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Be Bee-rillicant!

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Honey bees love medlars - and thanks to a local business - so can we!

- 1 Finally, I've found out what it is. That fruit which looks a bit like a Cox's apple, gone badly wrong - it's a "MEDLAR". There's a way to use these fruits which benefits bees, which is great - both because bees are bee-rillicant and because, without bees, humans won't survive for long. You probably already know that!
- 2 Our local - *over the border* - condiment maker, Tracklements, of Easton Grey are asking for our unwanted medlars, which they will turn into Aromatic Medlar Jelly. Sale proceeds are split: 50p will help bees - 25p to buy medlar trees, which bees love, and 25p for the British Beekeepers Association.
- 3 Medlar trees are ornamental, flowering trees. They have a beautiful blossom, a good autumn colour and - of course - produce fruit. The fruit, while obviously edible, is not something everyone would enjoy raw, due to its tart flavour.
- 4 Medlar fruit that has been left to mellow is described by the Royal Horticultural Society as a [traditional, if unusual, treat](#). Hmm... I'm not convinced... I'll take mine to Tracklements - we have until 29 November to do so.
- 5 Tracklements will have Aromatic Medlar Jelly in stock again - ready for us to buy - in November. The fruity and sweet Jelly goes well with cheese, roast meats, ham and pork pies.
- 6 The "[Win a Tree and Save the Bee](#)" project has raised nearly £1,000 for the [British Beekeepers Association](#) - a charity that promotes the importance of the great British honey bee - and planted 138 medlar trees in the last year alone. Full details about the project are on Tracklements' website.

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[LINK](#): The British Beekeepers Association

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