



## June 2017 Newsletter

**President: Bryan Hopper**

### **Committee members 2017**

Mike Benson	Chairman
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Stephen Greenaway	Vice Chairman, Spray and swarm liaison.
Clive Harris	Treasurer
Kathy Hobson	Secretary, membership secretary.
Andy Jones	
Nicola Perrett	
John Woodstock	

### **Club logo clothing:**

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)

### **Club Apiary:**

This valuable teaching resource is tragically underused!

Where are all the new beekeepers? Where are the more experienced beekeepers to pass on knowledge?

We all need experience with other hives than our own as it greatly adds to and improves our knowledge and handling of bees.

### **Apiary sites**

There are possibly four potential sites for beekeepers to run apiaries, all outside Swindon.

The sites are at or near; Marlborough, Bushton, Brinkworth and Blunsdon.

Please contact Mike Benson if you are interested.

### **Asian hornet Watch:**

Mark Togher sent this useful link, if you carry a mobile when beekeeping you could add the app so have instant access to report Asian hornet sightings to DEFRA.

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/asian-hornet-watch/id1161238813?mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.ac.ceh.hornets&hl=en>

### **Club meetings:**

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month throughout the year except December. Venue is in the Skittle Alley at the Haydon Wick Club, Blunsdon road, Swindon SN25 1JD.

Start time 1930 hrs

**Next meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June**

Topic this time will be photography biased to photographing bees etc. Given by Stephen Greenaway and myself. There will be practical demos and the chance to try different pieces of equipment.

We will try to avoid being too technical but depending on questions it cannot be avoided.

Please bring your own images so we can share ideas.

This week's image was taken by Andy Jones who spends a lot of time with his head under his hives! It shows the power of ants and demonstrates the beneficial effect of having ant colonies close to apiaries.



If you have pictures of anything related to beekeeping or something unusual please send to me so it can be included in future newsletters.

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