you please email me (including number of family members) so we can ensure enough food for everyone. tony.lindsell@btinternet.com.

3 locations offered for bee hives

These are people who have approached the branch via the Mid Devon show / TVB web site. Please contact them directly if you are interested in taking up their offer.

1) For any branch member free use of our 1 1/2 acres of wild flower meadow as an apiary site. Please contact by phone.

Rob Etherington 01398 332889.

2) If there is anyone interested keeping a bee hive in our garden in Halberton, please feel free to contact me by phone. I hope to hear from you soon.

Michael Lawrence 01884 821601 or 07788 744577

3) My husband and I have recently purchased a property in Cove just outside of Tiverton and are planning to return an area back to a wildlife garden. We have 27 acres, but plan to do this with about 2/3 acres. We were wondering if anyone would be interested in putting some bees on the meadow in exchange for a few pots of honey? We have a stream that runs through the land and 2 ponds and we are very rural. I am not sure when this can be done and this may be something that has to be done next year now? If anyone is interested or you would like further information, I can be contacted on my email and would be willing to show anyone the area concerned.

Mrs Lynne Dummett ldummett121@gmail.com

Every picture tells a story



Next month we will let you know how they are getting and where!

HONITON SHOW August 6th 2015

I have had so far only a low number of competitors who have so far sent entries for the Honiton Show. I have requested that entries be sent to me by 29th July so that we can plan the display space and get most of the paperwork done.

Please don't leave sending your competition entries before the day. (If we get 50 entries for the Victoria Sandwich on the morning of the show we will need to mount more shelves on self-supporting beams suspended from sky-hooks).

It might influence which classes you might enter if you knew how many entrants there were last year. Prior to show day the entries were:

C1-8, C2-9, C3-1, C4-5, C5-8, C6-6, C7-0, C8-6, C9-2, C10-4, C11-1, C12-1, C13-6, C14-7, C15-1, C16-7, C17-2, C18-0, C19-3, C20-5, C21-4, C22-6, C23-5, C24-4, C25-2.

So if you enter Class 7 you stand a good chance of winning!

We look forward to seeing you at the show.

Kind Regards,

Colin Osborne, Competition Sec

The next **Beginners' Course** will be held at Uplozman 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/>