

Dear Member,



We look forward to seeing you at our first winter meeting.

Thursday 2nd October Kilmington Village Hall 7.30pm.

Come and listen to Brigit Strawbridge and learn about solitary bees.

*******WINTER VARROA TREATMENT*****OXALIC ACID**

For those of you unaware of our oxalic acid scheme - the branch makes available to members correctly made up treatment for your convenience. Please see the instructions below for ordering, details required and how to send, collection dates etc. If you can't make the meeting opportunities for collection, please arrange for someone else to collect **and pay** for your order. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THIS IS A CASH ONLY ARRANGEMENT.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER.

If you would like to avail yourself of this service, please contact Rosemary Maggs. You need to give her **your name and number of hives** you wish to treat and indicate whether you require a **syringe**.

E mails only please to : rosemary.maggs@hotmail.com Place your orders no later than 26th October. The subject of your email should read: Oxalic Acid Order.

You will have two opportunities to collect and pay for your treatment, each at the start of the November and December meetings at Kilmington Village Hall.

The correct money would be appreciated. **Cash only on the collection night.** £2 per hive. Syringe £1

 Beeshed Business

 **A big thank you to all you wonderful helpers who turned up on cleaning day and gave your support. You were amazing**    **and very much appreciated.**  **lovely cake too (thank you bakers) which helped the job along. We were also able to send off a couple of wax moth samples to the bee team at Exeter University to help with their current research.**

The apiary team have completed the winter feeding down at the hives and to all those of you who've done a turn on the gardening team this year thank you for keeping the apiary trimmed and tidy.



Also the new beeshed tap has now been fitted. Our thanks to David Donald who swiftly came to our aid 🔄 and made us watertight 💧

LIBRARY BOOKS 📖📖 Are you still holding onto a book or books from the branch library? Please return them at the next Kilmington meeting. Simon Norton our librarian will be pleased to receive your returns. 📖📖

MEMBERSHIP 2026

The time of year has come when we start to call in your membership renewals. You can expect a small increase in fees this time as BBKA have increased their portion, Registered up £2 and Partner up £1.50. Look out for the e mail that comes from membership services around the second half of October.

If you already know that you will be resigning your membership for 2026, then do let me know as it saves a lot of administrative hassle. Hopefully not too many of you, but sadly it is an annual fact of beekeeping life.

ADVANCE NOTICE

EDBK BRANCH AGM - 6th November Kilmington Village Hall 7.30pm

ATTACHED is your winter programme up to December in case you missed the one I e mailed on 22nd Sept.

Winter Programme

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