



March 2016 Newsletter

Letter from the Chair

I have been away on holiday for the past three weeks so I have little to report. My bees appear to be still asleep with very little activity. Make sure your hives are clean and replace brood frames now and ensure the queen excluders are in place. The Club Apiary is now open to members, anyone wishing to visit the apiary should check with the opening times with Kathy as the days and times may differ week to week. Remember it is your apiary and you are always welcome to come along and join in with the activities.

The committee has set the branch programme for the next few months starting with our own Steve Greenaway giving us a talk on Swarms, I am sure it will be a very interesting evening, followed by The County Bee Inspector in April Robert always gives us plenty to think about.

There will be an open day at twigs in April where we will be entertaining any would be beekeepers and also selling some of our Honey. We would like some volunteers to come along and help out on the day. If you are interested contact Kathy. I look forward to seeing you at the Branch meeting next Thursday

Mike Benson



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

NEXT MEETING

Topics club member Stephen Greenaway will be talking on will include

Swarm prevention and recognition, and its uses at that time.

Swarm control as in artificial swarm.

Collecting swarms

The effect of swarming on the colony and to the beekeeper.

SWARM COLLECTION

If any members want to go and are able to collect swarms, to please send an e-mail to stephen@beenucs.co.uk with your Mobile Tel Number and Area you will be able to cover.

If a swarm is reported close to you an e-mail and call will go out to you with its location and contact details from the person who contacted Stephen.

TO SEE A SWARM COLLECTED

If any New Beekeepers want to see a swarm being collected, send you details to stephen@greenawaymarine.com

With your Mobile Number and contact details, also the area you can travel to. You will be contacted when a swarm is being collected with address details.



DIARY DATES

31 MARCH 2016

Swarm Control - Stephen Greenaway

28 APRIL

Robert Carpenter Turner - Seasonal Bee Inspector

**Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month
throughout the year (except December) in
The Skittle Alley, Haydon Wick Club,
Blunsdon Road, Swindon SN25 1JD
Meetings start at 7.30pm**