

The Tivvy Buzzette



The newsletter of the Tiverton Beekeepers ~ July 2019

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

Welcome to this months edition of the Buzzette.

Chairman's Notes

As you are aware, we have been invited, to hold the annual Bee Health Day, for the County. There has been a small team, of people working tirelessly, in getting this event together.

We are now, fast approaching the event, 13th. July, whilst we have some volunteers offering to help, on the day, we could really need some more help, on the day. Even if you cannot afford, to spend the whole day, just a small amount of your time, would be gratefully received., in helping to promote this event and demonstrate, all the good things, that happen, in our club.

Also, we have a need to provide, refreshments, for our visitors, on the day, so we are asking for any donations, of cake, or other items, of refreshments, for our guests, again, to help make them feel welcome and have a good impression of our club.

If you are able to support us on the day, in making this event, a great experience, could you please contact Malcolm Crook, who has kindly been co-ordinating this event, with your offer, whatever it may be.

Dodie Huxter

It is with a sad heart that I have received the sad news that, on Sunday 23rd. Of June, we received the dreadful news that one of our members, Dodie Huxter, who has been very supportive, to our club, over a number years had passed away.

We as a club, have expressed our sincere condolences, to Dodie's family and the Club and County, were represented, at Dodie's funeral, last Friday.

Christmas Dinner

Due to a lack of response, in our request, for someone to co ordinate our club Xmas dinner, means unless, we have a response by no later, than the end of July, in fairness to the Caterer and the venue, we will have no option, other than cancel the event. Anyone, wishing to take on this role, please contact Jessica, with an expression of interest.

Malcolm.

Bulk Purchasing Scheme – Syrup

Order now delivery in August

I am about to order Ambrosia Syrup for delivery in early August.

1. Last year I ordered 1 pallet of 60 cans and that went so quickly I ordered a second pallet and they shot out of my garage as fast as the first pallet load. So this year I am asking **before I order** how many people are interested and how many cans we need.
2. Last year's price was £13.55 per can and most people used at least one can per hive.

This year the price will probably be the same/similar to last year's price of £13.55 per can. If the price is drastically different I will email you

3. **I need an indication by mid-July on how many pallets to order.**

It will help if you email me at jender008@gmail.com either a number you **may** require or, if you feel definite, place an order.

How to order

If you would like to order 12.5 kg cans of Ambrosia Syrup, can please **email me your order** and pay by cheque/cash/BAC's **on collection**. Cheques payable to 'DBKA – Tiverton Branch'.

The syrup comes in 12.5kg jerry cans and is ideal to feed to your bees after you have taken your honey from the hive and treated for varroa.

Product Information

Ambrosia® bee feed syrup is a liquid ready-made feed with a balanced sugar type spectrum (fructose, dextrose, sucrose), based on beet sugar of the purest quality. The high percentage of fructose and lower portion of glucose prevents the formation of crystals in the honeycombs. The high sugar concentration makes the syrup resistant to microbiological decay. The ideal combination of the sugar type spectrum ensures the bee's optimal use of the nutritional components. The nutrient concentration is approx. 72.7 %. 1 kg (or, 1 litre) ambrosia® bee feed syrup is 0.73 kg (1 kg) sugar crystals.

Ambrosia® bee feed syrup is particularly beneficial in the early and later winter feeding:

- its formulation comes the closest to natural Bee feed,
- effortless acceptance and utilization-less inversion work needed,
- conserves the bee's energy balance. Tests showered energetic advantages on a scale of 15 %.
- High resistance to microbiological decay leads to longer shelf life
- Hygienic, time-saving, and practical handling

I am not ordering Honey Jars this year, maybe next year.

The aim of our scheme is that 100% of the money saved with our bulk purchasing scheme is passed on to our members. No money goes to club funds.

Derek Evans

Bulk Purchasing Coordinator

Thanks

Club display team - A big thank you to Dave Stone for his idea of wheel barrows, Sue Francombe for her background painting of wild flowers, Norma King for her hand crafted paper flowers and to Janie Cook and Malcolm Crook for their continuing assistance and ideas throughout. Please come to the Mid Devon show to support the team's efforts which resulted in their 2nd prize award at the Devon county show.

BEE HEALTH DAY

SATURDAY 13TH JULY

9AM- 4.30PM

AT UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL EX16 7DN

Last chance to book your place!

We now have a programme of events! There will be nine regional bee inspectors in attendance so this will be a great information sharing day.

It will begin with an Introduction and **Bee diseases/Hygiene Talk** for all of us and then we will split into groups and rotate around the following: **Varroa workshop, Asian Hornet workshop, Comb workshop and an Apiary demonstration** (weather permitting)

At the end there will be a **Questions and Discussions session**.

Naturally there will be refreshment breaks and time for lunch too!

Please come and support your branch – you will need to bring a clean bee suit but otherwise it will be a great chance to look at live bees (weather dependent) and go into the quarantine area to observe the real nasties!

Refreshments will be provided on arrival and will be available throughout the day but you will be expected to provide your own packed lunch unless you wish to order a light meal at the local Redwood Inn on the day.

If you are unsure or would like further information about the day then feel free to contact either myself jessica7lee@btinternet.com or Malcolm Crook on 01884 821927

Reserve your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment by emailing:

beehealthday@btinternet.com.

Please then pay your £10 either by BACS using BHD and your name as reference: Acc No 06514553 Sort code 60-21-27 or by cheque made payable to DBKA Tiverton Branch and send to Mrs Kim Orchard, Little Orchard, 4 Orpington Court, Halberton, EX16 7DD

For the last few years Bee Health days have been held around the county and neighbouring counties and they have had very positive responses. This year it has fallen to Tiverton branch to host the annual event. However we do need a minimum number of 60 attendees in order for the day to go ahead so as a committee we would be grateful if you could free the day and come along to support your branch.

Club Show Displays

We need volunteers to steward our show stand.

Each shift is for 3-4 hours and you get a free ticket into the shows.

4. **Mid Devon Show**

Saturday 27th July

5. **Honiton Show**

Thursday 1st August

Please email me on jender008@gmail.com if you can help.

Derek Evans

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.