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DATES - Thursday August 3rd – Honiton Show. Thank you to all our volunteer stewards who have shown much eagerness to help. Also we look forward to receiving your show entries at the showground – preferably on Wednesday 2nd or very first thing on Thursday morning. Refer to our [Let's Sparkle](#) (title is December 2022 Social) report on our website for photographic and text reminders from Nick Silver on how to prepare your honey for a show.

Next beeshed meet is **Extracting and Preparing Honey. Saturday 12th August 2.30pm.** David Shale will lead you through the process and demonstrate the equipment used with hints and tips along the way. This is a dry run with no honey involved.



I think we all enjoyed our **Branch Summer Social**. We had a lot of trouble with the gusty winds and our marquee, so thanks to our set up team for your struggles. To those who contributed food and particularly Rosie and Mary a big round of applause – a great feast. Did you spot our little bee - 4 year old Florence Ramsbottom who is already helping Dad Phil with his inspections. ****Start 'em young****.

Thanks to John for his recent talk on **VARROA**. If you missed the meeting or want to recap on the facts, a report can be found on our branch website. (Select HOME on the menu bar and then click on Reports).

Thanks to Mary, Nigel and Helen for representing us at **Goren Farm Festival**. As always plenty of interest in our craft.

East Devon Beekeepers Polo Shirts

In the past we have sold white polo shirts to members, bearing a bee motif. Members often wear these when representing us at shows. You may have an original and want to renew, or you would like to buy one as a recent new member. We can try to order another batch if there is enough take up. It's a bit chicken and egg, but if there's not enough interest it won't be worth the exercise as cost is more competitive the more you buy. I've had half a dozen interests registered so far. If you might be interested let me have your name and size required (S,M, L,XL,XXL etc). I will investigate further and come back to you with price.



Out apiary in or around Budleigh - If anyone knows of any possible sites for an out apiary in the Budleigh Salterton area please get in touch. A beekeeper from Cornwall is relocating.

******* Asian Hornet Sighting******* - A single hornet was captured and reported in Dover on 17th July to the NBU by a local beekeeper. An NBU Inspector collected the sample which was sent to DEFRA who confirmed the specimen was *Vespa velutina*. We are urged to be vigilant. **NOTE THIS AUGUST'S BBKA NEWS HAS A VERY INFORMATIVE FEATURE ON THE ASIAN HORNET– WORTH A READ.**

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