

Dear Member,

Many thanks are owed this month:

A big thank you to all you swarm collectors out there. Your service is most valuable in both time and skills. Well done Stan for keeping the whole system running so smoothly.

To Alasdair, Kim, Barbara and Duncan well done for braving the winds and manning our presence at Stockland Fayre on Bank holiday. Good crowds I'm told.

To the apiary team who have kept up with the explosion of the bee population during this hot weather when weekly inspections have turned into frenzied Queen cells and splits scenarios. Well done team.

Meanwhile thanks to Rhiannon and Hilary for organising our photo shoot for the BBKA anniversary tree planting at the apiary. Our Lime tree stands in the hedge adjacent to our club hives. Pictured are our President Hilary Kirkcaldie, our youngest member Harry Burrough (16) and Mandy Wiscombe (widow of our oldest, now sadly deceased member David Wiscombe). The occasion is symbolic of the span of time between our beekeeping generations at the branch. We hope our youngest member will come back to see the tree on the 200th Anniversary of BBKA ! (More details on our branch website).



Finally, to all those of you who helped at the Devon show we understand you worked hard but enjoyed it and **Congratulations to our beginner David Clapp who won first prize for his decorated wheelbarrow.**



HONITON SHOW THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 2025

Please let Keith have your name if you are willing to be a steward this year. We have some names already but need many more please. It's a great day - free entry ticket and once your stewarding is finished you have the rest of the day to explore the show. What's not to like? **SO ROLL UP ROLL UP. WE'RE WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

Some sad news to finish with as we have learned of the death of member Ges Pelham. A long time supporter of EDBK, Ges has been very ill for some time. We will remember him fondly.

Buzz Extra!

Anyone interested in putting their bees on land near Stockland Hill, please get in touch for more details.

Anyone interested in purchasing a Thornes four national super tangential honey extractor (£75) in good working order please make contact.

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