

Dear Member,

This month's Buzz is a double issue from me as I'm not available for the August issue.

Our Summer Social is SUNDAY 13th JULY 4.30pm - 6pm

As it's the ten year birthday of our Beeshed we shall have a birthday tea party 🇬🇧.

It's a drop in or stay as long as you like event, very informal and as usual just a chance to catch up with your beekeeping buddies.

If you have any good 'bee related' snippets on your phones- photos or videos- it's a great time to share them. Show them to someone you don't know at the party and make a new bee buddy!

If you haven't yet told me you are attending please do so ASAP. Especially welcome will be anyone who has recently become a member. Come and meet us.

HONITON SHOW 2025 Thursday 7th August

The time draws near!

Honey sales forms, show schedule and competition entry form have all been mailed to you on 23rd June. We hope you will find something on the schedule which sparks your interest and you'll have a go at presenting an entry. It's a case of the more the merrier!! So whether you're a cook, an artist, a photographer, a brewer or just a creative beekeeper, then please enter! If you've never entered your honey before in any of the classes then now's your chance. Remember too the novice class - this caters for anyone who has never won a prize in the honey competition at any show.

THE FINAL UPDATED SCHEDULE [CAN BE DOWNLOADED HERE](#) FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE BRANCH WEBSITE.

Also on the Home page of the branch website: eastdevonbk.co.uk you will find the title LETS SPARKLE AT HONITON SHOW

It will remind you how to produce your honey for the competition. This is a report from a session we held in 2022 but very relevant, especially the second part of the report where John gives you hints and tips for award winning honey.

Best of luck to anyone entering anything into the show and thank you for your support.

Other events over July and August include:

Goren Farm festival 5th July - Mary Boulton arranging.

Whimble Fest 5th July - Milly Frankpitt representing EDBK.

Honiton Show August 7th - East Devon and Exeter members

Dalwood Fair August 16th Mary Boulton and Marion Coleman arranging.

Hawkchurch Fete 25th August Duncan Mackinder organising.

Beeshed sessions are as follows:

Varroa - a problem or not? How do I know and what do I do about it? 19th July 2.30pm with John Badley and Nigel Boulton.

Extracting and Preparing Honey (Beginners) 9th August 2.30pm with Nick Silver.

SUGAR

It may seem strange to be thinking about autumn feeding, but Rhiannon is calling for your sugar orders. Get your name on the list in good time and any questions or reminders needed about the scheme then contact Rhiannon on rhiannonhodson1@gmail.com.

Some of you may be interested in the BBKA July Talk: 'Beekeepers' Question Time'

The next in our series of Zoom talks will be 'Beekeepers' Question Time' on Tuesday 15th July 2025 at 7pm. A recording of this talk will be available on YouTube for those unable to watch live.

This will be a chance to put your questions to some expert beekeepers. Please email any questions ahead of the talk to: training.admin@bbka.org.uk

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81233819992?pwd=DYmZxTlMjJpRCLJYjYvblxgybQQdSZ.1>

Meeting ID: 812 3381 9992 Passcode: 527929

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