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Our first meeting of the year is brought to us by Dan Basterfield.

*******Thursday 4th January 7.30pm Kilmington Village Hall*******

Master Beekeeper and NDB, Dan is our local expert. He has to be, it is his living (Blackbury Honey Farm). He will be taking us through what we need to be doing to ensure it's not just another year chasing one's tail. Dan is an excellent communicator and a valued member of East Devon branch. He has the expertise to make it worthwhile coming out at New Year. **So if 'better beekeeping' is on your New Year resolutions list, come along and listen to Preparations For a Better Season.**

Also a reminder for:

Thursday 1st February -

Clare Densley and Martin Haan will advise us on **How to keep calm and carry on when things don't go as planned with your bees.**

2024 Beginners Course 🐝🐝 begins on Saturday 3rd Feb at the beeshed. A warm welcome awaits all our 'newbees' and we hope your time with us is rewarding. Come to our first meeting of the year (as above) if you wish to.

🐝 **BRANCH WEBSITE** 🐝 our branch website is full of information. edbk.co.uk Thank you John for updating this facility and providing us with all the current information we need. Anyone unfamiliar with the pages, I would urge you to go exploring!

LIBRARIAN NEEDED - 📖📖 those of you who attend winter meetings know that our branch library is always there for you. Nick Silver is ready to pass on the role of custodian of the books to a member who can take this on. You need to house the books at your home (three plastic crates) and bring them to the winter meetings at Kilmington Village Hall. (Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, April) so only seven occasions. There is a 'loans' book in operation so you will keep track of who has which book and keep tabs on our collection. Let me know if you are interested. It's not onerous and you have a wonderful library at your disposal, so no need to be short of bedtime reading!

ASIAN HORNET Zoom Invite from BBKA. Andrew Durham has kindly agreed to present a 'Special Briefing for Beekeepers - Update for 2024', on Tuesday 16th January at 7.00pm via Zoom. Andrew gave us two very informative presentations earlier in the year and is a knowledgeable speaker.

Andrew will take your questions at the end of the

briefing. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84767178392?pwd=NT1mSPDmsDEuJ06dlOF5EN0X7asjHq.1>

SO HERE'S TO A SUCCESSFUL BEEKEEPING YEAR FOR US ALL

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