

# The Tivvy Buzzette



Newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ August 2016

Tiverton Beekeepers are a branch of The Devon Beekeepers Association. Registered Charity No 270675.

## Branch Meetings

**Branch Apiary** meetings continue every Sunday 10am at Knightshayes, *EXCEPT there will be no meeting on 14 August.*

**Honiton Show Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August** at the Honiton Show Ground – the branch “Bee Olympics” display stand will be there. Please drop in and say hello to the team who are supporting the stand.

### **Apiary awareness day**

- To enable members & friends who find it difficult to attend on Sundays.
- Date: **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August.**
- Start time: **2:00pm.** Refreshments provided.
- Bring your clean protective clothing if you wish to inspect the hives.
- Free parking for members in the wood yard on the day.

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

## Mid Devon Show

Wow! Our branch stand at the Mid Devon Show on Saturday 23 July won three prizes:

1. A cup for the best trade stand in ‘7m and under frontage’,
2. A cup for the best educational stand at the show,
3. The silver salver for best stand in the show. This last one was presented to the branch chairman, Malcolm Jenkins, in the main ring when all the major awards at the show were presented.

Congratulations and thanks to all involved in preparation, assembly, supporting and dismantling the stand – an excellent representation of the branch at our ‘local’ show.

## Beginners’ Meetings with Keith Owers

Next Meeting:

**Sat August 6<sup>th</sup> Extracting in the kitchen**  
(10-12am and 2-4pm at 2 Upper Putson Cottages, Upplowman Road, Tiverton EX16 4QT).

Sept TBC. Preparing for winter.

The Beginners’ Course for 2016 is filling up well with 15 people paid so far. Please encourage anyone you may know who would like to join the course to download the application form from the website.



## **Bulk Purchasing Scheme**

Thank you to everyone who sent back suggestions from my June Buzzette Straw Poll!

Overwhelmingly, people suggested that Ambrosia Syrup and Honey Jars were the most useful products for bulk purchasing now, along with foundation and frames in January.

1. I have now had a delivery of Ambrosia Syrup, ready now for collection.

It is now on a first come, first serve basis – when it's gone its gone!

If you would like Ambrosia Syrup at £12.70 per 12.5kg container please **email me your order** and either pay by cheque on collection (payable to DBKA – Tiverton Branch) or pay by BACS (Sort Code: 60-21-27 Account Number: 06514553 Making sure you put **YOUR NAME** in the reference box).

My email is [jender008@gmail.com](mailto:jender008@gmail.com) and Tel. No.: 07977922173 (call me for questions only please, not ordering)

2. I am going to order 1lb screw top gold (same as last year) at £19.90/box of 72. This appears to be the popular size. I will order these in August, once my garage is clear of syrup! Watch out for the September Buzzette.

In January, I will order the foundation and frames as in previous years.

I have decided for now not to proceed with buying varroa treatments as there are many different treatments on the market and people appear to be adventurous in trying different products.

The aim of our scheme is that 100% of the money saved with our bulk purchasing scheme is passed on to our members. No money goes to club funds.

Derek EVANS

Bulk Purchasing Coordinator

### **Apiary Awareness Day** **Saturday 13th August at 2 pm**

The Branch Apiary at Knightshayes continues to develop as an excellent training opportunity for members and others. Every Sunday morning Baruch and a range of members check the bees and take the chance to improve their skills and knowledge. Only last week a group of local school children visited the site and were introduced to bees, many for the first time. Their teachers were very pleased with this new experience for the children who tucked into scones, cream and honey at the end of the session.

We are hoping that on the 13th August as many of our members will support the Apiary as possible, particularly if you can't make a Sunday or haven't been to the site yet. It will be a very social afternoon with simple refreshments available. Come and join us.

### **Branch BBQ and Honey Fest.** **Uplowman Village Hall.** **Sunday 4th September at 2 pm**

Our annual end of season celebration, but this year with the added attraction of all our show awards on view, including those won by our members as well as our show stand. We have had an outstanding year and plenty to celebrate. This is a free event for all members and family, I'd be grateful if you could let me know by email if you are coming, purely for catering purposes.

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Siobhan Brookman and Lawrence Luxmoore of Cheriton Fitzpaine have contacted the branch to invite a branch member to site a bee hive on their land. They grow vegetables for a box scheme. Please phone them on 01363 866184 if you might be interested in this opportunity.