

The Tivvy Buzzette



The newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ June 2018

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Welcome to the June Edition of the Tivvy Buzzette.

May I, on your behalf, thank all our members, who contributed, to brilliant and outstanding display, we had at the recent County Show.

We are very fortunate, to have such a dedicated team, who again, demonstrated, their excellent, ideas, incredible design skills, an enormous amount of time developing the concept, transporting it to Exeter and setting up, the display, the day before and removing it after the show.

There are so many talented and hard working people,

involved, rather than miss anyone out and offending them, I would prefer not to name, them individually but, they all know who I am referring to.

Also, as well as these people there were, other members, who gave their time to steward, our stand, during the long three days.

So, on behalf, of the club, may I thank you so much, for your efforts, in promoting our club.

Many thanks, Malcolm.

Branch Programme of events for the Summer 2018

Here are some dates for your diary to include with our regular Hive Inspections at the Knightshayes Apiary on Sunday mornings.

Wednesday June 20th starting from 6.30 pm - social meeting at the Knightshayes Apiary on the theme of comb change/swarm management. Tea and cake supplied. This is a new event for us, intended as an informal evening where we can exchange experiences of beekeeping & learn from each other. It is unlikely that we will be inspecting any of the hives.

Saturday 7th July at 2pm - visit to Baruch Livneh's Apiary at Huntsham . More details to follow.

Wednesday July 18th starting from 6.30 pm. Another social meeting following the same format, this time talking about taking off supers & Honey extraction.

Saturday 28th Mid Devon Show where once again we will have a Marquee with our Show Display on view.

Saturday 4th August at 2pm - visit to Keith Owers' Apiary at Kentisbeare. More details to follow.

Sunday 2nd September - Branch BBQ - more details to follow but at the BBQ we will have information available on how to identify an Asian Hornet & what to do if you find one at your hive.

ADVANCED NOTICE -? 🐝 Branch Annual Christmas Dinner Wednesday 12th December .Branch Programme of events for the Summer 2018

Invitation from North Devon Beekeepers.

We have received, a generous, offer to visit the North Devon Apiary and make it a social event. .

In order to gauge the response and finalise the details, we would like a reply from members who would like to take part, to respond, by no later than, Saturday 9th June, Tuesdays are not available to meet but any other day is OK. Whilst, we do not have a confirmed date, I would expect it to be either, late June or the early part of July, due to other commitments.

Please respond to either our Secretary, Jess 01363860252 or email jessica7lee@btinternet.com

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From the Branch apiary

We have recently had the pleasure of a visit by the best beekeeper ever – her name is Ms Sunny Balmy Fairweather. Highly skilled, she just has to turn up in any region and the hives soon overflow with bees, with nectar coming out of the gatepost and beekeepers young and old, veterans of the craft as well as complete novices, all congratulate each other and themselves on their success. But let her go away or hide behind a cloud for too long and beekeepers walk around crestfallen and begin to feel unsure of their skill.



Above: cleaning up and preparing supers with new foundation

The fine weather in May has helped us at the Branch apiary to emerge from a difficult winter. Of the eleven colonies that went into winter, three didn't come through, probably because of queen failure, and two are well behind but not written off yet. Thus we have six strong hives in different stages of development, with up to three supers at the end of May.

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Above is our strongest spring colony, arranged in a somewhat unconventional way. The top two boxes are the ones this colony overwintered in. The bottom two supers were not added below as you might imagine. To understand what happened here you can refer to a piece on the OSB method which appeared in last November's issue of the Buzzette; better still, join us at the apiary – we are there every Sunday at 10 am – where we can discuss this among other things.

None of the hives has yet attempted to swarm, but this is bound to come and will be a chance to make some increase. Last year by this time we had several swarms brought in and this was very helpful in fulfilling our promise to the beginners to equip them with a nucleus of bees each by the end of the season. Any swarms brought in will be much appreciated.

In next months Buzzette Baruch will be sharing his views on Varroa treatment.

Honey Spinner Required

Hello I am currently looking for a Honey Extractor, if anyone knows of one for sale would they kindly contact me, ideally I would like a radial stainless steel one - preferably electric, my contact details are;- mobile 07449498650 or email mjred93@outlook.com

Many thanks Mark Richards.

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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.