



## **May 2016 Newsletter**

### **Letter from the Chair**

May is the busy month for us beekeepers, most of us should have been working with the colonies to ensure they are in good condition and are laying eggs at a fairly fast rate so that the colonies build up to full strength. Have a look online as there are a few bargains to be had with new equipment, some items are below half price.

The Wiltshire Bee Inspector attended the April meeting giving us lots of tips and ideas relating to diseases in the hive. Robert always is very informative at meetings and is most helpful to all beekeepers.

The next meeting is an open forum where members can bring all their beekeeping problems for an open discussion, please try to attend.

Twigs had an open day earlier this month, they had a record attendance and a record takings for plants etc, There was a lot of interest shown by the public to our Beekeeping activities, Thanks to Nicola and other members for organising the selling of honey and attending the Swindon Apiary during the open day. I have had some very positive feedback and appreciation given to the Swindon Branch for their involvement on the day. Well done everybody.

*Mike Benson*



## **CLUB APIARY AT TWIGS**

The Club apiary is open to all members every week of the season unless there is a training course. We have a team of members looking after the colonies this year so if you would like to come and help or gain experience if you are a new beekeeper please contact Kathy Hobson who will put you in touch with the relevant team member. The dates when the Apiary has training sessions for the rest of 2016 are 4 & 11 June, 16 July and 20 August.



## **ARTICLES**

**I am sure a lot of you have a beekeeping tale to tell.  
Why not share it with other members?  
Email it to Kathy so it can be included in the Newsletter.**



**TWIGS OPEN DAYS (SUNDAYS) 19.6.16 17.7.16**

Please make a note of these dates. It would be great if some of you could help out. A flyer will be sent out a week or so before each date



*Nicola Perrett holds a small stock of fleeces,  
polo shirts and sweat shirts  
If you would like to purchase one please contact her  
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**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 26 MAY 2016 7.30PM**  
**OPEN FORUM**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

30.6.16	Andy Willis	Bee's eye view of beekeeping
28.7.16	Chris Rawlings	The Rev. Digges and the Transition from Skep To Movable Frame Hive
25.8.16	Mead Making	
29.9.16	Honey Show	
27.10.16	AGM and Open Forum	

**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**