

# The Tivvy Buzzette



The newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ December 2018

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

Welcome to the December edition of the Buzzette.

## Branch Programme

### Branch Annual Christmas Dinner

There is still time to book your place at this year's Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 19th December, 7 for 7.30 pm at Mid Devon Indoor Bowling Centre, Amory Park, Chapel Street, Tiverton. EX16 6DQ.

A carvery Christmas meal including choice of 2 meats or vegetarian option, sweet, tea/coffee & mince pies. All for only £15 per person, partners welcome. Bar available and the company of fellow beekeepers. There will be a draw for prizes including beekeeping equipment and Christmas treats.

Last date for booking is **10th December**, contact me at [tony.lindsell@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.lindsell@btinternet.com) or on 01884 841257.

Wednesday 16th January 2019, 7.30 pm at Uplowman Village Hall. Our programme for 2019 starts with a visit from **Liz Westcott** who is Chair of Torbay Branch and the Chair & Secretary of the County Show Committee responsible for the Bees & Honey marquee. Liz also runs a small business selling products that she has manufactured from her hives. She will be sharing with us some tips on how to make products from our bees' wax, cosmetics and food. She will also keep us updated on what's changing in the County Show Bees & Honey marquee. Another meeting well worth attending.

## Bulk Purchasing Report for 2018

Members have saved over £920 this year through buying essential materials through the scheme. That represents a saving of over 27% on the average catalogue prices.

Items bought	Purchased	Sold	Stock	Saving	% saving v Catalogue prices
Feb-18 Frames	£321.50	£321.50		£60.00	18.66%
Feb-18 Foundation	£906.47	£906.47		£226.00	24.93%
Aug-18 Ambrosia	£811.00	£813.00		£267.00	32.84%
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Sept-18 Jars	£499.92	£475.00	£24.92	£100.00	21.05%
	£3,349.89	£3,328.97	£24.92	£920.00	27.64%

I still have 1 box (72 jars) of 12oz Honey Jars left in my garage!

A big thank you to everyone who has participated and collected their orders almost immediately they were delivered to my garage.

**NOW is the time to start planning for 2019. Attached is the new order form for Frames and Foundation.** As I am away during the latter part of January and most of February, I am having to bring this ordering a month earlier than usual. I am sorry if this causes any problems. **DON'T MISS THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2019 DEADLINE for a bargain!!**

Happy Christmas and a Honey New Year! Derek Evans. Bulk Purchasing Coordinator

The Devon Honey Show in the Bees and Honey Tent

## Devon County Show 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

As you may know, there have been changes to the Devon Honey Show committee this year. We have decided to review various aspects of the Show and would like to tell you about these changes.

You are invited to a presentation

At Whiddon Down Village Hall

10-11.30 am on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2019,  
on

### Changes to the Devon Honey Show

Topics include: Competition entries

- Stephenson Trophy
- Honey Sales and Taste of Honey Stalls
- Volunteering to Steward
- Information Stand
- Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served

Please bring anyone from your Branch who is interested in entering the Honey competition, entering the Stephenson Trophy competition, would like to volunteer to steward or intends to submit honey for sale on the Honey Sales stall.

It would be helpful if you could email Liz Westcott ([lizwestcott@me.com](mailto:lizwestcott@me.com)) with the name of your Branch and the number of people attending. Thanks.

We look forward to seeing you.

If you have any interesting articles relating to Bees & Beekeeping, please do not hesitate to forward them to me [jon.gubb@voddens.co.uk](mailto:jon.gubb@voddens.co.uk) by the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next months edition of the Buzzette.