



THE BUZZ

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Happy New Year Everyone.

Outstanding membership renewals need to be completed ASAP. Please get in touch.

Dear Member,

Here is our branch committee going forward into 2023:

President: **Hilary Kirkcaldie**, Chair: **Alasdair Bruce**, Secretary: **Val Bone**, Treasurer: **Keith Bone**, **Richard Simpson**, **John Badley**, **Rosie Maggs**, **Ralph Cox**, **Mary Boulton**, **Stan Wroe**, **Rhiannon Hodson** and we welcome **Marion Coleman** who is joining the team.

(Peter Weller, Ann Pengelly, Mike Walters and Colin Osborne have stepped down or moved away and we thank them for their contributions during their time on the committee).

Our **Beginners Course** starts on 11th February. Welcome to all those who are about to join us – you are affectionately referred to as our 'newbees'.

You are welcome to any of the meetings below. Come and meet us.

Forthcoming Meetings:

Thursday 12th January 2023 7.30pm Kilmington Village Hall

THE ASIAN HORNET THREAT - tales from Ascot, Jersey and Galicia.

Our speaker is Stephen Fleming - Jt Editor of BeeCraft, Stephen and his co-editor have taken the leading independent UK beekeeping magazine to new places, including undertaking original research.

On this occasion he will review the experience of European territories heavily infested with this destructive and threatening pest lurking on our doorsteps and describes his personal experiences from field visits.

Our February Meeting Thursday 2nd February is our annual meeting with West Dorset branch. *The meeting will be via ZOOM and the appropriate link will be e mailed to you in good time.* Professor David Evans is our speaker. David will take us through one of the most important and interesting topics within the craft, "**Raising Your Own Queens**". While his "day job" is Emeritus Professor of Virology at St Andrews University, David will be known to many as the 2020 Resident Expert for BBKA News and is known to Google and the world as The Apiarist (<https://theapiarist.org>). He is one of the country's leading speakers and the Zoom talk from Scotland promises to be one of the highlights of our talks season.

Branch Apiary – sadly some colony losses have been reported by the team, oxalic acid has been administered and fondant been given when required.

Val Bone

IN MEMORIAM



We remember with much affection our member Sarah Collins who passed away back in November. As a key member of our apiary team she gave her time so generously and as a branch committee member and Honiton Show rep her organisational skills were much appreciated. Sarah spread her talents widely and applied her totally practical self to all situations. Even during her illness she continued to organise the garden team rota and managed the sugar distribution scheme, also taking on beeshed quartermaster duties for a short while. Her warm personality, her smile and her great sense of humour defined her. Rest in peace Sarah. We do indeed miss you.

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