

Dear Member,

Well, a chill in the air today 🌨️ heralds the arrival of December. So here's the reminder of our **🎄 Xmas meet on Thursday 7th December at Kilmington Village Hall 7.30pm.**

Please come along with your plate of festive finger food 🍷 🍰 🍪 (savoury or sweet) to add to the table. Soft drinks will be available. If you wish to bring anything stronger you are welcome but please bring your own glasses. 🍷 🍸

We will have a 🧑🏻 **super xmas raffle** with lovely prizes, thanks to donations from Tesco who supply our sugar. At least four hampers in the mix and every fabulous prize is worth ten times the value of a ticket. So bring your money (£1 per ticket) enjoy a night off with your fellow members and partners are very welcome.

There's more - Nick Silver will give us a talk about how he keeps his bees and poses some thoughts about whether his methods would appeal to you and your beekeeping.

AND Please come to collect your oxalic acid. Correct money is a huge help please. £1 per hive. 50p syringe.

Another December date :

DEVON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION AGM - 9th December VIA ZOOM. Refer to Nov Beekeeping magazine page 189 for details.

Looking Back - A big thank you to all of you who presented at our own branch AGM back in November. Storm Ciaran put paid to our live meeting but Zoom came to the rescue. Apologies for the last minute change but I'm afraid the prevailing weather conditions called the shots. Our Officers for 2024 remain in post for a further year and our current committee continues.

President: Hilary Kirkcaldie. Chairman: Alasdair Bruce. Treasurer: Keith Bone. Secretary: Val Bone. In addition are our further committee members: Richard Simpson, John Badley, Mary Boulton, Ralph Cox, Rosie Maggs, Rhiannon Hodson, Marion Coleman, Stan Wroe

Looking Forward

2024 Dates for your diary. Kilmington Village Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 4th January - Speaker Dan Basterfield. Topic: Preparing for the Season

Thursday 1st February - Speakers Clare Densley and Martin Haan. Topic: How to keep calm and carry on when things don't go as planned (with your bees)!

Thursday 7th March - Speaker Stephen Fleming. Topic: Beekeeping at the geographical extremes of the UK.

Thursday 4th April - Bee nest removal and Queen clipping (in house)

See your winter programme for the full details (e mailed out to you on 22nd Nov)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS REMINDER

Still awaiting renewals from 115 members. Please note I cannot register you as an active member for 2024 until I receive the payment along with your renewal request.

This message comes from DBKA:

Please remind your members that, starting in 2024, the magazine will be distributed in digital format by default and a printed copy will only be posted to those members who have paid for it.

Please make sure you answer the magazine option on the online form.

I will send out an online renewal reminder for anyone who has been unable to retrieve their application so far, or technology has lost it for them. It will come from membership services circa 8/9th December.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to EDBK branch affairs over this past year in whatever capacity. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas 🍷 🎄 🍪 .

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