

The Tivvy Buzzette



The newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ January 2018

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

Branch Meetings.

Next Meeting

7.30 Wednesday January 17th 2018 Jack Mummery, talking about Honey. Uplowman Village Hall.

Seasons Greetings

Happy New Year!

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2018 the renewal membership form is available on the branch website.

www.tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk/joinrenew-membership

A New Year Message from our Chairman

Hello to all members,

As we come to the end of 2017, perhaps, it is a good time, to reflect on our year's activities. Our membership levels, have been maintained, following on from the previous year's high numbers.

Malcolm Crook has done a great job in providing, a wide range of interesting, speakers for our club meetings. Our show team have again exceeded all expectations, again this year, indeed jointly winning the Stevenson Trophy, at the County Show, also, again we won yet another award, at the Mid Devon Show.

Our members, one a number of awards, for their entries, at the County Show, which enabled the club, to gain an award, for club members gaining most collective points. Congratulations to Brahim Meraga, who again, won a number of awards, at the County and Honiton Shows, with his excellent exhibits.

Our Apairy, under the control, of Baruch, has grown into a huge success, this year has been notable, as we have been able to offer Nucs, to members, who needed bees, either to get started, or replace lost bees, for the first time. There have been a number of changes within our officer roles, we need to thank, Tony Lindsell, Colin Wellard, Malcolm Crook, Margaret Wellard and Barbara Brannam, for all the hard work and effort they have put

into the smooth running, of the club.

We now have a permanent Secretary, in Jessica Lee, an Education Co-ordinator, in Derek Evans, Tony Lindsell has taken over the role of Programme Secretary, Colin Wellard, has taken up the Minute Secretary role. We welcome them all and I am sure, along with existing Officers, we will be well placed to ensure that the club, moves into 2018 in a strong shape

Our end of Summer bbq, was a real success, special thanks to Jon and Julie Gubb, who not only provided the venue, but, also played a major part, in making it such a success. It was especially pleasing, to see so many of our new members attending, one of our events, for the first time.

Yesterday, I was pleased to hear the excellent news, from our President, that his recent treatment, has been a total success and is now on the way to restoring his full health. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing Keith and Angela our best wishes, for the future.

Many thanks, to all our members and committee, for all your support, for 2017 and wishing every success for 2018.

Happy New year,
Malcolm.

Improvers course 2018

The club has been running an improver's course for a number of years at the request of the members. We have already been asked if we are running a course in 2018, and the answer is yes!

They will be held on Tuesdays at Uplowman Village Hall starting at 7:30-9:30pm. The dates of the meetings will be February 13th – 20th- 27th , then March 27th and April 10th . The cost will be £25.00 payable at the first meeting.

With a small group (maximum of 12 people) you will have the opportunity to ask all the questions you like.

The course is informal but consists of a series of questions, such as:- “What do know about spring flowers”? “What can a comb tell you”? “Has my colony swarmed”? “How can I tell”? “Is it AFB or something else”?

If you are thinking of taking the BBKA basic assessment, we will have covered all you need to know. Th cost of the assessment will be paid by the branch.

As places may be limited please let me know by the 9th of February. To register please phone Keith Owers 01884254977 or email keith@kaowers.eclipse.co.uk

Bulk Buying Scheme 2018 Foundation and Frame orders

It is time to save money on Foundation and Frames again! Bee ready for the honey flow, and use the quiet time in February/March to build your frames ready for the rush in May and June!

All frames are made from 1st grade quality wood.

Last year our members saved over £400 on our order of over £1,500

Order by **10pm Sunday 4th February**. This is critical if we are to get the lowest prices for the foundation. I always try to send a confirmation of your order, by return via email.

This is an offer too good to miss! By ordering in bulk we get a 25% discount on the normal price for foundation.

Three ways of ordering:

1. **Download the order form from the Web Site, and send it either by post or email. Addresses are on the order form.**
2. **Print off the order form attached to this Buzzette, complete and e-mail/post it to me, or**
3. **Collect an order form from our 17thJanuary Branch Meeting**

DO NOT FORGET ALL ORDERS BY 10pm SUNDAY 4th February

This is just one of the benefits of belonging to the Tiverton Bee Keepers- **SAVING MONEY!**

Derek EVANS

Bulk Buying Coordinator jender008@gmail.com

Display Team 2018

Volunteers are needed to help with our club display for this year's Devon County Show, the Mid Devon Show and Honiton Show.

Our first task is to decide upon a topic, then turn it into a winning display! All ideas welcome.

We need to repeat the two first's we won last year at the Devon County Show and the Mid

Devon Show for the best display.

We are having our first meeting at the Halfway House 7pm at Willand on Thursday 18th January.

All members welcome!

Derek EVANS

2018 Programme - all at Uplowman Village Hall

7.30 Wednesday January 17th Jack Mummery talking about Honey.

Want to know how to get the best from your honey for your own use, are you interested in how to prepare honey to show or how to ensure your labels have all the required information, then come along and listen to Jack. Jack is a member of North Devon Branch and is a very experienced beekeeper so you'll also probably pick up some of his beekeeping tips. He has won many awards for his honey and the other products from the hive that he produces and is often now asked to be a judge at local shows. He also runs the Honey Sales in the Bees & Honey Marquee at the Devon County Show.

7.30 Wednesday February 21st. Our guest speaker will be Martyn Hocking from Woolacombe, who will be talking about his experience of finding Asian Hornets in his apiary. He will give us some guidance on what we should do if we find Asian Hornets in or around our Apiaries. This is a change from our planned programme - Keith's talk is now delayed until March.

7.30. Wednesday March 21st. Our very own Keith Owers needs no introduction to you. He will be talking to us about how to make better use of our Nuc Boxes but maintaining a good Honey crop.

All 3 speakers are experts in their own subjects and very good public speakers. Please come along and support them. As always there will be refreshments and time to ask questions.

2017 Christmas Dinner

This year's Xmas dinner, was held, at the Mid Devon Indoor Bowls Centre. In a change from previous years, we opted for a carvery format.

Whilst numbers, were not vast, it appeared everyone enjoyed the evening. Members present, expressed a view that we should continue, with this format.

Website Update Asian Hornet

I have recently updated the Asian Hornet Information on the website with some useful links which include:-

- The SW Region Annual Report 2017 from the National Bee Unit, which includes an Asian Hornet update.
- The Asian Hornet Response Plan' that was published in 2012, which is one of NNSS's 'Invasive Species Action Plans', and also the 'Pest Specific Contingency Plan' that is mentioned in the 'Generic Contingency Plan' (Feb 2017) that was included in your confirmation email.
- In the December 2017 issue of the British Wildlife magazine there are these illustrations by Richard Lewington.
- A link to a blog by Prof David Evans, that has an Asian hornet section
- There is an update, July 2017, on Dr Peter Kennedy's Asian Hornet Radar Tracking Project
- A map of Asian Hornets in Europe.

Tiverton Beekeepers 2018 Order Form

1	Member's Name
2	Address
3	Contact Tel. No.
4	email address

Deadline for orders 10pm Sunday 4th February

Foundation	base	Pkt of 10	Number of pkts	Cost
1 BS National Deep (Brood) - Most popular	Wired worker	£9.36		
2 BS National Shallow (Super) - Most popular	Wired worker	£5.92		
3 BS National Deep (Brood)	Unwired worker	£8.45		
4 BS National Shallow (Super)	Unwired worker	£5.03		
5 BS National Cut Comb Shallow (Super)	Unwired worker	£4.18		
6 BS National 14 x 12 (Brood)	Wired worker	£15.92		
7 Commercial Deep (Brood)	Wired worker	£12.74		
8 Langstroth Deep (Brood)	Wired worker	£11.81		
9 Langstroth Shallow (Super)	Wired worker	£7.37		
10 Langstroth Shallow Cut Comb	Unwired worker	£5.36		
11 Langstroth Shallow	Unwired DRONE	£6.44		
Frames		Pkt of 10		
12 DN 4 Hoffman self spacing - Most popular		£13.00		
13 SN 4 Hoffman self spacing - Most popular		£13.00		
14 DN 1 require plastic or castellated spacers		£10.00		
15 SN 1 require plastic or castellated spacers		£10.00		
16 National Deep 14 x 12		£15.00		
17 Narrow plastic spacers (100/pkt)		£7.00		
18 Gimp Nails for the frames 500g box		£7.50		
19 Gimp Nails for the frames 125g pkt		£2.00		
Payment on collection NOT with order		ORDER TOTAL		£

EITHER send order via email to: jender008@gmail.com

OR post the order to: **8, Brickhouse Hill, Tiverton EX16 6BG**

Cheques payable to "**DBKA - Tiverton Branch**"

or BACS Sort Code 60-21-27 Account No 06514553 Reference **YOUR NAME**

Orders to be collected ASAP after 14th February

Any problems contact Derek EVANS on 07977 922173

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