

# The Tivvy Buzzette



The newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ June 2017

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

## Branch Meetings.

Apiary inspections will take place at Knightshayes on Sundays throughout June. All members welcome bring clean bee suits start time 10:00 hrs.

**We still have a vacancy on the committee for a Branch Secretary, to replace Tony. Interested? Then please contact the Chairman Malcolm Jenkins.**

## WARNING European Foul Brood Found In Culm Valley Area

In recent weeks, an outbreak of European Foul Brood, has been discovered in the Culm Valley. The member, who's Apiary, was affected, has been keeping bees for some time, without any problem. It was found at the time of a routine inspection, then reported to the local Regional Bee Inspector, who confirmed, our member's suspicions. The bees, frames, foundation and honey stores were destroyed.

A further concern is that the member advises, that the affected colony's origin, was the result of a captured swarm obtained, last year.

With this in mind the bee inspector and another colleague, are going to attempt, to inspect, all the hives, in the Culm Valley, in an effort to find the source of the outbreak, in the coming weeks.

If you find signs of an infection or not sure, of the condition of your frames, please contact a local bee inspector, who's details, can be found on the D.B.K.A. Website.

## Devon County Show Success!

Great news!!! This year we were awarded, joint first place, in the Stevenson Trophy competition at the recent DevonCounty Show.

We owe a great depth of gratitude, to all the people, involved in the planning, designing and building the show display, they spent many hours of their time involved with this project.

Also, we should thank the Manager and Staff, of R.G.B. Building supplies, of Tiverton, who kindly supplied some materials, free of charge, which enabled, our team to build such a fantastic display stand.

We must, also, thank the group of volunteers, who erected the stand, manned the stand for the three days of the show and dismantled the stand at the end of the show.

Without these people, we would not be held in such high esteem throughout the county Bee circles. We would

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welcome further offers, of help, for these projects, please contact Malcolm Crook, if you wish, to express an interest.

Even more Great News,

The club, also, won a trophy, which was awarded, to the club, who had the highest aggregate score of points awarded, in the various competition classes. There were numerous entries, I will not mention their names, in case I miss someone. These members put a lot of work, in preparation with their entries and were an absolute credit, to our club. I would like to express our thanks to them, on your behalf.

Malcolm.

Nucs from the Branch Apiary

This year we have had some success, with our queen rearing program, we also, have had some swarms, donated, by members.

It is early days yet, but we should, soon, have a number of nucs available, for members. If anyone wishes, to obtain one of these nucs, please contact Baruch or myself, with an expression of interest.

Priority, will be given, to new members, who have attended the beginner's course, there will be a small cost, to cover the consumables, any food or treatments used.

Baruch is available, at the Apiary, on Sunday, mornings, if you wish to discuss this further.

Malcolm.

### **Letter from Ruth Neil**

*(outgoing Devon County Show Chairman for DBKA)*

Hello Marian and Malcolm

I hope you won't mind me writing a combined letter to you as I would like to say exactly the same thing to both branches, and that is.....

Congratulations to you all on a very well deserved First Place (Joint) for your outstanding contribution to the historically high standard of the Stevenson Trophy entries. I am sure that your efforts were recognised and contributed to the team awarding all of us the Silver Medal in the Features Class of the Agricultural Show itself.

I know how hard you have all worked towards producing your exhibit and your commitment to excellence was plain to see. Each entry was identified by the judges as being focused on a particular demographic and was considered to be the very best of it's type. I was so relieved that the judges felt able to accept my suggestion of a shared first prize as it was clear that they were reluctant to award to one and not the other. I know they were very impressed with the quality of your research and presentation and especially your engagement with your audience.

So warmest congratulations from all of the Show Committee with the hope that you will feel able to start again and support the new Chairman, who ever that may be, for next year's Show.

Kindest regards

Ruth Neal  
Secretary and Chairman  
Show Committee  
DBKA

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[jon.gubb@voddens.co.uk](mailto:jon.gubb@voddens.co.uk) by the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next months edition of the Buzzette.