

The Tivvy Buzzette

Tiverton Beekeepers Newsletter

August 2026



Chairman's Broodbox



The long hot summer has continued through July but thankfully the summer flowers appear to have given us a good harvest. Now is the time to be thinking of processing your honey supers, and don't forget to bring a jar for tasting to the AGM. Just a reminder that the club has two extractors to borrow, there is a 9 frame radial extractor and a 4 frame tangential. We also have a hydrometer, and uncapping

knives. If you want to borrow any of these give me a call to book them as there is normally a queue, you can also borrow my own extractor too.

It's time to help your hives in the fight against the wasps. Narrow down your entrances, set your wasp traps, but not too close to the hives as that may actually attract wasps. August is also the time to think about varroa treatment not

forgetting to vary what treatment you use so the varroa don't form a resistance. Most treatments require supers to be removed before use but there are some that don't. Check the instructions, some also require specific temperature requirements.

July saw the club at the Mid Devon show, we were very busy throughout the day, candle rolling, making head bands, and of course honey sales. The observation hive also attracted lots of interest.



All the hard work paid off as we were awarded 1st for Countryside trade stand, and 1st for stand with Educational Content.



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Congratulations to all volunteers on the stand with special congratulations to Tracy and Vicky.

The club are starting to make a habit of getting an award.

Thank you to all the members who provided honey to supplement the clubs. The provision of taster jars allowed customers to see the difference between jars and on many occasions resulted in a purchase of multiple jars. The next show will be Plymtree.

Plus a big congratulations to those who have passed their Basic assessment. Well done all.

Ian Sorenson



2026 Calendar

August 16th 2-4pm.

Club Apiary Visits

NT Knightshayes

September 5th 2-4pm

Beginners

Meet the Bees - a hands on session

NT Knightshayes

September 16th 7.30-9pm

Branch Meeting - Speaker Dan Baskerfield - foraging Behaviour

Uplozman Village Hall

September 23rd 7.30-9.30pm

Beginners

Introduction to Beekeeping

Uplozman Village Hall

September 26th 10am-4pm

Devon Beekeepers Day

Crediton

was known as the President's Day

October 21st 7.30-9pm

Branch Meeting - Speaker David Packham - Strategies for a healthy colony

Uplozman Village Hall

October 21st 7.30-9pm

Beginners

The Hive and its components

Uplozman Village Hall

November 5th 7.30-9pm

Branch Committee Meeting

Uplozman Village Hall

November 18th 7.30-9pm

Branch AGM

Uplozman Village Hall



The Buzzette

Last date for submission for the next issue is

10th September

Send your news, views, comments, stories and photographs to

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Save the Date

Tiverton Beekeepers

Christmas Social

Saturday 5th December

7pm at Uplozman Village Hall