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Web site: www.holsworthybeekeepers.org.uk



Branch Honey Show – still time to enter

The Branch Honey is on Saturday 12 October at the Methodist Hall, Bodmin Street, Holsworthy, EX22 6BB. There is still time to enter, the show schedule, rules and entry form are on the branch website at www.holsworthybeekeepers.org.uk/branch_honey_show_2013.shtml. Those members with no email address should have received copies in the post. Staging of entries starts at 8.30 am and judging starts at 10.00 am Further details from Graham Jones, 01288 361147



Beginners course

In 2014 the branch intends to run a theory course for members who are new to beekeeping. The aim of the 10 week theory course is to give those attending the basic theory of beekeeping as laid down in the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) Basic Assessment in Beekeeping (for details see the [BBKA examinations website](#)). The theory course will be followed, in the spring, by practical sessions at the branch apiary. After the theory course and practical sessions those attending will be encouraged to take the BBKA *Basic Assessment in Beekeeping*.

When? For ten Wednesday evenings 7.00 - 9.00pm, starting on Wednesday 12 February 2014

Where? 'The Stables', Chilsworthy Methodist Church, EX22 7BH ([map](#))

Who will be teaching on the course? A team of branch members who have many years of beekeeping experience between them will be teaching on the course.

Cost? £90

Further details from Graham Jones, 01288 361147



Winter monthly meetings – The Stables, Chilsworthy Methodist, EX22 7BH
Monday 14 October - 'Predatory mites'

An illustrated talk by Emily Simcock from the Bee Vets on the Predatory Mite that she is using to control varroa.

Emily spoke at the 2013 Spring Convention on the work that she and the Bee Vets have carried out on the use of predatory mites in the battle against varroa.

During the summer Emily has had several sites where the predatory mite has been undergoing tests on its effectiveness. Our branch apiary was one of the test sites and it will be very interesting to hear about the results.

All are welcome. Members £1, guests £2. Tea and biscuits provided.



Monday 11 November
Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Holsworthy branch gives all members an opportunity to hear about and comment on the activities of the previous year.

The election of the branch committee and officers will also take place, it is your opportunity to have a say.

Committee

There are vacancies for committee members, so why not stand for election to the committee? 'Your branch needs you!'

Supper

There will be a bring and share supper after the meeting.

Auction

Also during the evening there will be an auction of beekeeping equipment.

There are already several very desirable pieces of equipment that have been entered for the auction, so why not look out your surplus equipment and bring it along. Don't forget to bring some food for the supper.



Monday 9 December – Branch
Christmas social

By popular demand the Christmas social will be a return to the bowling alley attached to John Duncan's Kilkhampton offices. Keep the date free. Further details to follow.



Holsworthy branch forum- a reminder

A discussion forum has been created on the branch website. This can be viewed by anyone on the internet but only branch members will be able to add comments and questions etc.

The aim is to give all members an opportunity to share information, experiences etc. about bees and beekeeping. It will also enable everyone to advertise spare equipment etc. for sale and wanted.

Some initial sub-forums have been created to make it easier to see what's what but these are not fixed and any suggestions for the future are very welcome.

The forum can be found at www.holsworthybeekeepers.org.uk/forum and there will eventually be a link from the branch website. The setup is very flexible and any comments about improvements etc. are very welcome.

In order to post items to the forum you will need to register and this may take a day or so to process but I'll try to do it as soon as possible.

Graham Jones