

THE BUZZ

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Dear Member,

Forthcoming Meeting: APRIL

Thursday 6th April Kilmington Village Hall 7.30pm. Talk from Clare Densley and Martin Haan.

"What the books don't tell you and why bees change their minds"

Current head of the bee department at Buckfast Abbey, Clare, and former SBI, Martin, will be on-hand to set you thinking and then answer all your questions on this enlightening tour of the wrinkles only experience can teach you, unless you can benefit from someone else's experience.

Look forward to seeing you at the last of our winter talks— think every member will take something away from this one.

Next big event after the spring awakening will be the approaching **swarming season.**

Just to remind you our Swarm Co-Ordinator this year is Stan Wroe.

If you know you want a swarm this year, please get your name on the list. Contact Stan on: **stanwroe@aol.com**. Priority will always be given to beginners who have requested a swarm. Once you are delivered a swarm please remember to tell Stan so he can update the list so it remains a current list for collectors to work from. Also, please **be ready to receive** if you ask for a swarm. Your hive should be ready and waiting in situ for the transfer of the bees. Any further queries then contact Stan.



Goren Farm Festival – Mary Boulton attends this every year for EDBK to promote beekeeping and educate the public. This year the date in question is Saturday 1st July. If you would like the opportunity to attend this with her she is looking for a member to accompany her at this event. Contact Mary please on mary.boulton@btinternet.com

SUMMER PROGRAMME

Programme Errors: Further to my correction e mail sent on 11/3/23:

Can I remind you again: Our summer social on Sunday 2nd July is 4.30pm-6.30pm

HONITON SHOW is Thursday 3rd August

Just to clarify, another programme is attached.

DEVON COUNTY SHOW 18th/19th/20th May – Maggie Heal is calling for volunteer stewards in the Bees & Honey Marquee. E mail her if you are interested: dcsvolunteers@yahoo.com

Thinking Ahead - We're into April and before long August will be here, which means Honiton Show. So, if you would like to volunteer to help please let Keith have your name. A great opportunity for you beginners to participate so do come forward. Honey sales, taste of honey, candle rolling etc on offer – lots to learn and of course the competition which we hope will see record East Devon Branch entries this year.

As always get in touch if you have any queries and don't forget to tell me about any changes to your contact details, eg phone number, email or home address.

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