North Bucks Beekeepers Association Report 2023

North Bucks have had yet another successful year,
Our membership has stayed fairly constant at around 100 and our bank balance is respectable.

I was elected Chairman on the 7th June last year and have slowly been finding my feet with the help of a very supportive committee.

We had a full and useful beginners' course from which at least one couple went on to catch a swarm and win a prize at our honey show.
There was good attendance at our training apiary, with some beginners attending throughout the season, one even joining the committee!

There is a well attended "Buzz and Beer" on the first Tuesday of each month.
Where all are welcome to come and talk bees over a pint, some even brought new inventions to share.
I have tried to introduce a topical theme for each gathering (from how to catch swarms to feeding and treating bees at the end of the season) but it is a very relaxed atmosphere where as long as it's about bees, anything goes.

We only attended two schools last year but hope to increase our educational outreach this summer.

The Honey Show was a resounding success, there were over 100 entries, so the "Blue Ribbon" was awarded, this time for 6 jars of matching honey. The standard was High with a wide range of people winning classes. A big thankyou to our organiser Rachael and the Judges Bill Fisher and Sue Carter.

There are lots of plans, ideas and enthusiasm for this coming year, I have great hopes for the future.

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