



THE BUZZ

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Dear Member,

June is bustin' out all over!

The first half of May was mixed – chilly winds, sunny moments, downpours, even hail, but the swarms kicked off on time! Helped by the end of May heatwave, our swarm collectors have been challenged and so it would seem up and down the country as well. As this heatwave continues, swarms drop in on Cardiff city and beekeepers report running out of kit. Did you catch Alasdair on BBC Spotlight informing the public about swarms?? A season to remember.

Thank you to all our branch swarm collectors. It's a testing time this year.

Stan is doing a grand job keeping the swarm list up to date. He can only do that if you inform him as soon as you have received bees. Please let him know. (stanwroe@aol.com)



Upcoming dates for your diaries:

Our branch summer social - **Sunday 2nd July** is 4.30pm-6.30pm at the Beeshed. (Invitations will be along this month).

Goren Farm Festival - Saturday 1st July

HONITON SHOW - Thursday 3rd August – Honiton Showground

*****KIT CLEANING DAY*****

SATURDAY 24th JUNE – Morning and afternoon sessions

We really do need your support. To keep our teaching apiary functioning at its best there is a huge amount goes on and part of that management is our cleaning day in June and again on 23rd September. Make a note in your diaries please. If you can let me know you can attend either am or pm that would help with planning. (Full details nearer the time).

Honiton Show – Keith has a good list of volunteers for help at the show - thank you - wonderful to feel so supported. If you would still 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.



Thanks to Alasdair, Kim, Duncan and Barbara for giving East Devon Beekeepers an appearance at the **Stockland Fayre** this week. With over 2,000 visitors, the event was a resounding success. Our stalwarts in the bee tent, sporting their ED polo shirts, were kept very busy and sold out of honey half way through the event. A repeat visit for next year is very much on the cards they think.

FOR SALE – On offer (three items) from one of our members is: **1.** A full colony (i.e. bees on frames only) with Buckfast queen £150. **2.** A colony split with a new queen £50 and **3.** a six frame Nuc available shortly £40. *Can deliver and transfer frames into your own waiting hive. Let me know if you are interested and I will put you in touch.*

Land for Bees – two offers recently - if you're looking for 'out apiary' sites, a 12 acre wild flower site in Stockland is available and another wild flower field south of Honiton. Let me know if you are interested in pursuing this further.

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