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2019 Open Hive (July 21st)

A good crowd of us descended on Bont Dolgadfan on Sunday 21st July for an open hive event hosted by our social media officer Liz Childerley.

Liz is a new bee-keeper so her apiary was immaculate as is her record-keeping. (This made some of us realise we'd got a little lax!)

As she just has one colony at the moment, a few people inspected the hive, led by Rachel our training officer, while the rest of us made an Asian Hornet Monitoring Trap.

These are better than traps which kill insects, as once identified, the hornet can be released by a team of bee-inspectors and enable them to find the nest.

So rather than killing one or two insects, the whole nest can be destroyed.

Pete our MBKA chair supervised us as, Blue Peter style, we grappled with bits of wire, plastic bottles etc while having a good laugh too!

And then to tea and cakes- always the highlight of an open hive event!

Andy Kennedy made an amazing bee-hive cake (see picture) which was much admired before being quickly scoffed by us all.

Thanks to Liz for her hospitality and also to everyone who came and made it such a fun afternoon.

Visit our Photo Gallery to see a few snaps of the day.

