



THE BUZZ

East Devon Beekeepers' Newsletter
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Dear Member,

Forthcoming winter meetings: First Thursday of every month at Kilmington Village Hall 7.30pm.

First meeting Thursday 4th October – 'Grubs Up'. Dr Heather Gibbard an entomologist, will present some new menu ideas! Insects, drone brood and tasty, crunchie treats ... come and find out what it's all about.

Please note branch AGM on Thursday 1st November 7.30pm. This will be followed by a talk from members Evelyn and Ges Pelham entitled 'What Surrey bees can teach us'.

Apiary Cleaning Sessions – these sessions are hugely important for the welfare of our branch bees and the maintenance of our beeshed. The hives are our teaching resource for our beginners and hygiene is vital. Thanks to those of you who have been along to help with painting and cleaning – it's a messy, time consuming activity and your contribution is most welcome and much needed.

Are your bees ready for the winter? We are into October this week – your hives should have been hefted and assessed for stores and your feeding if needed well underway or better still completed by now.

BBKA News this month has some reminders for you on page 331.

Asian Hornet Week – How many of you did get involved during the week and kept close eyes on your apiaries? Many of us have observed some interesting behaviour between our own European hornets and wasps. Thanks to the twenty members who put out our monitoring hornet lure and joined in with the Devon wide Asian Hornet initiative. I await your comments.



Membership Renewals

Yes, that favourite time of year is coming up when I shall be asking you for your membership subscription for 2019. The good news is that the subscription rates will remain the same for the coming year. The renewal forms will come available fairly soon. I will be in touch!

Other Events Coming Up

National Honey Show, Sandown Park Racecourse, Surrey 25th – 27th October.

Maisemore Apiaries – End of Season Sale 1st Oct – 30th Nov.

Devon Beekeepers' Day and AGM December 15th at Plymouth. A Devon-wide raffle will be held similar to last year. Tickets will be available soon and we will let you know how you can purchase them. Full details and programme on the back cover of your September issue of Beekeeping magazine.

GDPR – reminder - You will all have received an email from DBKA regarding data protection. Just a reminder to please make sure you complete your response to that email, stating 'I give my consent' or 'I do not give my consent' by 30th September. A reminder, too, that if you change any of your personal details please let me know so I can update our database and those of DBKA and BBKA.

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