

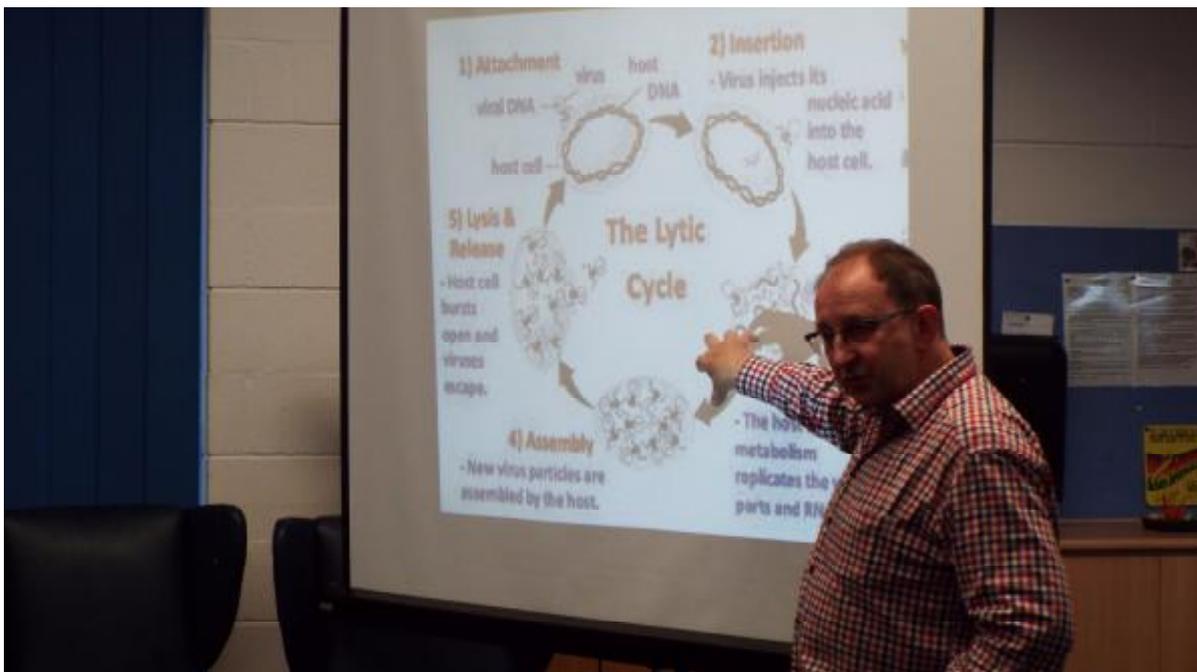


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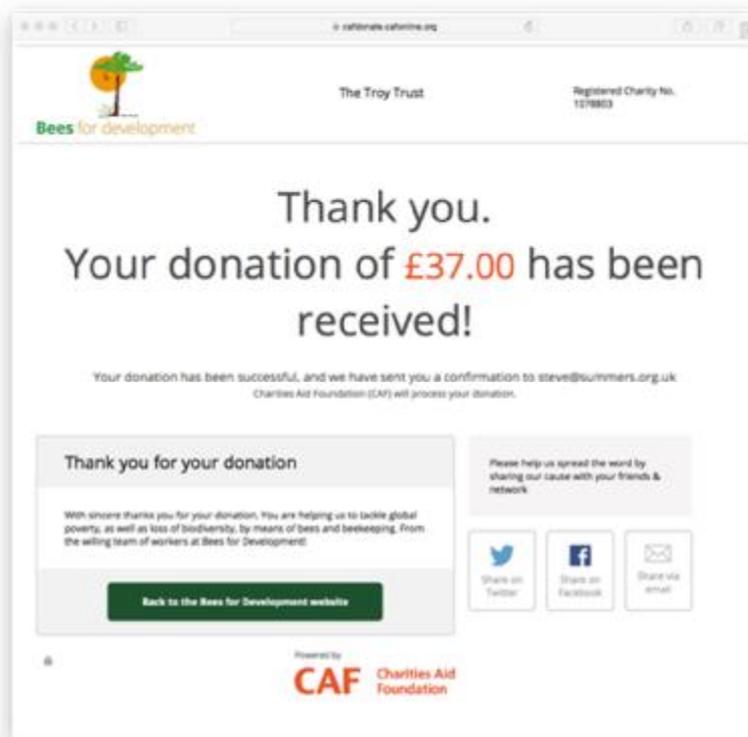
Last month

Apiary Open Day

On Thursday 10th May at St Luke's Church, Buckfastleigh, guest speaker Martin Hann, SBI, gave a talk on "What do viruses do all day?". Martin explained the structure of viruses, how they function and how they affect life on earth. He then explained in more detail how viruses affect honeybees and discussed some of the things that we can do to reduce their impact.



On the evening, Steve Summers also sold honey jars to raise money for “Bees for Development” and took £37.00 on the evening. Steve would like to thank everyone who helped him for their support.



This month

Pollen: 2.00pm on Saturday 9th June at St Luke’s, Buckfastleigh. Guest speaker, Richard Ball will give an outline of the 'DARG/Quantock BKA Pollen Project' based on a COLLOS project completed some years ago. The project is to examine bee collected pollen diversity within Devon, Somerset and hopefully Dorset. It covers pollen collection, identifying by colour or microscopy and reporting the results so far. Examination of pollen in honey and air born pollen is also touched upon. We would encourage you to join in the project, and you do not have to belong to either of the organising groups. When you look at pollen collect your views about your bee forage will change! We shall also have a cake competition. Please bring along a cake, preferably one with honey and we can then try them all out.

Honey Extraction: 2.00pm on Sunday 17th June at Branch Apiary, Old School Farm, Dartington, Totnes, TQ9 6EB. Open session where the apiary team will demonstrate the branch’s honey extraction equipment that branch members can borrow.

Coming Up

Totnes & District Show: Sunday 29th July at Berry Farm, Berry Pomeroy, Totnes, TQ9 6LG. The branch will have a stand at the show.

Meet the Bees: Sunday 12th August at Branch Apiary, Old School Farm, Dartington, Totnes, TQ9 6EB. Open session for the public to come and meet the bees.

Kingsbridge Show: Saturday 1st September at Borough Farm, Kingsbridge, TQ9 7QP.
The branch will have a stand at the show.

Notices

Asian Hornet

If you are interested in forming a branch Asian Hornet Action Team (AHAT), please contact Joe McGuckin on swbrickworksvcs@aol.com

There has been a suspected sighting in the West Midlands, so please be vigilant.

Community Beekeeping at Buckfast Abbey

Buckfast Abbey will be continuing their beekeeping workshops. From 26th May, they begin their queen rearing course, which will be set out over four workshops. Each session can be booked as a one-off, or you may do a block booking of all four to complete a comprehensive course. Full details of these courses and other events can be found on the website www.buckfast.org.uk However, if you would have any questions please contact Clare Densley direct on cdensley@buckfast.org.uk or Mob: 07944 504283.

Hembury Bee Supplies

Agents for the main manufacturers and can supply all your beekeeping needs. Contact John Harler, Outer Finches, Hembury Cock Hill, Buckfast, TQ11 0HN. Please phone or Email before you visit. Tel: 01364 642517. Email: fire221@btinternet.com

Honey Jars for Development

Steve Summers has approximately 300 new half-pound honey jars and lids that he would like to sell at 25p per jar with lid to raise money for Bees for Development. If you would like to help Steve with his fund raising by purchasing some jars and lids, please contact him direct on 01803 849447 or Email: stephen@summers.org.uk

Basic Assessment

If you are interested in taking your basic assessment and would like some training at the branch apiary to help please contact Lilah Killock by Email: lilahkillock@btinternet.com

Apiary Site 1

Daniel Sutherland has developed a small nature reserve at Craxton Combe, Diptford, TQ9 7NA (SX736563) and are offering a site for bees. If you are interested, please telephone Daniel on 01548 821379.

Apiary Site 2

Tim Wild is offering an apiary site where he has planted 30 fruit trees last year. The address is Frogwell Farm, Diptford, TQ9 7NG, just off the road between Diptford and Moreleigh. If you are interested, please contact Tim by Email: tim@thewilds.force9.co.uk

No 1 Bee Dating Agency

If you are looking for some bees for this year and would like to sign up to our No 1 Bee Dating Agency, please complete your details on the attached spreadsheet and return it to Grant by Email: bees.westlakedevon@gmail.com

Grant will then pass on your details to our swarm collectors who may be able to help you at some point through the swarm season.

Branch Committee

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Branch Website

<http://beekeepingsouthdevon.uk/>

<http://www.totnesandkingsbridgebeekeepers.com/>

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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