



THE TIVVY BUZZETTE

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR!



By the time that you read this, the Stevenson Trophy will have been judged at the Devon County Show, and Tiverton will yet again be able to hold their heads up high. Whatever the result, so many thanks to Sue and her team for all their hard work and effort to enter. WELL DONE.

Many of this years beginners have already got some bees and they are probably wondering what on earth they have got into?. It is good to see more members come to the beginners sessions and help out or just be there to give advice, Brilliant thank you all.

It is now the build up to the Mid Devon Show on Saturday 23rd July. and we have reverted back to our 7 metre size stand again, so plenty of room to sell your honey and hive products. Set up on Friday 22nd evening please.

Cath has been doing a sterling job on obtaining current prices for Jars and syrup in your bulk buying scheme. With sugar prices rising over £100 a tonne, and Glass jars rising 16% at present with another possible rise later in the year, trying to get good prices is really a task. Thanks for all your hard work Cath.



Devon County show

Thurs June 30th, Friday July 1st and Saturday July 2nd

July meetings

Sat July 9th Beginners practical training session in extraction 14:00hr-15:00hr

Uplowman village hall or at Malcolm Crooks tbc

Saturday 30th July Beginners practical training sessions in managing supers and possible treatments for verroa.

Committee meeting

July 14th 7.30pm at Uplowman village hall



Mid Devon Show

Saturday 23rd July

Help will be needed on the evening of 22nd to set up the tent and stand please.

August meetings

Honiton show

Thursday 4th Aug

Taunton Flower show plus bees and honey at Vivary Park Taunton

Friday and Saturday 5th and 6th August

Saturday 13th August Beginners practical training session in preparing for winter 14:00hr-15:00hr



The Club entry

Team Tiverton, with their hive mind, put together a display on "Beekeeping on our area" - the starting point was our rural, hilly landscape and some of the bee related things we do. Displayed at the Devon County Show, and will also be at the Mid Devon Show and Honiton Show.

Many thanks to Hilary for helping to bring it together (and write poetry) and to Lesley, Tracy, Malcolm, Clive, Chris, Katy, Ian, Norm for their contributions and others who helped with bouncing ideas around.
Sue





And guess what!!





Around the Apiary in July with Keith Owers

Hives at club apiary taken 30/04/2022

Hilary Sanders

As I write this article for the Buzzette, June is almost over and it has not been the best of months for our bees. We have had some very good weather but not much for them to feed on, we have also had some rain but not very much. My records show we have only had half the average rain fall for the month. With little work to do maybe that is why our bees have been swarming, I have had more colonies swarming this year than I have had for a long time.

July should be our main month for our bees to make honey. Blackberry is probably our most important crop, providing nectar and pollen, rosebay willowherb, clover, dandelion are all good food plants for our bees. We cannot do much about the rain that we need but we can make sure that we have supers for the bees to store their honey. I will be looking to remove the honey at the end of the month, this will give me time to treat the bees for varroa in August before feeding for the winter in September. Should you plan to treat for varroa or not it is time to plan ahead. July is always a good month to get out to look at bees, yours or somebody else's, and of course it is show time, when you can have fun meeting old friends and picking up useful tips on how to do things.

Last month I lost a good swarm from my best hive - is that what they call re-wilding. If it is can I get a grant for it to replace my lost bees. Just a thought.

Keith Owers