

The Tivvy Buzzette

The newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ December 2016

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

Branch Meetings.

Friday 2nd December 7:00pm for 7:30pm start.
Skittles vs Taunton Beekeepers, at the Blue Ball at Sampford Moor Nr Wellington. The event is open to members and partners/guests. If you can come along and play let Malcolm Crook know the numbers attending.

Wednesday 14th December at 7:30pm

Branch Christmas Dinner at the Tiverton Hotel.

Please ensure, if you are intending to attend the Christmas Dinner, that you have booked and paid in full by the 7th of December (details in last months Buzzette).

Beginners Meeting at Uplowman Village Hall.

Wednesday 7th December 2016.

- The history & origins of bees & hives.

Wednesday 11th January 2017.

- Swarms their causes & prevention.

November 2016 AGM Report

The AGM of Tiverton Beekeepers took place at Uplowman Village Hall on November 16th, there were 24 members present.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Malcolm Jenkins who led a minutes silence in remembrance of former President and Beekeeper Gordon Hill who sadly passed away earlier this year aged 95.

The election of officers was then held, there were a couple of notable changes, Kim Orchard was elected as Treasurer taking over from William Lines who stepped down after many years in the role, Keith Owers was unanimously elected as the new Branch President. All the officers roles were filled except that of the Branch Librarian.

The meeting closed around 9:30 following a short film "Fields of Gold" which charted the crop Oilseed Rape from seed to harvest and processing, it explained how the crop has become a major source of nectar and pollen for Honey Bees.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Dinner at Tiverton Hotel on 14th December.

Thanks

The Committee along with the members of Tiverton Beekeepers would like to thank the following members who have stepped down from their roles on the committee at this years AGM;-
William Lines, Dave Stone & Janie Cook.

Williams role as Treasurer & Membership Secretary. William has served the club in this role for many years and during his time membership has risen to its highest level in the clubs history. His role will be taken on by Kim Orchard who we would like to also thank and wish good luck to in this important position.

Dave & Janie have been good ambassadors for the club and their input and help especially with the show stands will be sorely missed.

Our thanks also to Angela Wilson-Date who was voted on to the committee at the AGM and to Tammy Nicholson who has expressed an interest in joining the committee in the near future. As you will have read above we still are looking for a branch librarian, this role has become vacant after Janet Franklin stepped down in October, many thanks to Janet for her work as branch librarian.

Attached to this Buzzette please find the DBKA Subscription/Renewal 2017 form and associated notes.

May I point out that DBKA will be enforcing its rule that anyone who has not renewed membership before the beginning of January has lapsed their membership, and may therefore not receive the DBKA and BBKA mailings again until renewal is completed.

You'll note that the forms are to be returned to Kim Orchard, who has taken over as Branch Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

If you have any questions, then please contact Kim. Thank you.

Kim Orchard

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Happy Christmas to one and all!!

If you have any interesting articles relating to Bees & Beekeeping, please do not hesitate to forward them to me by email to jon.gubb@voddens.co.uk by the 27th of the month for inclusion in the next months edition of the Buzzette.