

The Tivvy Buzzette

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Tiverton Beekeepers Newsletter



Chairman's Broodbox

A bit of a change this month, as Tony is not available to write this month's Brood box so instead you have a Vice Chairman's nuc.

I suppose this month is a time to reflect on last season, what went well and what didn't, and what could be done differently. I personally lost two of my three hives; one to chronic bee paralysis virus and one was forced out by wasps.

The year started well with all three hives coming out of winter strongly, where others beekeepers had encountered winter losses. But a visit from the bee inspector found my chronic bee paralysis virus and provided me with a little more knowledge for the future.

Our bees should all be set for the winter, hives hefted and heavy. Still keep an eye on them as the temperature is still

warm and foraging flights are still happening. They will soon start on their stores if the weather remains warm and sunny be prepared to get some fondant into the hive. I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas social. If you can't make it, have a great time over the Festive Season and enjoy making up those frames for the spring. The bulk buy order form will be out soon.

Ian Sorensen



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Storage tips for supers



The Parkla storage bags from Ikea are the perfect size to fit in a super! I use them for winter storage for empty frames.



I also used them when taking frames off the hive as found putting them in the bag made for easy transporting as the honey was contained and my



husband didn't complain about the car getting sticky! At £1.50 each I also think they are a bargain.

Vicky

2026 Calendar

January 21st

Branch Meeting

Sarah and William Lines

Bees and Elephants in Uganda

February 18th

Branch Meeting

Alexander Paines

Gardening for wildlife

March 18th

Branch Meeting

David Packham

It will be better this year!

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Last date for submission for the next issue is

20th January.

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Bees of all sorts have been busy on this shrub in our front garden on warmer days this autumn. Honey bees, bumble bees, hover flies, butterflies and even a humming bird hawk moth have all been spotted. The shrub is an evergreen called Abelia and it flowers late in the season so is a great addition to your garden if you want to help the bees.

Jon