



# THE BUZZ

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## Cleaning Day

Our cleaning teams toiled all day in the heat last Saturday. Plenty of frames scraped, boxes torched and wax melted. Lovely cakes and summer fruits to accompany the proceedings.

**Thanks to all.  
Grand job.**



**NEXT CLEANING OPPORTUNITY IS ALL DAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> WHEN THERE WILL BE PLENTY MORE TO DO. SO IF YOU MISSED THIS ONE.....**

**Branch Summer Social** – Thank you for your replies and we look forward to welcoming sixty of you to our summer event. On arrival please park at the top and walk down. Party shoes unadvisable along the track. Looks like sunshine will accompany the proceedings.

**Next Meeting at the Beeshed – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm. Subject: VARROA. ‘A problem or not? How do I know? What do I do about it?’** A concern for us all so please come along.

**HONITON SHOW** - All relevant information about the show was emailed to you on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Also you will find the same information on the branch website on the Home page. We look forward to seeing some lovely entries for the competitions on the day (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August). **Don't worry if you don't have entries for the honey section, there's plenty to try your hand at with the cookery and art sections. Please have a go as every entry counts. We won the branch cup last year so it would be nice to retain it. If you want to submit entries but can't get to the show, we can arrange for another member to bring your goods, so please get in touch.**

**SUGAR COLLECTION** – think ahead and plan for your autumn/winter feeding. 10kgs sugar £2. Contact Rhiannon ([rhiannonhodson1@gmail.com](mailto:rhiannonhodson1@gmail.com)) and get your name on the list. If you don't know about the sugar scheme Rhiannon will be happy to explain it to you.

**SWARMS** - Hopefully the hectic swarm weeks have abated. Huge thanks to all our swarm collectors who have answered calls in this energy sapping heat and indeed to Stan Wroe for managing the season and keeping the swarm lists updated. 20 updates may be a record!

## Bees and Water

Be mindful of access to water for your bees. They need it as much as we do.

**Lost Property** – a brown lightweight jacket was left on one of the chairs in the back row by someone who attended the last Improvers session.

*Val Bone*

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