



## January 2017 Newsletter

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### **Happy New Year to all!**

The only important apiary tasks at this time of the year are to ensure every colony has enough stores! It's not too late to place a slab of fondant over each crown board.

If you need new equipment it's not too late to take advantage of ongoing sales by suppliers such as Thornes (runs until the end of January).

If, like me, you store surplus equipment at the apiary have a good look in all the boxes etc. as I have found 30+ hibernating queen wasps (some up inside the hive roofs!)

The photo below shows just a few, I can show other occupants of hives over the coming months unless anybody else has photos etc. they wish to include in the newsletter.



### **Skittles evening.**

This again was a very enjoyable evening, the superb prize being won by Andy Jones:



*Nicola Perrett holds a small stock of fleeces, polo and sweat shirts. If you would like to purchase one please contact her at [nicola.perrett@btinternet.com](mailto:nicola.perrett@btinternet.com)*

Thanks to Mark Togher for his article in the last edition, it's always good to hear from new members. If anyone else has news or something they wish to share with other members please send me pictures etc. to include in future newsletters.

Mark has sent a link to [www.beeandman.com/](http://www.beeandman.com/) where you can listen to the sounds made by bees in a hive carrying out different activities.

**Club meetings: these take place on the last Thursday of each month at the Haydon Wick social club starting on January the 26<sup>th</sup> at 1930 hrs.**

**This first meeting will probably be an open forum so come prepared with questions or topics you would like to discuss.**

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