



## August 2017

### Last month

**Events** Unfortunately there were no branch organised last month.

### This month

**Totnes Show 30<sup>th</sup> July.** We are having a stand in the Food & Drink marquee at Totnes Show again this year and will be selling honey from our branch members. One pound (454g) jars of honey will be sold at £5.50 per jar. The Branch takes 10% commission, so you'll get £4.95 per jar. If you have half-pound (225g) jars of honey, these are always popular and we will be selling them at £3.00 per jar. (£2.70 for you.)

Jarring up and labelling just a few jars of honey can be worthwhile. Six one-pound jars sold on the Branch's stand will net you nearly £30 - enough for some new frames and foundation wax for your bees next year. If you need help sorting out labels, let us know. We have some generic 1lb honey labels we can use if you drop your jars off to Lilah (in Totnes) a few days before the Show - you'll just need to add a small separate label with your name and address and best before date (day/month/year) - usually three years' time. Lilah is happy to advise on preparation of packaged cut comb pieces, wax blocks and candles too. Contact: Lilah, Tel: 01803 866028, Email: [lilahkillock@btinternet.com](mailto:lilahkillock@btinternet.com)

**Honiton Show 3<sup>rd</sup> August.** See attached flyer for details, including how to enter their Honey Show.

### Coming Up

**Kingsbridge Show & Branch Honey Show 2<sup>nd</sup> September.** See attachment for entry details.

**Cornwall's Beekeeping Convention, At Bit of a Do** 9<sup>th</sup> September. See attached flyers for details

**Midlands & South West Counties Convention** 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September. See attached flyer for details

**South Devon Beekeepers Convention** 29<sup>th</sup> October at The Ariel Centre, Totnes. The speakers are confirmed as Professor David Evans of St Andrews University, Simon Croson, Marin Anastassov and Will Steynor. Please put the date in your diary.

**Microscopy Workshop** *Date TBA*

## Notices

### Apiary Site Wanted

Branch member Paul Richards of Stoke Gabriel has 5 x hives which is now too many for his garden. Paul is looking for a secure apiary site with easy access to relocate his 5 x hives. Anyone with any suggestions as to possible available sites, please contact Paul on 01803 782627 or email [paul@family-richards.co.uk](mailto:paul@family-richards.co.uk)

### Community Beekeeping at Buckfast Abbey

There is an open invitation to join the beekeepers at Buckfast abbey on Sundays for an afternoon of beekeeping. They have around 8 colonies set in a woodland setting. This is an ideal opportunity to get more "hands on" experience, but anyone can come and just watch and learn, including children. The activity is free but a donation would be appreciated to cover drinks, or bring along a food / drink donation. The group usually meets at 1.30pm at the Bee Barn. If you are interested please contact Clare Densley first, in case plans change and so she knows how many are coming. Mob: 07944 504283 or Email: [cdensley@buckfast.org.uk](mailto:cdensley@buckfast.org.uk)

### Help Wanted with Branch Events

We are looking for people to host a bee safari, which would essentially be an informal branch visit to your apiary. If you would like to do this, please contact Joe McGuckin, Tel: 01803 863969, Email: [swbrickworksvcs@aol.com](mailto:swbrickworksvcs@aol.com)

### Branch Website

Our branch website has now closed. We are looking at setting up a new website and a Facebook site and will circulate details when this is done.

### Quince Honey Farm & Donegal Bee Conference

The branch is considering an outing to Quince Honey Farm and also a visit to the Donegal Bee Conference. If you are interested, please contact Joe McGuckin, Tel: 01803 863969, Email: [swbrickworksvcs@aol.com](mailto:swbrickworksvcs@aol.com)

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Webmaster: Position Vacant

Other members of the Committee: Lesley Bird, Mark Elliot-Smith, Dick Everett, Nick Grech-Cini, John Hart, Lilah Killock

Website for branch news: No longer up and running.

Need help? Ken Basterfield holds the highest UK bee-keeping qualification, the National Diploma in Beekeeping, and if you feel in need of some instant advice, you can telephone him on 01404 815885. Two of our most experienced beekeepers, John Harler in Buckfast (01364 642517) and Jeremy Wells in South Brent (01364 72180), are happy to be contacted at short notice by any member needing practical help and/or advice.



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