

The Tivvy Buzzette



The newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ October 2017

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

Branch Meetings.

Our winter program of meetings will resume at Uplowman Village Hall on Wednesday 18th October at 7:30 pm. Speaker Dan Basterfield. See below for more info on AGM (November)

Branch Apiary Meetings.

There will be no Branch Apiary Meeting on Sunday 1st October. Meetings will resume again at the Apiary again in the Spring of 2018. Many thanks to Baruch and helpers for 2017 program of meetings,

Asian Hornet Found in North Devon

Below is the email circulated by the BBKA confirming the discovery of the Asian Hornet in North Devon.

This is very serious and members are asked to be very vigilant and report any sightings immediately to DEFRA/BBKA.

Please be aware that they are experiencing a high volume of calls so please use the below guidance for all enquiries relating to Asian hornet sightings.

The National Bee Unit has confirmed a sighting of the Asian hornet in North Devon which was spotted by a beekeeper in their apiary on the 18th September 2017. The contingency response has been initiated and a [press release has been issued by Defra](#).

Beekeepers within the area of the outbreak will be contacted by Bee Inspectors in order to carry out apiary inspections and to hang out traps and we ask for full your co-operation during these visits.

About the Asian hornet

The Asian hornet is smaller than our native hornet and poses no greater risk to human health than a bee. However, they do pose a risk to honey bees.

Work to identify, destroy and remove any nests is already underway, which includes:

- opening a local control center to coordinate the response;
- deploying bee inspectors across the area, and;
- readying nest disposal experts who will use pesticides to kill the hornets and destroy any nests.

Further guidance on the Asian hornet can be found on the [Asian hornet pages](#) of BeeBase where you will find a very useful [Asian hornet ID sheet](#) and [Asian hornet poster](#) which is available for identification purposes.

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Our best defence against the Asian hornet is to quickly detect any arrivals and prevent them from establishing and traps are the best way to help aid detection. When monitoring for the hornet, please use both sweet and protein based baits in separate traps as the nest may still be expanding and requiring protein to feed it's young. We have designed [A simple monitoring trap](#) for the Asian hornet and an [Asian hornet trap making video](#) to help assist you in doing this.

You can now report sightings with your smart phone or tablet, by using the 'Asian hornet Watch' app for [Androids](#) and IOS. The app also uses GPS which allows the user to submit the exact location of their finding, allowing any confirmed sightings to be followed up quickly and efficiently.

Alternatively, you can submit your sighting by email. When doing so, please include as much information as possible, including where you saw the sighting, name, contact number/ address and if possible an image. Send your sightings to:

alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

All records received are reviewed by entomologists at Centre of Ecology and Hydrology and credible records passed on to us at the NBU for further investigation.

Finally you can also use the online recording form which can be found at http://www.brc.ac.uk/risc/alert.php?species=asian_hornet

Please could all media enquiries be directed to the Defra press Office: 0208 225 7510

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

<https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/beebase/secure/beekeeper/unsubscribe.cfm?id=37987>

Kind regards,

National Bee Unit.

Well attended Branch BBQ

Sunday 17th of September marked the beginning of the Winter program meetings for the Tiverton Beekeepers, and what better way than to have a BBQ!

This year get together for members was held at my apiary out at Uffculme and was attended by around 35 members and their their guests which totaled around 60 people!

It was great to see so many people and I think everyone enjoyed the afternoon which was pleasantly warm and dry.

Many thanks to Tony, Tracey, The two Malcolm's, Derek and with special thanks to Sue Jenkins for the delicious cakes that she provided – delicious!

I hope everyone enjoyed it and many thanks to all for coming along and making it a great afternoon.

Exmoor Division Honey Show.

Members are invited to exhibit their wares at the Exmoor Division Honey Show, which this year takes place at Dunster on the 7th of October. For the full schedule of the show please go on to our website and download the it from there.

Tiverton Branch Members' Evening

November 15th at 7.30pm

Uplowman Village Hall

To include the Branch Annual General Meeting

Your chance to elect your officers and committee for the coming year, make any proposals for improvements to the Branch activities and ask any questions.

All roles are up for election and include

Chairman, Secretary (Currently Vacant), Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Programme Secretary, Education Officer, Show Display Organiser and Committee members.

The Branch provides courses for beginners and improvers, attends shows and events, gives talks to various local groups, maintains an apiary, runs a website and monthly news sheet and provides a winter programme of speakers. There is a lot more we could be doing. If you are able to help in anyway please put yourself forward, you'd be made very welcome.

Bulk Purchasing Scheme – Jars

I have ordered a delivery of 1 lb. Honey Jars with Gold Screw Lids, for delivery in early September.

Additionally, due to demand, I have ordered extra Lids. So now you can recycle your returned honey jars with new Lids.

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

Prices

1. 1 lb. Honey Jars with Gold Screw Lids at £19.75 per box of 72 jars
2. Extra Gold Screw Lids at £6.30 for 72 lids

Please **email me your order** to jender008@gmail.com

Payment by cheque/cash on collection. Cheques payable to 'DBKA – Tiverton Branch'.

Congratulations to everyone who bought the Ambrosia Syrup. It flew out of my garage even quicker than last year. Well done! Happy bees!

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

Volunteers required – Killerton Apple Festival 14th & 15th October

Can you help? We need volunteers to help put up the Marquee on the 13th people to help steward the stand on both days 14th & 15th and to dismantle the marquee after the event. This is a great day and if you can help please let Tony Lindsell know tony.lindsell@btinternet.com there will also be a chance to sell honey at the festival. For more info take a look at their website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/killerton/features/killerton-cider-and-apple-festival>

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.