

On Saturday the 30th pre season preparations got underway at Clay lane Apiary. A team of eighteen worked together on various tasks. Some were assembling and preparing frames. Another group worked together to continue installing the cladding and electrics. Whilst others dug a trench running from the clubhouse to the Willow screen, to lay the power cable conduit. The floor tiling is to be laid between the 3rd and 6th of May

Finally the days labours were made all the more enjoyable by Tea, Coffee and cakes kindly made by Christine, Jane, Anke and Ruth.

Finally, if anybody has any 2nd hand carpet, preferably foam backed, to donate (as underlay for a nature pond at Clay Lane) please contact Paul Osborne on 01626 351983

To all of our members: please do consider the possibility that you may be able to accept and help in one of the vacant positions within the club as advertised in last months newsletter. We really could do with your help!!

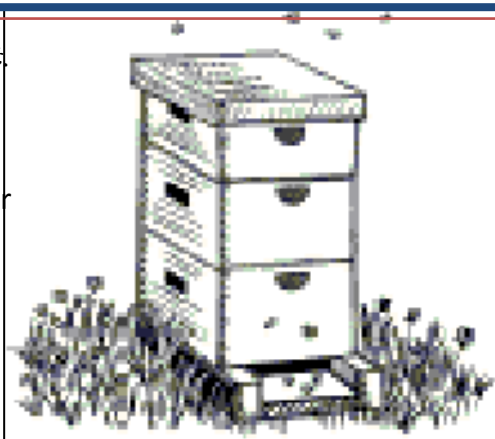
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Or Email : s.d.ide@talktalk.net*

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Directions to Clay Lane Apiary.

Take the Chudleigh Road out of Kingsteignton. Continue straight on through the traffic lights. Take the turning left signposted Heathfield and Bovey Tracey. Go over the humped back bridge and look for and take the little lane on your left marked with a sign indicating a 'No Through Road' It is immediately before Twin Yeo Cottage and before the A38. the hives are at the end of the lane, where it is possible to park. Please avoid parking on the grass verges of the approach track to the Apiary.

Future events

Saturday May 14th -2.30. Opening of Clay Lane Apiary Headed by Claire Densley who is to give a talk on Swarming and Drones Mating.

May 19th—21st Devon County Show.

Saturday June 04th. Visit to a Bee House. Hosted by Christine and Paul Osborne. Meadow view. Idford Coombe 01626 351983.

Saturday June 11th -2.30 Queen Rearing - Glyn and Fred at Woodlands.

Is anyone interested in contacting Mick Megee to put their name onto his data base of swarm collectors - phone 01626 853725

Ray Ford has Varroa mash floors and Foundation for sale.

There is also Branch Honey for sale.

Contact Ray on 01626 778157 or ray@rjford.plus.com

Second Hand Sale.

Table Top Honey Extractor. Holds 18lb of Honey. Takes two shallow or two deep frames. Only used once—£100.

There are also assembled deep frames with foundation available. (As new).

Contact Anke Ellis on 01647 221249.