

The Tivvy Buzzette

Newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers – November 2015



BRANCH MEETINGS

at Uplowman Village Hall

Wednesday 21st October, 7.30pm

Modern Beekeeping - polystyrene hives

Wednesday 18th November, 7.30pm

AGM & film

Wednesday 16th December, 7pm for 7.30pm

Christmas meal at Tiverton Hotel – please return attached booking form and deposit ASAP.

2016 meetings continue on the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month and will include Nuc Box hives - David Charles, Honey showing and judging - Jack Mummery, Drone mating zones - Dan Basterfield, and Cosmetic making.

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

Beginners' meetings 2015/16 7.30-9.30pm on Wednesdays in Uplowman Village Hall

11 th	November	– The hive & its components
25 th	November	– The bee keeping year
9 th	December	– The history & origins of bees & hives
13 th	January	– Swarms, their causes & prevention
27 th	January	– Queen rearing
10 th	February	– Pests & diseases
24 th	February	– Bee plants & hive products
9 th	March	– Getting started

Devon Beekeepers Association(DBKA) Tiverton Branch Notice of Annual General Meeting Uplowman Village Hall, Wednesday 18th November at 7.30 pm

At this meeting all the branch officers and committee members are elected for 2016. This year we additionally will be able to elect a Trustee to the DBKA. The meeting can also consider any matters or proposals raised by members. If you wish to nominate any officers, committee members or delegate and/or wish to make a proposal to the meeting, it should be with the Secretary no later than the 4th November 2015.

The branch is currently very active with over 100 members; it would be good to see you at the AGM.

The meeting will be followed by the showing of a film.

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Congratulations on National Honey Show success

You may have recently seen the article in this month's Beekeeping magazine about Tracy Lindsell's stained glass success at the Honiton Show. This week she took her entry to the National Honey Show at Weybridge where she won third in her glass. Well done Tracy

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16 December 7pm for 7.30pm at the Tiverton Hotel, Blundells Road, Tiverton EX16 4DB

Many thanks to those who have already booked for the Christmas Dinner. There are still places remaining for any member or beginner who would like to join us for this convivial meal. Partners are very welcome too. Please see the attached menu and complete the attached booking form, then send, with payment, to William Lines.

Subscription renewal forms (NOT relevant to beginners)

Please find attached the annual subscription renewal form. Note that, following the change to the DBKA Governing Document at September's EGM, the membership categories and costs have changed. The new categories are all explained in the attached form. Please either complete electronically or print and fill in page 4 and return it to me, with your payment.

Big note: The membership year starts on 1st January 2016 and DBKA is tightening up on the renewal date. Those who have not renewed **BY THAT DATE** will immediately cease to receive DBKA and BBKA magazines. Please help me, and yourselves, by completing your renewal forms as soon as you've read this. Many thanks ☺

William Lines
Branch Treasurer and Membership Secretary

To all members

The club, has recently, received a number of requests, for us to give presentations, on various beekeeping activities, from Schools, Clubs and Events. Whilst this is good news and raises the profile of the club, we are in need of some volunteer members to assist in these presentations. The Committee are in the process of updating or information packs, to ensure an improved level of presentation.

Our Training Apiary is moving forward and we plan to expand the number of hives. We are very fortunate in having Baruch to look after the running of the Apiary. However, with this increased workload we are also seeking Beekeepers who could assist Baruch with the Sunday inspections, and be able to demonstrate some basic skills to learners.

If you feel able to be involved in any of these projects, will you kindly, contact our Secretary Tony Lindsell or myself, for further information.

Malcolm Jenkins

Chairman

October Branch meeting

Chairman Malcolm Jenkins welcomed members to the monthly meeting of the Tiverton Beekeepers on October 21st at Uplowman Village Hall.

The scheduled topic for the October meeting was meant to be a talk on Poly Hives but unfortunately the speaker could not make it, so instead the 27 members present were treated to a short documentary film titled "Tales from the Hive". The film documented with the aid of some very high quality footage a year in the life of a colony of Honey Bees. The film was very well received by all present and was followed by tea and biscuits and a discussion about the film.

For full program of meetings or to find out more about Tiverton Beekeepers then please go to our website <http://tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk/>