



THE BUZZ

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Dear Member,

What a great evening we had with the Buckfast team, Clare Densley and Martin Haan, at our last winter talk. **The good news is we have invited them back in 2024.**



Now we are into May and swarms have kicked off. If you haven't asked Stan already to put you on the swarm list then consider this a reminder. E mail Stan at: stanwroe@aol.com. Stan is doing a great job but please play your part and notify him when you have received your swarm and therefore no longer need to be on the list.

Beesuits – we have a number of beesuits for sale – one is brand new priced £40. A couple for £10 and a couple for £25. So if you need a spare for friend, partner or visitor.....Contact me for further details.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered for the **Honiton Show** – if you would like to help please let Keith know. This is a great opportunity for you beginners to participate so do come forward. Honey sales, taste of honey, candle rolling etc all on offer – lots to learn and of course the competition which we hope will see record East Devon Branch entries this year. We are not doing Axe Vale show this year but will be participating in Stockland and Dalwood Fairs as well as Goren Farm and thanks to all who are helping organise these events.

Branch Apiary - our beginners have had their first look into the hives, met our seasonal bee inspector and watched him at work on the hives. Delight is evident on their faces as they enjoy their first bee encounters. We have been blessed with good opening weather on two recent Saturdays. **Thank you** to our gardening team who are doing a grand job keeping the apiary in trim.

Basic assessment – the participants in this year's group have started their training on Zoom. Anyone still interested in Modules then get in touch with Richard.

WBC Hives

If anyone has 'old, unwanted, seen better days, no longer any good for bees' WBC hive parts they want to get rid of that would spruce up with a coat of paint, please let me know. We have been asked for any offers – just wanted for decoration in the garden as a dummy specimen.

Anyone wanting a trip out then **Beech Walk House, Honiton, EX14 3AB** is open under the National Gardens Scheme - Fri 19 May and Sun 21 May.

NO MOW MAY - Research has found simple changes in mowing practice can result in enough nectar for ten times more bees and other pollinators. A study discovered over 200 species were found flowering on lawns including meadow saxifrage, knotted clover and eyebright. (We just seem to have daisies!).

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