

Dear Member,

### **Thursday 1st February Kilmington Village Hall 7.30pm**

Our February meeting should delight. Clare Densley and Martin Haan who are of the famous Buckfast team will again share their expertise when they present their talk 🐝 ' **How to keep calm and carry on when things don't go as planned with your bees**'. 🐝

We've all had those moments when the bees follow their plan instead of ours! Clare and Martin are highly experienced beekeepers who have seen most scenarios and found the solutions. *Members of West Dorset branch will join us and there will be savouries and cakes to accompany your tea/coffee.*

Our January meeting saw a record turn out of 50 members but unfortunately our speaker failed to show. We have received an apology and hope to rebook the talk next year. However, all those who attended will know that Miss Pin Orchard saved the day and gave us a mystery on which to ponder. Also it was a great opportunity to talk with so many of you and reconnect with those of you we've not seen for a while.

**Beginners Course** - Looking forward to seeing all our 2024 beginners on February 3rd.

**Branch Website.** [eastdevonbk.co.uk](https://eastdevonbk.co.uk) 🐝 🐝 🐝

Our branch website now has https status. This means your browser will show a locked symbol in the top left hand corner, instead of the 'insecure' warning. We hope this will reassure visitors to the site.

**Branch Library** 📖 📖

Have you still got a book out on loan from our branch library that should have been returned? Please bring it with you to the February meeting. Simon Norton has very kindly stepped up to take over the library management from Nick Silver who has reliably availed us of the collection at every meeting. Thank you Nick.

**DEVON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE ACCESS** - Reminder: access passwords for restricted content on the Devon website came into operation on **22nd January**.

**These passwords were issued in last months Buzzmail. Remember passwords are case sensitive.**

### **ASIAN HORNET**

I would urge you to keep up to date with all information on BBKA's website regarding meetings, conferences etc about this threat. Some of us listened to Andrew Durham with his 2024 Zoom update on the situation in France - it gave serious food for thought. We can learn lessons from how the situation has unfolded across the channel. Andrew's talks are on BBKA YouTube channel.

Try loading the 📱 **Asian Hornet Watch app** onto your phones. Again, see BBKA website for further details and descriptions.

### **Ian Homer RIP**

We learned recently of the death of Ian who was a member and friend of EDBK for 17 years and together with his wife Ruth presented talks and demos to our branch over that time. A valued member of the beekeeping world, Ian will be much missed.

Val 🐝

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