

Dear Member,

My trial of the BUZZMAIL continues this month and thank you to everyone who kindly replied with feedback. So far this format seems to have a resounding 👍 thumbs up.

Excellent cleaning session today at the apiary. A merry band of you gathered to carry out this necessary but tedious task. Many hands make light work and they did, helped along by Marion's cakes 🍰 🍰 . Huge thanks to you all. 🙌🙌 A beeshed full of clean kit is a welcome sight.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

🍁🍁 Autumn approaches and our first talk **is from Graham Kingham - The Honeybee Microbiome. Thursday 5th October 7.30pm Kilmington Village Hall.** *We are what we eat, or in some cases what eats us. As there are more virus and bacteria cells in our bodies than human cells perhaps that should be what eats *with* us. It is no different with honey bees. What effect, therefore, do our beekeeping techniques, foods, supplements and potions have on our bees? Graham will set you thinking about both our gut and the bees'. Change your microbiome and it can change you, just like your bees'.*

🔔🔔 THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2nd 7.30pm BRANCH AGM 🔔🔔 KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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OXALIC ACID

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER. Rosie Maggs will again make up our oxalic acid for your winter varroa treatment. If you would like to avail yourself of this service, 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 Rosie : rosemary.maggs@hotmail.com

Place your orders no later than 20th October.

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. £1 per hive. Syringe 💧 50p.

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LAND FOR BEES

We've had an offer of space on farmland in Woodbury if any member is interested in keeping their hives in that direction. Let me know and I'll put you in touch.

ASIAN HORNET - yes it's getting serious.

Press releases, tv announcements and now the buses. BBKA trustees have agreed a budget of £15,000 for a poster campaign on the back of buses in areas affected by Asian hornets. This advertising will roll out across Kent, Devon, Southampton and the New Forest from 25th September. If you see the advert on a Devon bus let **Kevin Jackson** know. Kevin is our branch Asian Hornet Co Ordinator and he will collate and report our sightings : kevindjackson@hotmail.co.uk

What does the advert look like? I've attached it to this BUZZMAIL.

Apologies if this arrives way before time - unreliable Internet expected so I need to be sure you have all the current information.

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