

The Tivvy Buzzette



The newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ February 2018

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

Branch Meetings.

Next Meeting

7.30 Wednesday February 21st Our guest speaker will be Martyn Hocking, from Woolacombe, who will be talking about experience of finding Asian Hornets at his apiary in Sept 2017.

Uplowman Village Hall.

2018 Membership Subs Now Overdue.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2018 (due by 31/12/17) the renewal membership form is available on the branch website.

www.tivertonbeekeepers.org.uk/joinrenew-membership

Chairmans Message

Hello members, firstly, may I say a big thank you, to all the people, who attended our recent, club meeting. It was very dismal and uninviting weather, that evening, but, it was good to see so many people present.

Our February meeting, is concerned with the Asian Hornet. The speaker, is the unfortunate beekeeper, who found the hornet taking his bees, at his Apiary, at Morthoe, North Devon. He will explain the issues he had in obtaining support, in dealing with this pest.

Whilst it may not seem relevant, to some Beekeepers, the threat of this insect, cannot be overstated. There were four incidents of actual hornets, in the U.K. two of which required actual live nest being removed. It is most probable, that Beekeepers will be the first, to encounter these pest. It seems the queen starts nest building and taking in protein in February. If this is the case, those of us who have out apiaries as well as those close to the home, will need to be very careful and check regularly.

At present, both B.B.K.A and D.B.K.A are putting plans into place to assist, in the control, of these hornets. As soon as we have the correct and accurate information, we will release that to you.

I would advise you to attend the meeting on the 15th. February to enable you to gain as much information, as possible, from someone who has experienced the problem first hand.

Following on from that, our April meeting, has been reserved, for nosema testing of members bees. Again as you are aware, this disease can have a negative effect, on your colony, if you have the disease, so, if you know, it can be dealt with early and allow your bees, to be fully productive.

Many thanks, Malcolm.

The recent meeting at Harberton Village Hall to discuss the action plan for dealing with any occurrence of the Asian Hornet was extremely well supported with over 150 attendees

Here is the Youtube link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOnb3R2ozz4&t=69s>

It is a long video but certainly worth watching. If you can add it to your Facebook page then that would be great as we are trying to bring the knowledge to as many people as possible.

Kind regards Mike Ticehurst on behalf of Jill and Ken Beagley

DBKA Beekeepers Day 2018

Saturday March 3rd. At the Isca Centre, Exeter Arena, Devon Beekeepers are holding a Beekeepers day. There is a speaker attending, from Jersey, where they already have the established hornet. He is going to describe, how they manage to live with, this pest. I am sure it would be a further benefit, to your knowledge, if you could attend.

2018 Programme - all at Uplowman Village Hall

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** at his apiary last September. He will give us some guidance on what we should do if we find Asian Hornets in or around our Apiaries. This is a talk not to miss as Martyn is full of information and presents in a very entertaining way.

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.

6.30. Wednesday April 18th. Advanced warning of our annual nosema testing and chance to examine bees under a microscope. Please could you let us know if you are going to be bringing your Bees along for 'testing'.

As always refreshments are provided and time for questions for the speaker.

Hope to see you at Uplowman Village Hall. Regards Tony.

Bulk Buying Scheme 2018 Foundation and Frame orders

Do not forget to send in your 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 foundation from Maisemores and we should be able to miss the imminent 10% increase in the price of wax, due in mid-February.

All frames are made from 1st grade quality wood.

Three alternative ways of ordering:

- 1. Print off the order form attached to this Buzzette, complete and e-mail/post it to me, or**
- 2. Download the order form from the Web Site, and either e-mail/post it to me**
- 3. Fill in and post the order form collected from our last 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

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Improvers Course 2018

Not to be missed!

There are still places available on the Improvers Course. This course is for anyone wanting to increase their knowledge of beekeeping and keeping up to date! It involves 5 evening meetings, based on the format of discussions rather than lectures, where you can develop your knowledge and discuss any points about beekeeping. The course covers all the topics in the BBKA Basic Assessment, but you do not have to take the assessment.

Dates are:

1. Tues 13th February
2. Tues 20th February
3. Tues 27th February
4. Tues 27th March
5. Tues 10th April

The cost of the course is £25 and takes place at Uplowman Village Hall at 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Contact Keith Owers for more information on 01884 254977 or keith@kaowers.eclipse.co.uk

Article sent in by Jess:- New Varroa Treatment Now Available In The UK

Beekeepers in the United Kingdom now have a new highly efficient solution, safe for honey and bees. Apivar, developed by the French pharmaceutical company Véto-pharma, has been registered in September and will be available in January. Apivar is an amitraz-based product and the worldwide Varroa treatment leader with more than 5 million hives treated each year. Apivar has earned an excellent reputation as a safe and effective means of controlling Varroa mite infestations in honeybee colonies in more than 30 countries around the world. Now British beekeepers can take advantage of the same benefits that much of the rest of the world has enjoyed for some time: Apivar kills up to 99 percent ¹ of Varroa mites in one application. It has been proven safe and effective for more than 20 years; it's safe for honey and hive products; and, it is convenient and easy to use: one single application ensures 6 to 10 weeks protection. In addition, there is no temperature constraint when using Apivar: It can be used in any season when the supers are not placed on the hives.

The secret of Apivar's success is its high quality standard and its unique and safe formulation. Apivar is produced in France and its manufacturing process and ingredients meet or exceed stringent pharmaceutical quality standards, in compliance with the European pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). The Apivar formulation includes very pure amitraz and a polymer strip only, with no addition of unknown excipients that could harm bees or keep residues in Honey.

Apivar's first registration was in 1995, but most recent data continues to prove that the Apivar recipe seems to be the most effective treatment currently available, even compared to other amitraz strips ². Annual French efficacy monitoring shows an average of 97.7% efficacy in the last 10 years ³ and significant improvement on overwintering survival rates for

the colonies treated with Apivar than those treated with other organic or conventional treatments ⁴. Véto-pharma, the Apivar developer, is a French pharmaceutical company 100% dedicated to honey bee health. Véto-pharma develops and distributes a range of innovative products to sustain beekeepers around the world. Other products distributed by Véto-pharma are Varroa EasyCheck, a monitoring tool to ensure Varroa monitoring, VespaCatch a trap and attractant against Asian hornet, and Nutribee Propolis, a high-quality feed for bees. A new organic Varroa treatment, is currently under registration in Europe and will also be available soon to beekeepers in the United Kingdom. Véto-pharma products will be distributed in the United Kingdom by THORNE. To learn more about Apivar click [here](#). To order Apivar click [here](#).

References

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Legal notices: APIVAR® 500 mg Amitraz Bee-hive strips for honey bees. Indication(s) for use: Treatment of varroosis due to Varroa destructor sensitive to amitraz in honey bees. Contraindication(s): Do not use in case of known resistance to amitraz. Withdrawal period(s): Honey: zero days. Do not use during honey flow. Do not extract honey from the brood chamber. Do not harvest honey when the treatment is in place. Brood combs should be replaced with new foundation at last every three years. Do not recycle brood frames as honey frames. **Read carefully the instructions on the product booklet label before use. Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animal:** This veterinary medicinal product contains amitraz which can lead to neurological side-effects in humans. Take particular care in case of concomitant treatment with monoamine oxidase inhibitors, hypotensive treatment or if you have diabetes. Amitraz may cause skin sensitization. Avoid contact with skin. In case of contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water. Avoid contact with eyes. In case of contact, rinse with plenty of water immediately. Usual beekeeping protective clothes including impervious gloves should be worn when handling the product. Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst handling the product. Keep children away during application of the product. Wash hands after use. Do not inhale or ingest. If side effects are noted, seek immediate medical assistance and show the label to the physician. v0917 **Apivar is a veterinary medicinal product. Please ask advice to your veterinarian, pharmacist or sanitary organization. In case of persistence of clinical signs, consult with your veterinarian.**

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.

Bulk Buying Order Form on next page.

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