

The Tivvy Buzzette



The newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ May 2018

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

Summer Branch Meetings.

It had been our intention this year to continue our regular meetings on the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month at our Apiary at Knightshayes. Unfortunately the National Trust have not confirmed that we will have access to the Apiary during the evening time so we are not sure if the meeting on the 16th can go ahead.

When we know one way or another will we send out an email to let you know & put a message on our website.

Message from the Chairman

I am pleased to inform you, that following discussions, with our local Tesco store, where the staff and management, have decided they would like to help the well-being of our bees, have generously agreed to store any damaged sugar cartons, for us to collect.

We have already received the first batch of damaged cartons.

I am sure you would be in agreement, for me to thank them for considering our bees and making a suggestion of an offer to help the bees.

Malcolm.

Basic Assessments

It's getting towards the time of year for Basic Assessments. If Branches are confident that they will have some members wishing to take the assessment, then Education Officers/Apiary Managers can, if they wish, pre-book a date now for assessments to take place by contacting me. I will then arrange an assessor well in advance. Candidates will then know when their assessment will take place which might make planning easier. Otherwise, please let me have entry forms as soon as possible so that assessors have as much notice as possible.

Entries should be sent to:

Tim Allen, Exams Officer, Sunnyvale, Langleigh Road, Ilfracombe, EX34 8EA or the completed forms can be scanned and e-mailed to exams.dbka@gmail.com

Tim Allen Exams Officer - Devon BKA

Beekeeping for Beginners Course 2017-18

Due to the poor weather the rearranged dates for the practical part of the course at our Knightshayes Apiary are on Saturdays as follows:

21st April 1-3pm

5th May 2-4pm

2nd June 2-4pm

16th June 2-4pm

Derek EVANS

Education Coordinator

Devon County Show Thursday 17th – Saturday 19th May 2018

If you have a day out at the Devon County Show do visit the Bee Marquee and see our club display – **Bees in Trouble**.

We hope to continue our previous year's success in the Stevenson Trophy competition for best display in the DBKA Marquee.

I would particularly like to thank the following club members who have been helping with creating this year's display, Norma King, Malcolm Crook, Tony Linsdell, Jenny Evans, Chris Coutts, Dave Stone, Janie Cook, Tricia Mallinson, and John Knowles

Derek Evans.

Starvation Risk

With brood activity increasing and with it the demand for supplies, and with the inclement weather confining the bees and flowers producing little nectar, there is a real possibility that strong colonies may collapse from lack of food. Do check the weight of hives and feed if necessary, either thick syrup (2 sugar to 1 water), or any leftover fondant.

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